



"I am the handmaid of the Lord, let it be done to me as you have said"
Luke 1:38

This half term's virtues are:

Friday 08.04.22

Intentional

and

Prophetic

Happy Easter

I'd like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very happy and holy Easter. It is a shame that we're unable to mark the solemn events of Holy Week together but our children have had a wealth of opportunities to reflect upon the sacrifice that Jesus made for us in order for us to gain eternal life.

Yesterday, each class was led through the Stations of the Cross by our outstanding Liturgy Leaders. The children listened with reverence and took time to think about how Jesus was treated and how he must have felt, knowing he was about to accept the will of his Father.

Pairs of children in each year group have also prepared their own, very moving prayer services throughout the week. It was so lovely to see how they chose to share the Easter story with their friends.

I wish you a restful holiday and look forward to welcoming you back in two weeks time.

Rainbow for Ukraine

As you'll be aware, we chose to conclude our Lenten charity activities by returning our focus on the suffering of the people in Ukraine. We always have grand plans and ambitious ideas at St John's but forming a whole school rainbow, to represent the colour of the flag of Ukraine, has been one of our biggest (and most challenging!) The weather was certainly against us as the wind blew strongly and rain threatened. However, we just about managed to achieve our goal. A huge thank you to Coach Steve, who came in specially to help us and risked his drone being blown away or from suffering a crash landing, due to the winds. Thank you also for sending your child into school wearing the correct colours.



Our final result isn't perfect but it does what it was intended to do and sends a powerful, whole school community message of love and support to all those effected by this terrible war. Through our Lenten fundraising we have raised £523.19! which we will be donating to the Ukraine cause. We would like to thank our St John's community for their amazing generosity.



Class Activities - EYFS

EYFS have learned all about Holy Week this week in preparation for Easter. We understand the difficult days Jesus faced before his death and reflected on this sad time.

We learned about Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem after he spent 40 days in the desert, the Last Supper and the words Jesus said at this special meal with his friends and how he washed their feet.

We also visited the Stations of the Cross and role played our own version of this sad journey Jesus took. After reflection we are more aware of the true meaning of Easter and the joy Jesus' resurrection brought to the world!



Happy 60th Birthday Mrs Worth!

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Love from us all.



Easter Bonnet Parade - Year 1

Year 1 Easter Bonnet winner (Ellis. S)

Well done Year 1, your Easter bonnets all looked amazing!



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Dates for your Diary

Monday 25th April

8.55am - Children return to school

Monday 2nd May 2022

All day - May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)

Friday 27th May

2.00pm - Break up for May half term

Tuesday 7th June 2022

8.55am - Children return to school

Saturday 11th June 2022

11.00am - Holy Communion at St John's Church

Wednesday 29th June 2022

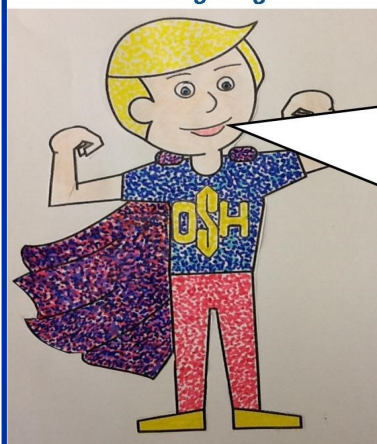
7.00pm - Confirmation at Mother of God & Guardian Angels Church

Inset Day

Monday 6th June 2022

All day - Inset Day

Online safety hero says...



Think before you send.
Once things are shared online
they can be freely shared, copied
or changed over and over again.
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deleted. Be share aware!

#thinkbeforeyousend

#beshareaware



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Opening hours:
Monday to Saturday 9:30am-5:30pm
Sunday 10am-5pm

Solihull Parenting Team

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Parents supporting parents

Become a Parent Group Leader

Could you support other parents in your own community?
In Solihull, we recognise the enormous value of parent to parent support. We will train, coach and support you to lead a Parenting Group in your own community.

We are now recruiting Parent Group Leaders to facilitate the 'Being a parent' group, which promotes a successful and unique parenting approach for local parents.

