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Our learning adventure will see each and every one of us thrive in God's love as we set sail for success.



The Bible tells us that Hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (*Rom* 5:1-2.5).



Prayer



We pray through the intercession of Saint Valentine for those we love; to keep them safe; protect the love we share for each other and that nothing will ever happen to distort that love. We ask this of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Loving Hearts by Arthur Year 3 (Creative Writing Day)

Love is sunshine on a warm, sunny day.
Love is moonlight on a dark, crispy night.
With love in the air, you won't have a care
Because you always have loving hearts.

Love is Christmas Day.
Love is on the way.
So remember to be kind
And some of you will find
Loving hearts.

On the ice rink, on the snow
It's romantic, don't be slow.
So love pets and family too
And then maybe they will love you.

So now you know what love is:
Sunshine, moonlight
Christmas Day,
So love is on its way.

Year 1 Candlemas

Year 1 has been learning about Candlemas and led a liturgy this week for Year 2. They listened to several hymns about Jesus being a light before

Gospel Values

Every person is a valued member of our community, invited to follow Christ's call to a life of love, hope and forgiveness. We respect and support each other to live in peace. We embrace challenge and develop the courage to create a better world for us all.

School Vision

We believe that even with God's love we can sometimes experience challenges. Just like our patron saints, Mary and Peter, they experienced difficult times in their life that took strength and perseverance to overcome. At our school, we value this challenge and encourage children to experience it, knowing that together with our support and love, they will experience a successful outcome be it in an academic subject or through social experiences. We are all exploring our own talents and each day we

picking their favourites for the liturgy. They also wrote and read out their own prayers asking Jesus to help guide them.



Group Photos

On Wednesday 26th February, the photographer will be in school for class photos. Please ensure children are sent in school uniform. Any classes with PE that day should bring their PE kit to change into.

PC Isobel Carroll visit to Year 3 and Year 4

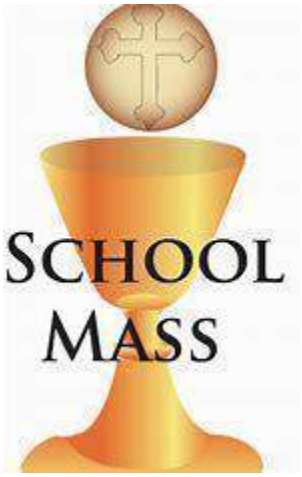
Year 3 and Year 4 had a visit from PC Isobel Carroll last Monday. She taught them about Online Safety and Cyberbullying ahead of Safer Internet Day today. Please find attached a link to the presentation which can be talked through with children at home.
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/13HTxMrGxip9zXi12-oWc7uTJ1mVMET5y/edit#slide=id.p1



Nursery

Our amazing Nursery children have been studying the Chinese New Year, tasting food, using chopsticks and creating some amazing writing. Great work!

‘Set Sail for Success’



The next whole school Mass will be Ash Wednesday 5th March at 1.30pm







Creative Writing Day
Children shared their writing with the rest of the school in a special assembly following a creative writing day on the theme of love. They chose a wide-range of styles to express their ideas, including poems, love potions, narratives and non-fiction writing about what they loved. Well done to you all.





Year 3 Food Technology





Year 3 have been making pizzas as part of their food technology lessons. They expertly chopped and sliced peppers, olives, ham, chicken and pepperami to create a range of toppings, along with tomatoes, cheese and sweetcorn. Earlier in the week they practised their instruction writing skills to make sure they had a clear process to follow.

Football Round-up
The Year 5/6 football team have had two matches in the last two weeks. On the 6th February they played against Homefield. There was amazing

teamwork across the pitch which led to a brilliant win and boosted the team's goal difference. Fantastic sportsmanship was demonstrated by both sides.



On Thursday 13th February, the team took on Woodlands. Despite a defeat, the team was extremely unlucky. With a good 20 shots on target, we have to acknowledge the fantastic skills of the Woodlands goalkeeper. A super effort from everyone who played.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 11th February the school focused on how to stay safe online. The Junior Leadership Team led an assembly for KS2 to start the day and follow-up work was completed in lessons by children across the school.



Start of the school day

Please can we remind parents that classroom doors open at 8:30am and close at 8:50am along with the main gates. This allows a 20 minute drop off period. However, we have had an increasing number of children arriving after this time and having to enter school through the front office.

Our children will be taking part in The Big Lent Walk. The children will be walking on Tuesday 1st April 2025 to raise funds for CAFOD. Please sponsor us!

Your donations can change lives. Every £1 raised through the Big Lent Walk will help fight poverty globally in countries like Afghanistan, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and South Sudan.

You can donate via our school page at:
https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/cafod-big-lent-walk2026

Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who contributed to, and bought cakes from the cake sale on Wednesday. We managed to raise £100.50 which will be put towards the costs of trips.



Important Dates for this half term:

Fridays - Year 5 will go swimming beginning the first Friday back after half term. Please ensure you have read the swimming letter carefully.

Friday 14th February - last day of the half term

Friends events

24th March 3 - 4:15pm Reception, Y1, 2 and 3 games and disco

24th March Mother's Day Wrap

31st March 3pm - 4:15pm Y4, 5 and 6 games and disco

How Safe is WhatsApp for Children - NSPCC

WhatsApp is one of the most popular instant messaging apps, used by over 2 billion people in 180 countries. It allows you to send and receive messages, as well as make voice and video calls. You can connect with people individually or join group chats where lots of people can contribute. All you need to set up a WhatsApp account is a phone number. However, children and young people can easily subvert the restrictions placed on its access. Although rated at 16+, all that is

required is a phone number. All it takes is one child in a class to be on whatsapp, and all the others will wish to join. This can lead to increased vulnerabilities for child users. The NSPCC has released its own analysis about the dangers of the app. If interested, please follow the link below:

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/

Dates for the next academic year

St John the Baptist Catholic Multi Academy Trust **2025-2026**

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Key : White dates - schools open to pupils Yellow dates - pupil holiday Red dates - bank holiday	Five staff training days: 1st September, 2nd September, 24th October PD day disaggregated), Monday 5th January, Monday 20th July(PD day disaggregated)
