

Newsletter

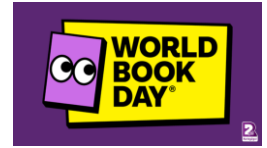
Friday 27th February 2026



Dear parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners,

World Book Day 2026 – Thursday 5th March

This year World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March. Children are welcome to come into school dressed up as a book character or in pyjamas if they wish. We have got a range of activities happening across the school over the course of the week including:



- Online author sessions for all year groups Nursery-Year 6
- Books & Breakfast bites open for children and parents of Reception and Year 1 & 2 (See details in separate letter)
- St Osburg's Reading Challenge will be launched on World Book Day. Children will take home the challenge sheet with them including all of the information on how to take part.
- Free World Book Day Shop- open in the school hall from 3.10pm-3.50pm on Thursday 5th March. There will be a selection of children's and adult's books. All children will be able to choose a book to take home with them for free. Adults may choose to take a book from the selection we have available. These are free for families to keep at home.

Today, children have been given their World Book Day token; these can be exchanged for the £1 World Book Day books (available in supermarkets and book shops) or £1 off when choosing to buy a book in store.

We hope that it is an enjoyable day for the children- happy reading! <https://www.worldbookday.com/>

Lent 2026.

During Lent we are all asked to pray more, repent, support charities and to give something up or do something extra. It would be wonderful to see all members of our school community showing support as we make an extra special effort during this holy season. Here are our events so far – class prayer times TBC.

Lent 2026	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week beginning 2 nd March	Mission Assembly		Y3 Lenten Inspire Workshop – 2-3pm parents welcome.	World Book day	CAFOD BIG LENT WALK OneLife music – Lenten Livestream
Week beginning 9 th March	Mission Assembly – St Carlo Acutis Mother's Day Secret Present Room	Sacrament	St Carlo Acutis – Relics visiting school		Reception class Mother's Day assembly Y3 Sacrament of First Reconciliation 2pm in church
Week beginning 16 th March	Mission Assembly Parents consultations	St Patrick's Feast Day Parents consultations	Fundraising Fair – organised by Cardinal Newman for our pupils Parents consultations		Friday Lenten Assembly
Week beginning 23 rd March	Stations of the Cross Assembly		Lenten Fundraising – BREAK THE RULES DAY	Whole School Lenten Mass with the parish	Year 1 Musical Assembly Break Up From School for Easter

Big Lent Walk - Next Friday we will be holding our Big Lent Walk raising money for CAFOD; if your child would like to take part we are asking for a donation of £1 and we will be enjoying a nice long walk around our grounds, hopefully in some spring sunshine.

Top Tweets From This Week

So impressed with Year 4's ukulele skills! They have made so much progress since starting to learn this instrument in Year 3 and you can see and hear how much enthusiasm they have. 🎸🎵



Thank you to Trevor and Sue from the Canal and Rivers Trust for leading two great assemblies in school this week teaching our children how to keep themselves safe and to look out for hazards when enjoying time by the waterways. @CanalRiverTrust



Year 3 hockey - In their first lesson, children learnt how to hold a hockey stick and how to dribble a ball.



Congratulations to our Y6 Reading team who won their morning heat in @covlibraries Reading Quiz. They had to read 3 new books and answer questions on those and also a general book quiz round. They did especially well as two team members were absent. 🏆📖



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St Carlo Acutis – St Osburg's Parish has the honour of hosting a visit of the relics of St Carlo Acutis from 11th – 14th March 2026. Saint Carlo Acutis was born in London in 1991 and grew up in Italy, where he developed a deep love for the Eucharist and attended daily Mass from a young age. A talented computer whizz, he used his skills to share his faith online and cared deeply for the poor. Carlo was beatified in 2020 and was canonised as a saint in September 2025. He is remembered as a joyful, faith-filled teenager who inspires young people to use their gifts to grow closer to God. Each class will be given an age-appropriate talk about St Carlo and get to see his relics. There will also be an exhibition in the Parish Hall on Friday 13th and Saturday 14th March for anyone to attend.

Year 3 Sacrament of Reconciliation

Year 3 are busy preparing for the first of two sacraments that they will be receiving for this school year – First Reconciliation on Friday 13th March at 2pm in church. As part of that preparation, they will be hosting a special Lenten Inspire workshop and invite family members to join them in class for reflection and activities on the theme of saying sorry and forgiveness. This will be held on Wednesday 4th March from 2pm – 3pm. Please join us if you can.

Save the Date - Year 1 and 2 Family Mass – Sunday 8th March. On Sunday 8th March it will be the turn of our pupils in Years 1 and 2 to lead our Family Mass with the parish at 11.30am. It would be lovely to see as many of our families there as possible.

World Book Day 2026 We will be joining in with World Book Day celebrations again this year on Thursday 5th March, so it is time to get planning those outfits! Children may dress as any book character or wear their pyjamas ready to snuggle up with a book!



Mother's Day Secret Gift Room – Final plea as we are running low on donations this year.

If you have any unwanted Christmas gifts or other suitable items that might be able to be recycled for our Mother's Day Secret Gift Room that we will be running again in March, please send them into the school office. Thank you

Attendance & Punctuality – Whole school for this week: 95.7%

Mrs Roberts Year R		Miss Doran		Mrs Oluermi Year 2		Mr Dingley Year 3		Mrs Bardell/Mrs Crowley Year 4		Mr Jordan Year 5		Mrs McDevitt Year 6	
98.3%	2 late	93.3%	3 late	98.3%	9 🙄	96.8%	5 late	97.2%	6 late	95.2%	1 late	90.7%	3 late

Next week at a glance:

Date	Time	Activity
Monday 2nd March Y5 Swimming– PE kits	9am 3.15-4pm 3.15-4pm 3.15-4.15pm	Mission Assembly Creative Club (Y1/2) Lego Club (Y2,3,4,5) Netball Match v Holy Family (Home)
Tuesday 3rd March Year 3 PE day	AM PM 3.15-4pm 3.30pm	Guitar lessons Junior PCSO training Coding Club Y3,4,5,6) Governing Body Resources Meeting
Wednesday 4th March	2-3pm 3.15-4.15pm 3.15-4.15pm	Y3 Lenten Reconciliation Inspire workshop No Pop Choir This Week (Years 3,4,5,6) Football with Sky Blues (Y2,3,4)
Thursday 5th March Year R, 1 & 2 PE day	All Day 3.15-4.15pm	World Book Day Football Training – Y5/6
Friday 6th March Year 4 & 6 PE day	AM 11am	CAFOD BIG LENT WALK One Life Music – Lenten online retreat

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

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This term we are thinking especially about being Intentional & Prophetic

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