



St Mary's Roman Catholic Primary School

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Our Mission Statement

As God's family we are STARS within a loving and thriving community, celebrating our diversity. We ignite lifelong learning where everyone becomes a positive influence on our world.

Our 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 challenges and develop the **courage** to create a better world for us all.

Mass to celebrate the Epiphany

Fr Padraig celebrated mass with the children in school on Thursday 4th January. Thank you to those of you who were able to join us.



We are going Cashless and Paperless

From the 15th January we will be going cashless and paperless. This means that we will no longer be sending out paper copies of letters or accepting cash payments. As a result, all letters will be sent out electronically. Please make sure you have contacted the office if you are unsure of your log-in details.

The Mass dates for this term are:

KS2 Mass - Tuesday 30th January 9am

Ash Wednesday Mass - Wednesday 14th February 9am - whole school

KS1 Liturgy - Wednesday 6th March

Mass during Lent - 14th March - whole School

On the 29th February we have booked Ignite Team to do a day in school on Reconciliation.



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Year 6 January Sales



Well done to Year 6 who planned and carried out their enterprise fund-raising January Sale on Wednesday. They had a range of pitches including selling books and bracelets; and for the more energetic customers, there was even a coconut shy! The children raised £60.90.

Christians Together

Please find below the information on an event on the 21st January. If you want to know more please ask in the office and we will organise this for you.



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CHRISTIANS TOGETHER IN LOWESTOFT & DISTRICT

invite your prayerful presence during the

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024

See resources for services & prayers at: ctbi.org.uk

"Go and Do Likewise"

UNITED SERVICE OF PRAYER & PRAISE

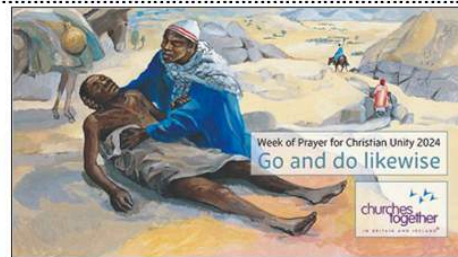
3.00 pm – Sunday 21st January

London Road South Methodist Church

Carlton Road Corner, Lowestoft

NR33 0DY

(Fellowship and Refreshments after)



"May they all be one, Father" John 17:21

The Big Lent Walk

On Wednesday March 13th the children will all come to school in their PE Kit and they will take part in the CAFOD fundraiser.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-marys-rc-big-lent-walk-fundraiser>





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Rowing Challenge

Waterlane leisure centre has kindly donated two rowing machines for our 'Rowathon' fundraiser. The event will take place from Monday 29th January and will run for the week. The aim for Mr Cross and Miss Crowe is to row across the Atlantic, with the help of staff, parents, the children and volunteers from Waterlane.

If you would like to help and row a few miles there will be a timetable in the office to sign up. We will let you know when your child will be rowing so you can row alongside them. Please look out for more information on this next week.

Easter Fair and Egg Hunt

Miss Crowe and Mr Cross are thinking ahead to the end of term and new ways to raise money for CAFOD. They would like to hold an Easter egg hunt on the last afternoon. Each class will have a timeslot in the afternoon to solve clues and find eggs hidden around the site.

After school we will hold an Easter Fair in the hall where the children will sell goods that they have made in class and run games.



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CALENDAR DATES for 2023 - 2024 ACADEMIC YEAR

The following dates and events are subject to change if necessary. Please refer to the most up to date newsletters for termly dates.

January 2023		
21st	World Religion Day	Celebrating all our brothers and sisters faiths
29th - 2nd	Rowathon	More information on this in the Newsletter
February 2023		
7th	Internet Safety Week	Activities in school
14th	Start of Lent	
14th	Y4's Valentines Bake Off	More information to come on this
16th	Non Uniform Day	Donations of Mother's Day gift items
Monday 19th	FEBRUARY HALF TERM	Pupils return 26th February

March 2023		
6th	Mother's Day Sale	Children can bring in £2 to purchase and wrap a gift for Mother's Day
7th	World Book Day	Dress up as your favourite storybook character. Class book activities
13th March	CAFOD - The Big Lent Walk	All children wear their PE Kit to school
17th	Red Nose Day	Non-uniform and donations to charity



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18th	Class Photos and Year 6 Photos	
20th - 21st	Parents Evening	Face to Face appointments
26th March	Easter Fayre	Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Fayre. More info to follow
Wednesday 28th March	EASTER HOLIDAYS	Pupils return 15th April
April 2023		
W/C 15th April to Friday 19th April	Gunk a teacher	Children can buy a star to add to the teacher's chart. The teacher with the most stars at the end of the week gets gunk'd.
25th	Bohemian Rhapsody Choir Workshops	

May 2023		
Monday 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY	
6th -10th	Deaf Awareness Week	Children will learn sign language in class
13th - 17th	KS2 SATS	
Monday 27th	MAY HALF TERM	Pupils return 3rd June
June 2023		
TBC	Assessment Week	
19th	Sports Day - Whole School 9:15am - 11:15am	Whole school Sports Day AM Fun afternoon - PM



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	Family Fun Afternoon 1pm - 3pm	
20th	Alternate Sports Day	
26th	New Reception class 2024 parents meeting	



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