As a group leader, you will:

- Receive free training and learn practical skills to lead groups for parents
- Develop your skills, confidence and gain experience to help fulfil your ambitions
- Make a difference in your community supporting parents and their families
- Help improve your chances in the work place

PGL TRAINING: SUMMER 2022
The next PGL training will take place at Oliver Bird Hall (B91 3RQ) and will start on the 4th May 2022, running weekly on a Wednesday from 9.30am - 2.30pm for 11 weeks.

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Group Leader, please follow the link below to the Barnardo's volunteer website for full details about the role, and details of how to apply:
<https://volunteer.barnardos.org.uk/opportunities/16317-family-support-group-leader-parent-group-leader-pgt-2020-12-22>

WHAT PARENTS SAY ABOUT THE PGL'S:

"They definitely know their stuff and have so much to offer."

"Lovely trainers, very upbeat and used their own parenting experiences to illustrate strategies really well"

"Absolutely fantastic at delivering the course, empathising with our situations and making us feel really comfortable"

For more information about the support available, please contact the parenting team via email to bsmhl.parenting@nhs.net or by finding us on Facebook - Solihull Parenting Team

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Our Pope's Prayer Intentions

April: Health Care Workers

We pray for health care workers who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

Lent - Family Activities



WEEK 7 EASTER SUNDAY

1. Mark 16:1-7 *mirv*

"The Sabbath day ended, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices. They were going to use them for Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, they were on their way to the tomb. It was just after sunrise. They asked each other, 'Who will roll the stone away from the entrance to the tomb?' Then they looked up and saw that the stone had been rolled away. The stone was very large. They entered the tomb. As they did, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe. He was sitting on the right side. They were alarmed. 'Don't be alarmed,' he said. 'You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. But he has risen! He is not here! See the place where they had put him. Go! Tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him. It will be just as he told you.'"



2. As you walk, look for round things. Every time you see something round, think about the stone that was rolled away from the tomb and say to each other, 'He is risen! He is not here!'

3. If you did the Good Friday walk, take the cross you made with you on this walk. If you haven't made a cross already find two sticks or twigs and make them into a cross. Use string or an elastic band to join them together, and take the cross with you. Find a stone on your walk and carry it home with the cross. Once you are home put the cross and stone together somewhere (if you have time you could make a little garden for them using a pot and some earth, like the garden where the tomb was) to remind you that Jesus didn't stay dead, he is alive, and with us forever!

4. The young man at the tomb told the women to go and tell his disciples that Jesus was alive. Who could you tell that to today?

Take a picture of yourselves on your walk. Send it to the person you thought of, with the words, 'He is risen,' or send a picture of your cross or stone with the same words.

You could make a card with the message, or go and visit someone to tell them. Go and do it!

You can walk anywhere! Just pick a local route, and follow activities 1-4

Week 7 of our Lent family activities.

Science Superstars

Year 1 has been drawing animals and labelling them with scientific vocabulary.

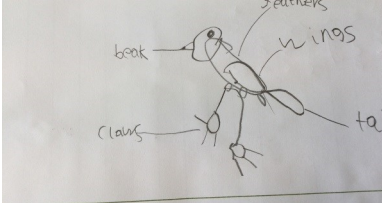
They have also been looking at how to look after pets. They created a leaflet to help people to understand what pets need. If anyone is thinking of buying a pet, come to Year 1, they are pet care superstars!

To write some information to help people understand what pets need.

Animals need water and food and exercise. Space and medication. Pets need space. House they need to exercise. Comfort. Love they need to stay dry. See I am responsible for taking care of my pet. If my pet is sick I will take it to the vet. A dog needs a bin a cat a box a house and a house.

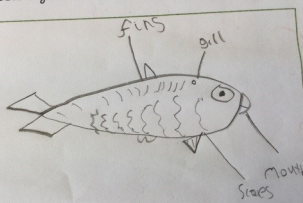
If you don't look after your pet, they might get sick and need to go to the vet.

Draw and label a bird using scientific vocabulary.



Animals and their needs Quiz 30th March 2022


Write using scientific vocabulary.



An animal is:	Something that lives and breathes.
To get energy, animals need to:	Animals have to get their own food.
An omnivore is an animal that:	A omnivore eats both meat and plants.
A pet is an animal that:	A pet is lives with us and needs food.
A mammal is an animal that:	Has fur or hair, and warm blooded.



Excellent Work

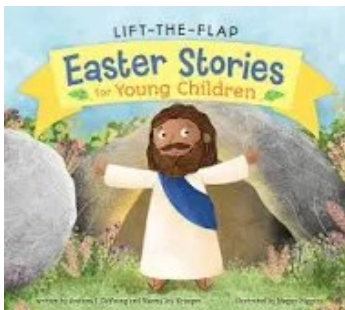
Learning Objective: To understand the meaning of Christ's words during his crucifixion.	
1. Who denied Jesus 3 times? 2. Why was God disappointed in the story of Jesus' denial? 3. How are we like Peter?	O <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> P <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Jesus' Words	Meaning
"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." Luke 23:34	Jesus is begging for the sinners who have turned on him to receive forgiveness.
"Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." Luke 23:43	That even though they have sinned against Jesus, he still wants them in heaven.
"Jesus said to his mother: 'Woman, this is your son.' Then he said to the disciple: 'This is your mother.' John 19:26-27	Mary is now the mother of Jesus' disciples and the disciples are the sons and daughters of Mary.
"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34	This might mean God why are you not helping my anguish body?
"I thirst" John 19:28	In his final time he's asking for forgiveness.
When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and handed over the spirit. John 19:30	That his blood has been drunk and his spirit has been taken to heaven.
Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." Luke 23:46	Jesus is asking God to take his spirit.

This week's excellent work comes from Mason in Year 6.

Mr G's Recommended Reads

This week both books offer an alternative way of sharing the Easter story as a family during the holidays.

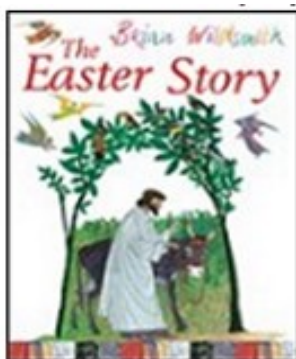
For our younger readers...



The Easter story told in an eye catching and interesting lift the flap book.

For our older readers...

'The Easter Story' by Brian Wildsmith



The story of Easter is told through the eyes of the donkey that carried Jesus into Jerusalem



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Well done to everyone who took part in the 'Big Walk and Wheels' challenge.

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge that inspires pupils to be amazing and take active journeys to school.

St John the Baptist came **410th** out of 643 small primary schools throughout the UK.

Class winners within St John the Baptist:

1st – Year 1 with 194 journeys.

2nd – Reception with 154 journeys.

3rd – Year 4 with 153 journeys.

Good Luck and Happy Times Ahead Miss Jackson!



We would all like to wish Miss Jackson and husband to be Josh a very happy wedding day and lifetime of happiness together as they celebrate their wedding during the Easter holidays.

In assembly today, we gave Miss Jackson a little bit of a practice run! She looked lovely in her special veil and as we shared some gifts, the children sang for her. Have a wonderful time Miss Jackson!



Red Ted

Congratulations to Saffire M who is the first to receive her Red Ted. This is because she has achieved eight stamps in her reading diary.

I look forward to finding homes for many more Red Teds next term.



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Easter Bonnet and Decorated Egg Winners

There were so many exceptional entries to both competitions but Mrs Dixon and myself had the very difficult task of choosing a winner from each class. We looked for creative and thoughtful ideas, of which there were many. However the winners were:

Benjamin H - Nursery

Willow T - Reception

Ellis - Year 1

Owen - Year 2

Tiani S - Year 3

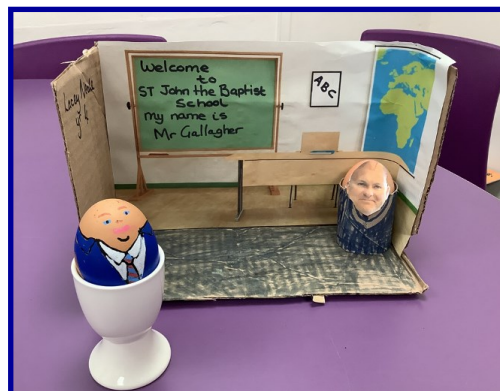
Olly K - Year 4

Ren D - Year 5

Mason-Jay N - Year 6

Well done to everyone who entered!

