



The Rosary Catholic Primary School

Jesus Christ, Son of Mary, Son of God is the centre of the Rosary community where we live, love and learn together.



Catholic Life - Eastertide

In the liturgical year while Lent lasts for forty days, Eastertide lasts for fifty. During Eastertide the new life that Jesus won for us, and what it now makes possible, are presented for our contemplation. We hear the accounts of the resurrection appearances but we also hear of the transformative effect these encounters had on the disciples. As we go through Eastertide the Sunday liturgy makes clear to us what the resurrection means. As we celebrate the feasts of the saints during this period we are also made aware that their strength and power comes from the resurrection. They were faithful to the risen Lord and filled with his life. Let us pray that as we journey through Eastertide we may become more aware of what the resurrection means for us in our lives today.



After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples for the third time. The disciples had been out fishing and as soon as they came ashore they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Look after my sheep." Then he said to him a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter said, "Lord, you know everything; you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep.

In the Gospel we read how Jesus called on Peter to be a witness, to look after the people and continue to spread the good news. We are each called to continue this very special mission of love towards our neighbour.

"God is full of love: to him be praise forever!"

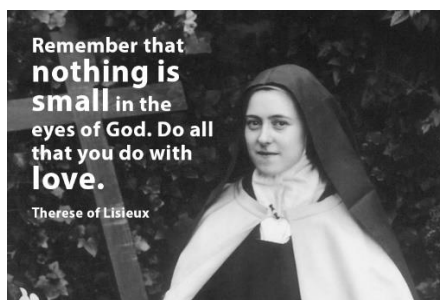
Pope Francis.



As a school we are committed to living simply by answering the call for us to care for our common home and stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers around the world.

Our work continued last half term as we considering our vocation of solidarity with the poor. The children looked at how they could raise money for our different charities. We are counting the final amounts that have come in and will be able to share in our May newsletter.

During the Summer term we will continue to collect cans that will be recycled and the money raised, used to support local food banks. If you have any cans please don't throw them away, bring them into school and put in the trolley at the front of the school. Miss Liebig has kindly agreed to bring the cans to the collection point each week..



RE Challenge

During this half term we consider what small change we can make each day and how we can do with love so as to make a difference in our local community and to our brothers and sisters around the world

Pope Francis



As a community of faith, we were all saddened to learn of the death of Pope Francis on Easter Monday. However, we give thanks for his life and the gentle and humble way in which he led the church and the example he left of servant leadership. The children, in their own way have been praying and giving thanks for Pope Francis and will continue to live in his example as Pilgrims of Hope sharing love with their neighbour.

"Let us always meet each other with a smile, for the smile is the beginning of love"



The Rosary is proud to be recognised as a Rights Respecting School, as we work together to understand what it means for every child in our communities to enjoy their rights.

April Spotlight: Article of the week

In school we teach the children that rights are unconditional and inalienable, they cannot be taken away. However what does each right mean. Over the coming weeks we will be exploring what each of the rights mean including input from our own RRSA group.

During April, we reflect on Earth Day when we consider stewardship of our common home. We are each called to be stewards of God's creation and to do what we can to protect our world. We can all recycle plastic, paper, glass and metals - a simple way to recycle cans is now through the school. But there are other small changes we can each make - turning of the lights, TV and electrical devices when they are not being used. We can recycle our clothes through charity books or bring uniform into school where it can be used as part of our pre-loved uniform stock. Or maybe look at what we can do in our local area - walking to school rather than driving or taking part in a litter pick. There are so many activities we can take part in to protect our physical world.



Article 6 (life survival and development) - Every child has the right to life. Governments must do all they can to ensure that children survive and develop to their full potential.



Article 24 (health, water, food, environment) - Every child has the right to the best possible health. Governments must provide good quality health care, clean water, nutritious food, and a clean environment and education on health and well-being so that children can stay healthy. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

Letters

We are more than happy to provide letters for parents to confirm attendance at school, but we are unable to produce straight away. There is a waiting time of up to 1 week. Please contact the office with details of the information required and the name of the agency and person requiring the information. Letters will be sent directly to the agency requiring them.

