

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School

'Love one another as I have loved you'



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Virtue to Live By: Forgiveness

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday's Gospel on Palm Sunday reminded us of Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem — a moment of joy, hope and welcome that quickly led into the solemn days of Holy Week. It is always very special to be in school during this sacred time as we prepare our hearts for Easter Sunday. Throughout Holy Week, we accompany Jesus through His passion, death and resurrection — the greatest story of love and redemption. Our children will be taking part in prayers, reflections, and special activities to help them understand and celebrate this most important time in our Church calendar.

Celebrations and Learning Highlights: We started March with a wonderful St Patrick's Day assembly, beautifully led by Miss Mountain's class. The singing, readings, acting and Irish dancing were all exceptional — a true celebration of faith, culture and talent.

It was also wonderful to see so many families joining in with our Maths Trail last week. The children loved sharing their problem-solving skills, and it was a great reminder that maths is everywhere — and it can be lots of fun too!

Our recent Parents' Evenings were very well attended, and we'd like to thank everyone who came along and completed the questionnaires. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and attitudes to learning. Working together, we can ensure the best outcomes for every child.



Adventures and Performances: Key Stage 1 enjoyed a fantastic day at **Skelton Grange**, blessed with beautiful weather and plenty of hands-on learning. Experiences like this bring the curriculum to life, helping children build understanding and curiosity through real-world exploration.

We're all looking forward to the Easter Production this week, performed by Years 3 and 4. From what we can hear in rehearsals, it's going to be absolutely wonderful! The performance will bring the story of Holy Week vividly to life, helping children to understand and reflect upon the events of Jesus' final days.

Faith in Action: On Tuesday afternoon, the whole school will take part in a Walk of the Stations of the Cross around our school grounds. At each station, we pause to recall a moment from Jesus' journey to Calvary — stopping, reflecting and praying together. This powerful shared experience helps our children understand the meaning of sacrifice, love and hope at the heart of Easter.

As part of our Lenten preparations, Catholic children in Year 3 and above will have the opportunity for Confession in Church on Wednesday morning — a time for quiet reflection and renewal.

Around School: There has been so much happening across school this term! Reception have been full of excitement watching their eggs hatch into fluffy chicks — a beautiful link to our Easter theme of new life. Year 5 have been busy in the kitchen, enjoying some healthy cooking lessons as part of their learning about nutrition and wellbeing. Our Mini Vinnies and Chaplaincy Team have worked tirelessly throughout Lent to support others — selling juice and biscuits, organising raffle tickets and coordinating a collection for the food bank. We are very proud of their compassion and commitment to living out our faith through service.



Egg-citing Easter Fun!

We can't wait for an egg-cellent celebration on Wednesday afternoon with our annual Easter competitions and bonnet parade! Entries are due in by Wednesday morning, and we're sure they'll be egg-straordinary as always. Judging will take place before our special Easter assembly at 2:15pm, where we'll announce winners, award prizes, and draw our Easter raffle. Parents are warmly welcome to join us — it's always an egg-stravaganza of creativity and colour!

End of Term and Easter Break

A reminder that **school closes at 1:15pm on Thursday** for the Easter holidays and reopens to all pupils on **Monday 20th April**.

Children can wear summer uniform after Easter, hopefully the weather will be a little warmer. Please check the website for further details of the uniform.

<p>Monday 30th March 2pm Easter Production – tickets needed</p>	<p>Tuesday 31st March Easter Production AM 9:30am tickets needed Stations of the cross 1:30 PM.</p>	<p>Wednesday 1st April Easter competitions Drawing of the raffle 2:15 PM parents welcome</p>	<p>Thursday 2nd April Holy Thursday Non-uniform day £1 donation Good Shepherd Appeal. Break up for Easter Holidays at 1:15pm</p>	<p>Friday 3rd April Good Friday School Closed Start of the Easter Holidays</p>
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As we journey through this Holy Week, may our hearts be filled with the peace and joy of Christ's resurrection.

Wishing all our families a holy and happy Easter, Mrs Burns, Head Teacher

