



IMPORTANT REMINDERS/TASKS THIS WEEK:

- REMINDER: All pupils return to school on **Monday 20th April**.
 - Lent 2026: Thank you for all your efforts throughout Lent. In particular, thank you to all those who joined us on our Big Lent Walk: without their help, this experience would have been impossible.
 - If you have yet to do so, you can make a donation to CAFOD via our dedicated JustGiving page [here](#).
 - Holy week Mass times can be found [here](#).
 - Year 4 trip to Centre for Life on Wednesday 22.4.26. Please give consent on Arbor and make payment by Monday 13.4.26.
 - All school clubs will resume during the first week back.
 - We look forward to welcoming Mrs Shenton back following her maternity leave from wb/27.4.26.
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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we come to the end of a full and faith-filled Spring term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many achievements, acts of service and moments of joy that have defined these past months at St Mary's. It has been a privilege once again to witness our pupils learning, growing, and living out our Gospel values and school Mission with such sincerity and enthusiasm.

This term, our Lent journey has been particularly special. From the reverent and beautifully led Lenten Celebrations of the Word – delivered by teachers and pupil prayer leaders – to our whole-school participation in the CAFOD Big Lent Walk, our children have embraced every opportunity to encounter Jesus and to share his light with others. Their compassion has also shone through in the generosity shown towards the Gift for Life Food Bank appeal, as well as in fundraising efforts for CAFOD and Comic Relief. Thank you for supporting these important causes and for encouraging your children to understand the impact their actions can have on those in need.

I am also delighted to share an update on attendance, which continues to be an area of real strength across the whole school. Our current whole-school attendance stands at 97.2% - just shy of our target of 97.3% - and overall persistent absence figure remains comparatively low at 3.7%; this demonstrates the ongoing commitment of families to ensuring children are in school, learning, and thriving. Thank you for the vital role you play each day in supporting this, and let's keep on working together to achieve the best possible attendance figures.

Across classrooms, the dedication, resilience, and curiosity of our pupils has continued to impress. Whether through academic achievement, sporting participation, creative expression, or daily acts of kindness, our children have embodied the very best of St Mary's. Their exemplary behaviour and positive attitudes have helped to create a happy, purposeful, and welcoming learning environment in which every child can flourish. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them.

May I take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a peaceful and joyful Easter. Thank you, as always, for your unwavering support. It is truly appreciated. We look forward to welcoming all pupils back after the holiday, refreshed and ready for an exciting and productive Summer term on Monday 20th April 2026.

Yours in Faithful Optimism,

Mr J Wheatley
Headteacher