Aston Church Road closure, Washwood Heath, Birmingham- HS2 works

Aston Church Road Closure which will start from Saturday 5 October 2024 lasting approximately 14 months. This closure is to accommodate the arrival of HS2 in the area. These works include the demolition and reconstruction of Aston Church Road overbridge to carry the high speed train across the dual carriageway.

Information about the road closure can be accessed by clicking the link below:

[Aston Church Road toolkit - English](#)

[Aston Church Road toolkit - Urdu](#)

During the closure:

Aston Church Road will be closed in both directions to motorised traffic and a fully signed diversion will be in place. Access for pedestrians and cyclists will remain in place for the duration of the works. Bus services will not be diverted but may experience some delays. More information can be found at <http://www.tfwm.org.uk/Washwood> Heath

If you have any questions or need further assistance in sharing this information, please don't hesitate to contact us at behaviourchangehub@tfwm.org.uk. We're here to support you every step of the way.

Car Parking

Thank you to the parents who are using the mosque car park and walking the short distance to school. However we have parents who continue to park illegally, park on the pavement and allow children to get out at the crossing. Can I please ask that you consider all our families when you park, it is extremely difficult and dangerous for families to walk safely on the pavement at times. We have been in contact with the community police and have requested that traffic enforcers patrol the area at the start and end of the day. The safety of all members of our school community is our first priority.



As a school we believe in the importance of attendance and work closely with Birmingham LA and parents to ensure that all children are in school every day. Research has shown that absence disrupts the education of the individual pupil and the whole class. Children who do not attend regularly:

- do not achieve well in exams
- find it difficult to maintain friendships
- are more likely to become involved in crime
- miss out on opportunities in further education and the world of work?

March Attendance

Year 6C	94%	Year 6D	95%
Year 5D	95%	Year 5K	93%
Year 4O	93%	Year 4P	94%
Year 3M	91%	Year 3S	94%
Year 2L	94%	Year 2S	93%
Year 1H	91%	Year 1R	94%
Rec C	93%	Rec P	94%
Nur	89%	Total	93%

Our attendance declined during March so I would ask that over the coming weeks we make a real effort to get to school every day.

We have recently had a number of families contact us about leave in term time. As you already know a 2013 amendment to The Education (Pupil Registration) Regulations 2006, means that Head Teachers may no longer authorise leave during term time except where the circumstances are exceptional. This is in accordance with Birmingham Local Authority's 'Leave in Term Time Guidance.' If families choose to take leave in term time they may be subject to legal procedures.

A letter has been sent out explaining attendance procedures and I would ask that you read it carefully and consider the implications if you chose to take children out of school during term time. We are aware that families have been fined by Birmingham LA and this can be a significant amount of money and we do not want to see our families in this situation. Birmingham has informed us that they have issued a fine of over £1400 to a family for taking children out of school for a holiday.

E –Safety Top Tips from Mr Yasir

Each week Mr Yasir will be sharing top tips for staying safe online. This week we are looking at mobile phones; when is the right time to get them and how can we ensure they are used safely.



During the last few weeks, we have been made aware of pupils acting inappropriately while online. There have been examples of pupils setting up fake accounts to request information about members of staff with derogatory language used. Behaviour such as this will not be tolerated and if required legal advice and support sought.

We have also had reports of inappropriate language being used across social media which has caused upset and distress. I urge parents to talk to their children about behaviour online as all incidents have taken place at home. Please ensure you are vigilant about what your child is doing and saying while online and if you need advice or support about putting parental controls on devices please contact the school and arrange an appointment with Mr Yasir, who will be more than happy to support you.



School Uniform

As a school we are committed to best value and are continually looking at how we can keep costs low for families. We subsidised uniform for a considerable period, absorbing the increased costs but have now had to increase the price of uniform. The new prices are detailed below. Please remember we do keep stocks of nearly new uniform for a nominal cost of £1.00 for each item.

Description	Current Price	January 2025 Price
Sweatshirt Crew neck Acrylic	£9.00	£10.25
Cardigan Acrylic Mix	£10.00	£11.25
Primary Backpack	£10.00	£11.00
PE T-Shirt	£4.95	£5.50

Times Tables Rock Stars

Well done to all the children who are taking part in our Times Table Rock Stars competition. A special mention to 4P with 90% of pupils playing during the last month.

Times Table Rockstars is a great app to use with the children as they learn their times tables in a fun and interactive way.

Every week we will celebrate the children who are successful - it may be that they are in the top 10 scorers, it may be most improved, it may be for certificates achieved.

If you need any further details please speak to your child's teacher.

Top Ten Scorers

1	Jazzy Keeling	6C
2	Johnnie J Hendrix	6D
3	Jojo Jean	5D
4	Strike Sulton	6C
5	Jacob Delp	5K
6	Travis Barrett	5D
7	Skip Volt	6C
8	Jordan Farmer	5D
9	Omeo Meek	5D
10	Kylie Bolam	6C

MONDAY 28TH APRIL

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FRIDAY 23RD MAY

HALF TERM BREAK

MONDAY 2ND JUNE

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FRIDAY 18TH JULY

Staffing Update

We were saddened to say goodbye to Miss Khatoon as she left us after 11 years to take up a new position at Waverley School. We thank her for her dedication to the Rosary School and wish her the very best in the next chapter of her life. Mrs Gough has returned from maternity leave and is now teaching in Year 5.

Website

The new Rosary website has been launched and will continue to be developed over the coming weeks. Please take time to visit the website and share your thoughts and ideas about this.

Sporting News

Football

It has been an incredibly busy few weeks for all our football teams. Our girls team completed their ESPSFA league season on Wednesday afternoon with the final 2 games of the season. The team won against the Abbey School with Khalisah and Kore scoring the winning goals but then lost to Timberley, meaning the team finished runners up in the league. A massive well done to the whole team - Aayat, Eshaal, Faryal, Inayah, Khalisah, Kore, Leeya and Reeva for their hard work and fair play all season.

The boys team were in action once again, travelling to Sheldon for games against Colebourne and Mapledene. A great team effort saw the team winning both games. Well done to Isa, Noah, Rahim, Rameez, Rayaan, Uzgahan and Zakir. The boys have one final match left this season, against St Bernadette's.

The boys and girls results and league tables can be found at espsfa.pitchero.com

Swimming

Our Year 5 children have continued to improve with their swimming skills and had the opportunity this week to showcase their skills, swimming distances and receiving certificates for lengths swam. Huge congratulations to Kaysan and Zakariya on completing 1000m swims, to Eesa and Aaminah-Noor on their 800m swims and Khalisah and Aanisah on their 650m swims. We are also very proud of Prabhjot and Anas who both swam 25m this week. Well done and keep up this effort.

Earrings

Can I please remind parents that children are only permitted to wear a small gold stud to school and these need to be removed for PE, in line with our Health and Safety policy. Thank you to all the parents who support school with this policy.

Contact Details

If any of your details have changed recently can we please ask that you contact the school office. This could be a change of address, or a change of phone number or perhaps a change in emergency contact details. We will then update our school records accordingly. If you wish to change the names of people on the pick-up list please contact the school office.

School Website

Please refer to the website to find out information about the school and events that are taking place in school. It is possible to sync the school calendar to your mobile phone.

Parking Arrangements

We have been fortunate to have secured arrangements to use the Mosque car park. The carpark will be open for parents to use from 8.30am until 9.15am each morning and from 2.45pm until 3.45pm every afternoon except Friday. Can we once again stress the importance of using this facility rather than parking on pavements, blocking gates and using the corner of roads. **DO NOT USE THE CHURCH CARPARK FOR PARKING.**

Once again we have a number of cars that are being parked in such a way that may endanger the lives of children including double parking. The police have issued a number of tickets to drivers and will continue to monitor parking and driving on Bridge Road. If you see anyone parking or driving dangerously you can take a picture and share on the website below.

<https://nextbase.co.uk/national-dash-cam-safety-portal/>

This can be used to prosecute drivers.

Free School Meals

If you feel your child is entitled to free school meals please contact Mrs Kennedy and she will do an online search. This will enable families to access HAF events free of charge during the holidays.

Play Equipment

Can I please remind parents that the play equipment is not for use at the end of the day especially by young children. Please keep your children with you and don't allow them to use as we do not have adults to supervise and there is a risk of accidents happening.

Early Help Offer

Please remember to visit our Early Help Offer on the school webpage where you will find information about the support we can offer as a school. If at any point you need additional support please see myself, Mrs Banks or any member of our pastoral team.

<https://www.rosaryrc.bham.sch.uk/early-help-offer/>

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns about a child please contact a member of our safeguarding team. Information can be found on our webpage.

<https://www.rosaryrc.bham.sch.uk/safeguarding/>

My Family Coach

There are times when we all need help with parenting. My Family Coach is a free online service with lots of videos and advice on how to support children at each stage of their development. Please take some time to view the resources available to support with the many challenges of

parenting. <https://www.myfamilycoach.com/>

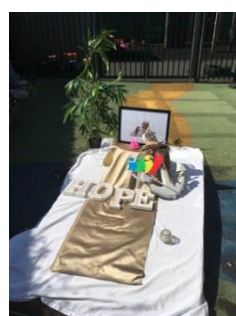
Dates for the diary

Tuesday 29 th April	Year 3 trip to Stratford-Upon-Avon
Tuesday 6 th May	HSBC workshop for Reception and Year 1
Wednesday 7 th May	HSBC workshop for Year 2 & 3
Monday 12 th May	Year 6 SATs
	Grammar & Spelling papers
	Football match
Tuesday 13 th May	Year 6 SATs Reading paper
Wednesday 14 th May	Year 6 SATs Maths Paper 1 & 2 (Arithmetic and Reasoning)
Thursday 15 th May	Year 6 SATs Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)
Monday 19 th May	Year 2 trip to Think Tank
	Panathlon Final
	Well-being crew session
Wednesday 21 st May	Football match
Friday 23 rd May	Break up for half term
Monday 2 nd June	Return to school

CELEBRATE!

There has been much to celebrate over the last few weeks.

Reception started the week with a beautiful prayer service, remembering and celebrating the life of Pope Francis. They reflected on his words, "We must fan the flame of hope" and created fans to continue to spread the message of hope.



Our Year 5 and 6 musicians had the opportunity to perform at Birmingham Conservatoire and did so with confidence. Their hard work and dedication to learning the music was wonderful to see and even more pleasing were the comments from the organisers who congratulated them on their behaviour, manners and their skill as musicians. Well done to all the children and to Bob and Mrs Maloney who have given up their time after school for rehearsals.



You can see videos of the performance using the link below.

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Year 3 have been creative in RE thinking about how we can turn bad news into something better. They created palms out of newspaper with responses to the 'big questions' to tackle the bad news out there.



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SCHOOL NURSE VIRTUAL DROP-IN CLINIC

Every
Tuesday
and
Thursday
from
4:30-5:30pm



Your School Nurse is here to help you feel healthy, happy and safe during your school years and to get the best from your education.

Join the link and talk to a School Nurse. We provide a confidential and friendly service.

