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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this week's 'bumper edition' of our school newsletter! There has been so much positive news to share across the school that we have lots to celebrate with you.

I would also like to say how proud I was of all the children today during our unexpected fire drill. Thankfully it turned out to be a false alarm, but the way the children responded was excellent. They followed instructions carefully and moved calmly and sensibly, showing real maturity and responsibility. Well done to everyone for behaving so well and helping to ensure that the building was cleared safely and quickly.

Year 2's visit to St Edward's Church



Year 2 enjoyed a special visit to St Edward's Catholic Church on Alma Road, where they were warmly welcomed by Deacon Stephen for a guided tour. During the visit, Deacon Stephen shared the history of the church and explained the meaning behind some of the beautiful artefacts, statues and stained glass windows found inside.

The children listened carefully as they learned why these features are important and how they help tell stories from the Bible and the history of the Church. One particularly fun discovery was a camel hidden in one of the stained glass windows at the back of the church — see if you can spot it next time you visit!

Year 2 would like to say a big thank you to Deacon Stephen for taking the time to share his knowledge and help make the visit such an interesting and memorable experience.



St Carlos Acutis Mass



Two of our Faith Friends had the wonderful opportunity to attend a very special Mass at St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth to commemorate the sharing of the relics of Carlo Acutis. It was a memorable occasion and a privilege for them to represent our school community at such an important event.

Their behaviour throughout the visit was impeccable, and they conducted themselves with respect and maturity. They were excellent ambassadors for our school, demonstrating our values through their attentiveness, reverence, and positive attitude.

Carlo Acutis was a young Italian Catholic who used his love of technology to spread faith online, particularly by creating a website that documented Eucharistic miracles from around the world.

Known for his kindness, generosity, and deep faith, Carlo is an inspiring example for young people today and is on the path to becoming one of the Catholic Church's first millennial saints.

Change of Menu

On **Thursday 19th March**, our school kitchen will be celebrating the festival of Eid with a special themed lunch for all pupils. To mark the occasion, the usual menu will be replaced with a delicious selection of dishes inspired by traditional flavours enjoyed during Eid celebrations.

The menu will include Butter Chicken as the main meat option or Chana Masala (Chickpea Curry) as the vegetarian option. These will be served with rice, Bombay aloo, a mini vegetable samosa, and chapati. For dessert, pupils can enjoy chocolate cake with vanilla ice cream.

We look forward to celebrating together and giving pupils the opportunity to try something a little different while learning about this special festival.



Yr4 Lenten Enterprise Mother's Day Café



Year 4 had a wonderful morning hosting their special Mother's Day Café as part of their Lenten Enterprise project. The children worked incredibly hard to welcome and serve their guests, providing excellent waiting service and making everyone feel very special.

As part of their Design and Technology learning, the pupils also baked delicious biscuits, which were proudly shared with visitors during the café. It was lovely to see the children demonstrating such care, teamwork and hospitality.

A big thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event. Your generosity helps support our Lenten mission of almsgiving, making this a truly meaningful experience for the children.

Year 3's Lion King Visit



This week, our Year 3 pupils enjoyed a special visit to St Edward's Middle School to watch a performance of *The Lion King*. The children were full of excitement and shared afterwards just how excellent the performance was. It was wonderful to see them so engaged and inspired by the talented performers.

The visit was also a lovely community experience for us, as it gave us the chance to reconnect with some of our former pupils who are now at St Edward's. It was fantastic to see them again and to celebrate the strong links between our schools.



National Science Week



This week the whole school has been celebrating Science Week, exploring the exciting world of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. This year's theme, "Curiosity: What's your question?", encouraged the children to think like scientists and ask questions about the world around them.

Across the school, pupils took part in a wide range of hands-on activities. There were bubble investigations, Oreo biscuit moon cycle experiments and even spaghetti and marshmallow tower challenges that tested everyone's engineering skills!

Year 4 also enjoyed a very special visit from Dr Chakraborty, who spoke to the children about his role as a doctor. The pupils were fascinated to learn about his work and even had the chance to listen to their own hearts with a stethoscope and practise using bandages. It has been a fantastic week full of curiosity, discovery and fun, with the children showing great enthusiasm for asking questions and exploring new ideas.



Year 3 Junior Music Festival Rehearsal



Year 3 have been busy preparing for their upcoming Junior Music Festival! As part of their rehearsal, we were delighted to welcome three other schools to join us for a shared practice session. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to experience what performing together will feel like on the day.

The session was led by Berkshire Music Trust, who guided the pupils through the music and helped everyone come together as one large ensemble. They were very impressed with our school—especially our beautiful hall, which made a fantastic space for music-making. The children sang and played with great enthusiasm, and it was lovely to see them enjoying the experience of making music with so many others. Good luck to all of our Year 3 pupils as they continue preparing for the festival—we can't wait to see them shine!