I don't know whether to be concerned or flattered that I featured twice as a decorated egg. I can't imagine why that would be?



Attendance



Our school strives for 100% attendance. This week the class with the highest attendance was Year 1 with 95.2% *Well done!*

Ready to learn Award



Congratulations, our most punctual class this week was Nursery.



Birthdays

Happy birthday this week to: Scarlett H, Lexia-Rae H, Lacey Mae S and Hydie P.

We would also like to wish happy birthday to those children who celebrate their birthday during the Easter holiday: Kane S, Isla E, Halina B, Lexi S, Jenson-Jay N, Toby B, Rhianah B, Olly K and Ruby M.



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Our fabulous tweets continue!!! Have a look at some of our most recent tweets! Please don't forget to join our tweeting community by tweeting us @SJBsolihull

St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 41m
SJB dressed in Ukraine colours to create a wonderful rainbow!



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 6h
Easter bonnet winner in Year 1. Well done everyone for participating, your Easter bonnets are amazing! #RE @OurLadyandAISI



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 5h
Thank you to our KS2 Liturgy Leaders for leading Year 1 around the Stations of the Cross yesterday. They read the important readings to us and then gave the children time to reflect before responding. #Lent2022 @OurLadyandAISI



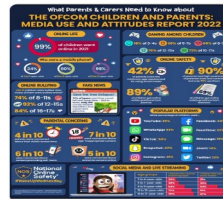
St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 5h
Year 2 made their #HolyWeek story plates to take home and share the #HolyWeek story with their families. #CatholicLife #Lent2022 #HolyWeek @OurLadyandAISI @BCPP_



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 8h
Preparing for Holy Week and Easter. Year 1 remembering what Jesus says to his disciples 'Peace be with you'. Each week the children decide how they would like to help prepare our Collective Worship. #CollectiveWorship



National Online Safety @nationalonlinesafety · Apr 6
News of the digital world. #NS This #NationalOnlineSafetyWeek, we bring you the #ChildSafety headlines. From Ofcom's latest published report on children's internet habits over the last year. #NS



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · 53h
This week Year 3 sold ice cream at break time to raise money to support the families in Ukraine via @ukraineaidis. We raised over £100 which is a fantastic effort, thank you to those who supported. #CatholicLife #CatholicSocialTeaching #Ukraineaidis @OurLadyandAISI



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Apr 6
Year 3 were led by Liturgy Leaders of KS2 around our Stations Of The Cross. It was fantastic to hear such important readings and have gentle time for reflection. #CatholicLife @OurLadyandAISI



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Apr 6
Today, our Liturgy Leaders led Stations of the Cross. Year 4 took time to listen before responding and considering how they will go forth. Thank you to our wonderful Liturgy Leaders for their super leadership. #CollectiveWorship #Lent2022 @OurLadyandAISI



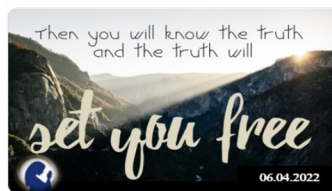
St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Apr 6
Year 2 acted out #HolyWeek. We talked about the thoughts and feelings Jesus might of had throughout the week. They discussed how they would feel if they were there watching. #RE @CatholicLife @OurLadyandAISI @BCPP_



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Apr 6
Year 2 went on their 'Stations of the Cross' journey. The #SJB Liturgy Leaders read each station to the children. At the end, the children had time to reflect on Jesus' journey and to consider their thoughts and feelings. #RE @CatholicLife @OurLadyandAISI @BCPP_