<https://nhs.uk/BCHC/C-F/Schl-Nurse/Drop-In>



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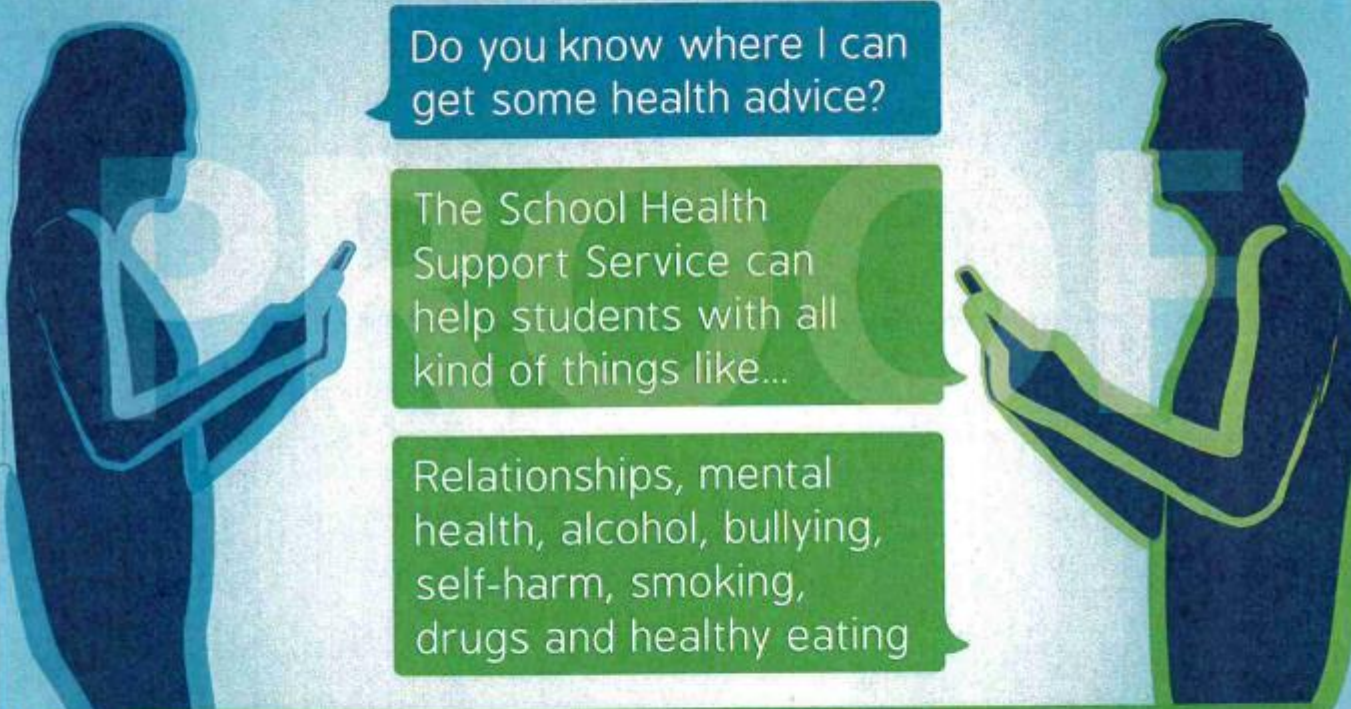


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Do you know where I can
get some health advice?

The School Health
Support Service can
help students with all
kind of things like...

Relationships, mental
health, alcohol, bullying,
self-harm, smoking,
drugs and healthy eating

Text the School Nurse
for confidential advice and
support on **07480635485**

We do not usually inform your parents, teachers or anyone else if you contact the school nurse. We might inform someone if we were concerned about your safety, but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored and can be seen by other healthcare staff who follow the same confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to you within one working day and you should get an immediate bounce-back to confirm we received your text. Texts will not be seen outside of normal working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us, contact a member of school staff or your doctor. Our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some 'number masking' mobile apps). Prevent the school nurse from sending messages to you by texting **STOP** to our number. Please respect your schools mobile phone policy. Messages are charged at your usual rate.

Parent & Carer Drop-In Sessions



**A safe confidential space for
Parents/Carers to gain support &
guidance from Compass Birmingham.**



The drop-in will give you an opportunity to find out more about the support we can offer and have your questions answered.



When?

Every Tuesday 11-12:30pm
(8th October- 17th December 2024)

Where?

Sessions will be online and you can access it by scanning the QR code.

Please note: Time will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. You will be asked to wait but please know that the practitioner will be aware and will let you in as soon as its your turn.



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