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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



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

Year of the Jubilee - 'Pilgrims of Hope'

We launched the year of the Jubilee with a liturgy on Friday.A symbol of a Jubilee Year is often a Holy Door. These doors are entrances into sacred spaces, and in this upcoming Jubilee Year, when our focus will be hope, the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica in Rome was opened on the 24th December, and people will be invited to make the pilgrimage and journey through it. A pilgrimage is a journey where there is an expectation of meeting God. This year, behind every door we open, we should expect to encounter God.



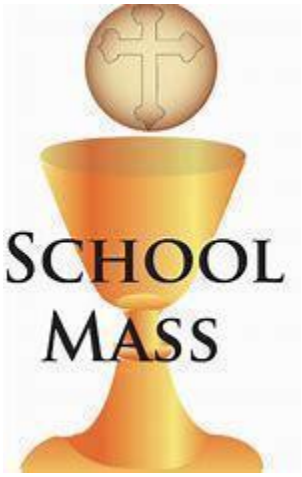
To celebrate the launch each class has decorated their classroom door to help us remember each day that we are Pilgrims of Hope and as we pass through our special doors we should expect to encounter God.

Father Alven and the Mini Vinnies

Father Alvan came into school last Friday so that the Mini Vinnies and the Year 1's pupils could learn more about the Year of the Jubilee and becoming 'Pilgrims of Hope'. The children asked him lots questions to find out how the church has been celebrating this important year. Father Alvan also told the children of possible plans to decorate a door in the church after our doors at school inspired him.



'Set Sail for Success'



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





Year 1 Antarctica

On Wednesday, we had a special visitor in Year 1! Mr Sweetman came and spoke to us about his trip to Antarctica.

To get to Antarctica Mr Sweetman had to get on three aeroplanes and one very big ship called the Ocean Diamond. He had to wear a seatbelt on the ship when he was sleeping because it went up and down so much.

It was so cold that he had to wear two coats, two pairs of gloves and five layers of clothes. He camped outside and made a snow angel.

We learnt that there isn't much snow or rain. Instead the white stuff is ice. We learnt there are volcanoes in Antarctica. We looked at some pictures of the ice.

Mr Sweetman saw whales and lots of penguins. We watched a video of the noisy penguins. They did hilarious walking and were running all over the place!

Thank you Mr Sweetman for teaching us lots about Antarctica 😊





Year 6 Reading Cafe

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the Year 6 SATS Reading cafe. We are planning a Maths cafe for later on in the term.

Year 3 Romans Experience

On Monday, Year 3 turned into legionary recruits as they were trained up to join the Roman Army. They learnt about clothing, armour, weapons, military drill and got the opportunity to use a range of replica resources. A big thank you to Mrs Ellcome for organising the event and to our our amazing, enthusiastic Y3 who had a brilliant day.





THE BIG LENT WALK

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

We will be holding a cake sale on Wednesday 12th February.



Important Dates for this half term:

Fridays - Year 4 swimming until half term. after half term Year 5 will go swimming. Letter to follow soon

3rd February - PC Isabel Carroll will be working with Year 3 and 4, supporting their knowledge and understanding of Online Safety

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