Our Lady and All Saints Catholic MAC @OurLadyandAISI · Apr 6
Blessed are those that take the word of God to themselves. @GrangeCP @OurLadyCompas @OLWaySide @OurLadysCP @StAndrewsCP @StAnnesCP @StAnthonysSch @StAugsCPS @StEdRCPPrimary @Stgandtschool @SJBsolihull @StPetersSch @stwillfrdc #PrayTogether @RCBirmingham @BhamDES



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Apr 6
A beautiful prayer service led by Ryan & Destiny this morning in Year 3, reflecting on Jesus' journey on Easter Sunday. #PrayerService @OurLadyandAISI



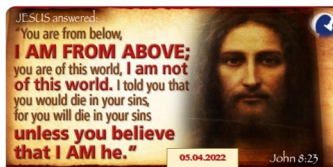
St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Apr 6
Let us #PrayTogether for all the health care workers that help so many people. #CatholicLife @Pontifex #PrayerIntention @OurLadyandAISI



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Apr 1
Year 5 put the finishing touches to their #MingVase masterpiece. Their attention to detail was amazing. A class full of artists! #SJBWeAreArtists #ChineseArt @OurLadyandAISI



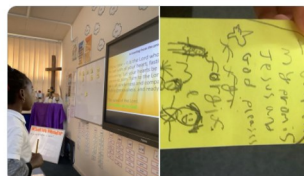
Our Lady and All Saints Catholic MAC @OurLadyandAISI · Apr 6
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St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Apr 1
Year 2 created their own #Lenten stain glass windows. They planned out their design and the tools they needed. #RE @CatholicLife #SJBWeAreArtists @OurLadyandAISI @BCPP_



St John the Baptist @SJBsolihull · Apr 1
Year 2 thought about Lent and fasting. We discussed how even when we break our promise to God, he forgives us. We wrote our own reflections and shared them with our class. #CollectiveWorship @CatholicLife #RE #Lent @OurLadyandAISI



Our Lady and All Saints Catholic MAC @OurLadyandAISI · Apr 1
Father, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; the courage to change the things I can; and wisdom to know the difference.



Palm Sunday

Eternal God, may we always welcome Jesus into our hearts with joy. Help us to see Christ in all people and to make them feel welcome. We make this prayer to you through Christ our Lord.

This Sunday is called Palm Sunday, when we remember the time when Jesus entered Jerusalem.

Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

After Jesus said this, he went on ahead of them to Jerusalem. As he came near Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, he sent two disciples ahead with these instructions: "Go to the village there ahead of you; as you go in, you will find a colt tied up that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If someone asks you why you are untying it, tell him that the Master needs it."

They went on their way and found everything just as Jesus had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying it?"

"The Master needs it," they answered, and they took the colt to Jesus. Then they threw their cloaks over the animal and helped Jesus get on. As he rode on, people spread their cloaks on the road.

When he came near Jerusalem, at the place where the road went down the Mount of Olives, the large crowd of his disciples began to thank God and praise him in loud voices for all the great things that they had seen: "God bless the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory to God!"

Then some of the Pharisees in the crowd spoke to Jesus. "Teacher," they said, "command your disciples to be quiet!" Jesus answered, "I tell you that if they keep quiet, the stones themselves will start shouting."

Sunday is a special day, the start of Holy Week, when we hear two readings from Saint Luke's Gospel. The second one is called the Passion and tells the story of how Jesus was arrested, tried, crucified, died and was buried.

In the reading above we heard how Jesus sent the disciples off to borrow a donkey, and to say that, "The Master needs it", if they were asked where they were taking it.

Then Jesus entered into Jerusalem on this donkey, while the people shouted their praises to God. What a welcome this must have been.

Jesus is in all of us, so every time we meet someone and welcome them, we are welcoming Jesus. We are asked by God to treat all people as we would like to be treated.



So, during Holy Week think about how you can make all the people you spend time with at home and elsewhere feel welcome

Christ Jesus, open our hearts so we may sing your praise. Help us to welcome you into our lives, and to see you in all our brothers and sisters throughout the world. Amen.

Have a wonderful Easter break.

I. Gallagher

Mr I. Gallagher
Headteacher