Year 4 Middle School Places

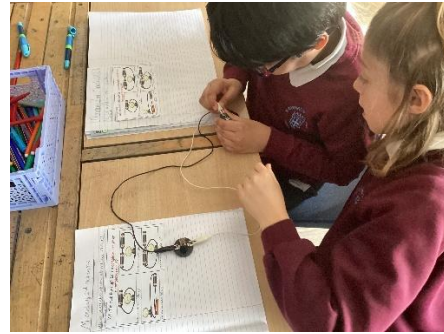
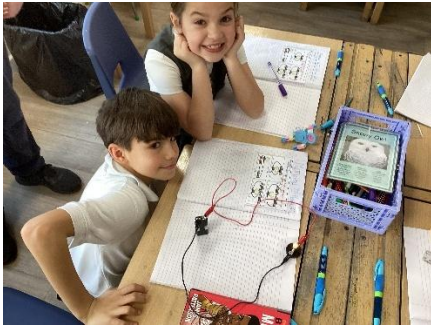
A reminder to all Year 4 parents and carers that middle school offers must be responded to by **15th March**. Please ensure that you log in to the admissions portal and either accept or decline the place offered before the deadline.

It is important that this action is completed in time so that your child's place can be confirmed and the next stage of the admissions process can take place smoothly.

If you have any questions or need support with this process, please contact AfC RBWM Admissions Team on rbwm.admissions@achievingforchildren.org.uk



Year 4's Electricity Learning



Year 4 have been exploring electricity in their science lessons and recently enjoyed creating their own electrical circuits. Using a range of components including batteries, wires and bulbs, the children worked carefully to build complete circuits and investigate how electricity flows. The pupils experimented with different setups to see what would make the bulb light up, learning the importance of creating a closed circuit. They also discussed the role of each component and how they work together to power electrical devices. It was a fantastic hands-on lesson that sparked lots of curiosity and excitement as the children developed their understanding of electricity.

World Book Day



We recently enjoyed a fantastic day celebrating World Book Day across the whole school. As a staff team, we decided to surprise the children by dressing up as Where's Wally—and we were delighted to discover that some of the children had the same idea! You might even be able to spot them in our whole school photo.

One of the highlights of the day was creating a whole school story together using a wordless picture book. The storytelling was led initially by our Patron of Reading, Fiona Barker, who inspired the children to use their imagination and creativity to bring the story to life. Throughout the day, pupils also spent time listening to stories, reading with friends and writing their own tales. It was a really special celebration of books, stories and the joy of reading.

Congratulations!



We were delighted to hear some excellent news about William's success in tennis. On 1st March, William won the Gold Medal in the Regional County Cup in Aldershot, representing Berkshire. This is considered a fantastic accomplishment in tennis for the Berkshire County team. Following this brilliant achievement, William will now go on to compete in the National Finals County Cup Championship in Southampton. We wish him the very best of luck as he takes on this next exciting challenge. If any other children have successes outside of school that they would like to share with us, please do let us know. We always love hearing about the wonderful achievements of our pupils.

Cafod's Big Lent Walk



We would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful parent and carer community for supporting CAFOD's Big Lent Walk. So far, a number of our class representatives have organised walks outside of school, helping families come together to support this important cause.

It has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm and generosity of our community, and we were especially delighted to receive these lovely photos from the Year 4 families taking part. We are very grateful that our Lenten mission is shared so positively as a whole school community, both inside and outside of school. Thank you for your continued support.



Reflection

On Thursday 19th March, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. St Joseph is remembered as the loving husband of Mary and the caring earthly father of Jesus.

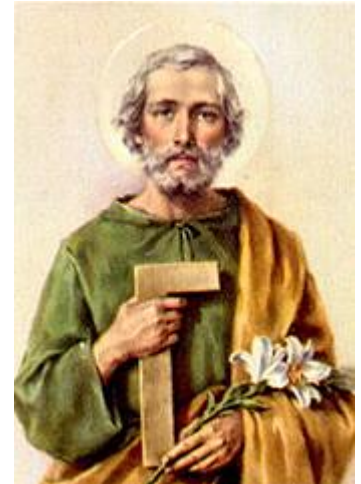
A solemnity is one of the most important celebrations in the Church's calendar. These special feast days remind us to reflect on the lives of important figures in our faith. As a school community, we look to St Joseph as a wonderful example of faith, humility and care for others.

St Joseph,
loving husband of Mary
and faithful guardian of Jesus,
thank you for your example of quiet strength,
care and trust in God.

Help us to follow your example
by showing kindness, patience and courage
in all that we do.

Watch over our school and our families,
and guide us to grow in faith and love each day.

Amen.



God bless, see you all on Monday,

Mr Keohane & the St Edward's First Team

Attachments

- Christ the King Parish Newsletter
- Long Walk Love 2026 – Windsor Schools Choir
- Ten:Ten Parent Newsletter – March
- Chasing Sport Easter Camp



Dates for the Diary

March	
Wednesday 18 th	Adoration of the Holy Sacrament – