



St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy

Newsletter – March 2025

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As I listened to the class liturgies this morning, the children were singing beautifully – 'Be still for the presence of the Lord'. What a challenge that is - be still for the presence of God. It reminds me of the story of Elisha and how God came to him in the gentleness of the breeze - to care for him and love him. St Mary's is a beautiful school which reflects this gentleness of the Lord through all of the children in its care - for the school does and will always belong to those children whom we care for. It is rooted in our Catholic values and our Parish links, valuing all in the name of Jesus the Christ.

As we approach the season of Easter and celebrate the greatest feast of the Church's year, let us remember how the risen Lord challenged his followers to get to know him in new light- through the eyes of faith. This invitation is open to us all and is not shut off just because we may not attend Church. But what about if I don't attend? Perhaps the risen Lord is asking you this year to consider visiting St Mary's Church during the sacred three days of Easter - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Saturday/Sunday. Please see the mass times on the link for the parish under Catholic Life - parish links.

Unusually this year, the school does not break up during Holy Week. So please take time during those special days to be with your families and celebrate the wonderful feast of the Resurrection. For we are an Easter people and Alleluia is our name.

Mr Joseph O'Connor

Headteacher

Safeguarding at St Mary's

If you have any concerns regarding safeguarding, please contact our designated safeguarding Team. At St Mary's our safeguarding lead is Mr. J O'Connor, safeguarding officer is Miss C Queen and deputy-safeguarding officer Mrs. M Steeper.

Level 3 safeguarding trained are Mrs R Walton, Miss J Briscoe and Miss B Cullum. Mrs K Tuff is our well-being, personal development and RE lead.

Attendance

Thank you all for continuing to make our school's attendance higher than the national average. We would like to improve the number of lates we are having.

The school gates close at 8:55am and ideally, we would like your child to be here before this time so they can enter the school from the playground and have time to put their coats, pack lunches etc. away and be in class for when the register is taken at 9:00am.

If your child arrives after 8:55am we are now asking you to sign them in, even though they are not late. The reason for this is that if they take time getting to the classroom and the register is taken at 9 they will be initially marked as absent, some mornings the children have assemblies to go to and these take place as soon as the register is taken so the class teacher will not have time to change the register and office staff need a record that your child is in school.

If you are having problems getting your child to school for 8:55am then please let us know and we will do what we can to help.

Dates for the Diary

- 4th April – last day of term
- 22nd April – School re-opens after Easter break
- 4th April – Y3 Visit to Town Hall to meet the Mayor
- 28th April – Y1 and Y4 Trip to The Deep
- 1st May – Y5 Focus Day at IntoUniversity
- 8th May – Y3 and Y4 Quad Kids
- 12th – 15th May – Y6 SATS Exams
- 22nd May – Y5 Quad Kids



Catholic Life at St Mary's

On 25th March, the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, we had a whole school Mass at Saint Mary's on the Sea Church. Fr. Andrew celebrated a beautiful Mass with us. At the beginning of Mass, Mr. O'Connor, Headteacher, presented Fr. Andrew with a chasuble in memory of his late brother, Fr. Michael O'Connor.



This month we had a Catholic School Inspection at St. Mary's. A copy of the outcome and the report will be sent when it has been finalised.

The chaplaincy team have been keeping busy. The team planned and lead an Ash Wednesday service to mark the start of Lent, with Hannah our chaplain. Fr Andrew came into school to join us and distributed ashes.



Last week, the chaplaincy team led a thought-provoking liturgical prayer based on the Big Lent Walk. They chose appropriate prayers and readings and discussed why we undertake the Big Lent Walk each Year, to raise money to help people as they overcome poverty.

Thank you so much for your donations so far.



Each class has come up with ideas for fundraising for our class charities. Keep an eye out for events coming up!

Easter Break



The Café at the Salvation Army is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and children eat free.

<https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/grimsby>

Easter clubs Lincs Inspire

- FOOTBALL** 7th to 10th April
- CRAFTS** 7th & 14th April
- DANCE** 8th to 10th April
- CYCLING** 7th, 14th & 21st April
- ALL STAR GAMES** 8th & 10th April
- MINI OLYMPICS** 14th to 18th April
- SUPER CLUB** 9th, 16th & 23rd April
- MUSICAL THEATRE** 15th to 17th April

lincsinspire.com/schoolholidays

GRIMSBY TOWN FOUNDATION

EASTER COURSES

FOOTBALL COURSES
 10am-3pm | Ages 5-15
 £20 per day, £50 for 3 days

- Louth, Woodlane Field 7th, 8th, 9th April 2025
- Grimsby, Clee Fields 7th, 8th, 9th April 2025
- Immingham, Oasis Academy 14th, 15th, 16th April 2025
- GIRLS ONLY** Grimsby, Clee Fields 7th, 8th, 9th April 2025

GK 2-DAY COURSE
 10am-3pm | Ages 5-15
 £20 per day, £30 2-days

- Grimsby, Clee Fields 10th, 11th April 2025

SEND 2-DAY COURSE
 12pm-3pm | Ages 12-16
 £15 per day, £25 2-days

- Grimsby, Clee Fields 10th, 11th April 2025

Courses include: Warm Ups, Skill challenges & ball mastery, Shooting Sessions, Speed Agility & Quickness Training, Matches & Competitions.

- Bring packed lunch & drinks
- Wear appropriate kit for the weather

01472 696481 | grimsbytownfoundation.co.uk | [grimsbytownfoundation](https://www.facebook.com/grimsbytownfoundation)

PIZZA-MAKING FUN

A Creative and Tasty Activity for Kids

To secure your booking please message The Fusion Centre on facebook, or email the donna@fusioncentre.co.uk / zowie@fusioncentre.co.uk. Thank you

Make pizza to take home and enjoy!

50p Entry

27th March 4:30pm-6:30pm **The Fusion Centre**

Ages 5-12 years

Let's Have Fun!

01472 287988 | The Fusion Centre

Reception class have been learning about “Our Wide World”. We have used globes and an atlas to find different countries. We have made our own flags and looked at how other people live around the world.

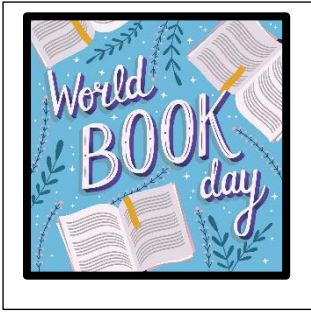


Wolds Wildlife Park



Our first school trip has been to Wolds Wildlife Park. We had a fantastic day starting our journey on the coach, which the children found very exciting. We saw many animals and learned about where they live and what they eat in the wild. The children have used this experience to have class discussions, create artwork and start to write sentences.





During March we all enjoyed book day. Dressing up as our favourite characters or coming to school in our pyjamas was such fun. We even had a visit from the Mighty Mariner!



In RE lessons, we have been working on our topic, Change. We began this topic by thinking about the ways we have changed since we started school.

We then went on to discuss how Lent is a time to change and make a new start. We all wrote a Lenten promise which we made to keep throughout Lent.

We also acted out the events of Holy Week, from Palm Sunday, which begins Holy Week, through to Good Friday and the resurrection of Jesus. This has helped us understand these events in Scripture.

We also enjoyed celebrating Mass with the Parish.



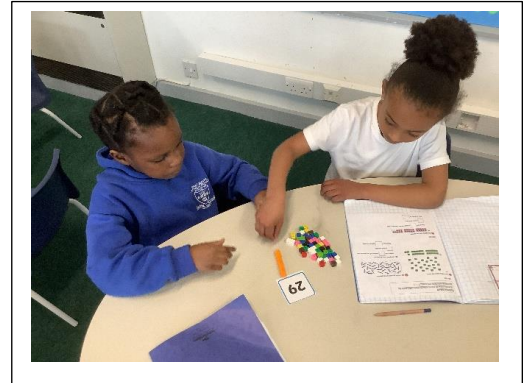


In History we have been learning about the history of Cleethorpes. We have learnt how the railway was built to attract people to the town and all about the fire on the Pier. We have learnt a lot about the changes in Cleethorpes over time.

Acting out the fire under the pavilion



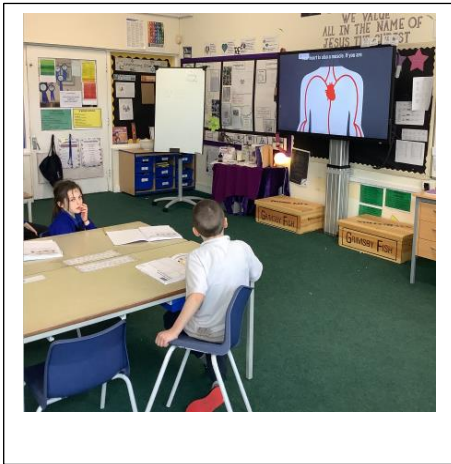
In Maths we have been working on tens and ones and numbers to 50. We have now moved onto measuring in standard and non-standard units.



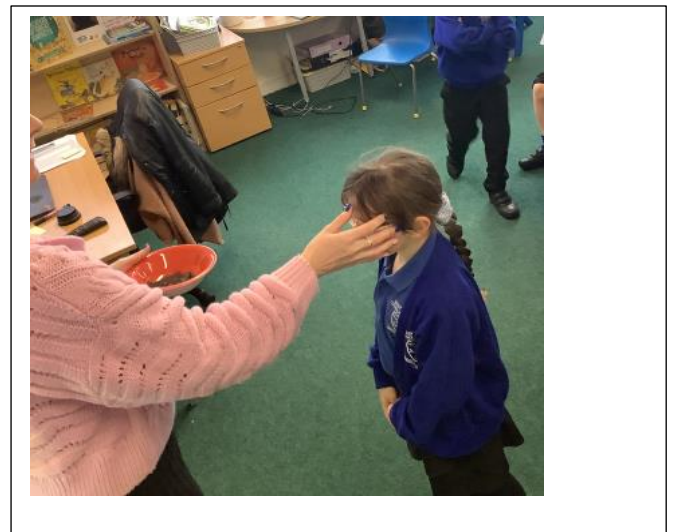
Year 2 kicked off their history topic, The Fishing Heritage of Grimsby, with a trip to the Fishing Heritage Centre. Children explored artefacts from the 1950s when Grimsby was the largest fishing port in the world. They learnt what life was like both at sea as a fisherman and for the families left back at home.



In Science children have been learning the importance of exercise and a balanced diet in order for us to have healthy strong bodies. Children performed experiments to test the effects of exercise on our hearts.



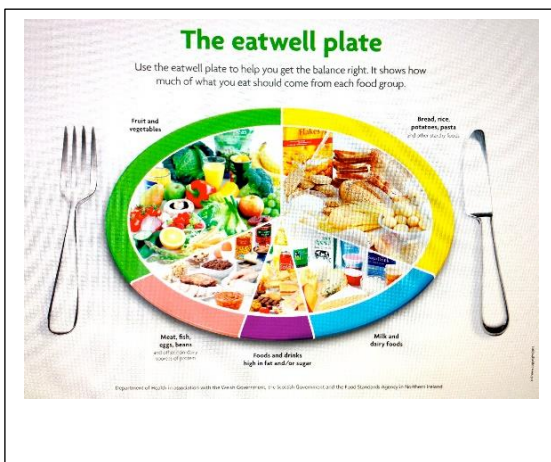
In RE our topic is Opportunities and the children have learnt ways in which Lent is a good time when we have opportunities to do good. This can be to take on something extra during this time to help others or to give something up to be like Jesus who fasted for forty days and forty nights. Children also role played what happens on Ash Wednesday that marks the start of Lent.



Year 3 have had a really good term settling in without new teacher Miss Bates, whilst Miss Baker has her baby! For our Reading skills we began by looking at similarities and differences between turtles and tortoises. We then moved onto Japanese legends; For The Story of Momotaro and finishing of one of our favourite books “An Alien in the Jam Factory”, using our VIPERs skills. In writing we have been focusing on instruction writing and have even written our own instructions for ‘how to heal a broken heart’ including our time conjunctions, imperative verbs and adjectives.

We have enjoyed learning all about our Local History and how key events such as the plague affected Grimsby and we are looking forward to our trip to Grimsby Town Hall to meet the Mayor. We have come up with lots of questions we want to ask him.

In Science we have been learning all about nutrition and The Eatwell plate and discussing the importance of a balanced diet. We know all the animal groups and their diets and habitats. We have enjoyed learning all about simulations in Computing and have learnt how we can use these safely and the advantages of them. We have come up with an amazing idea for our Class charity of ‘guess how many jelly beans in the jar’ and have written a beautiful letter to our charity ‘Make Them Smile.’ We have finished off our maths topic of fractions and have moved onto mass and kilograms.



Year 4, in Biology, have been grouping & classifying and learning that living things can be put into different classification groups.

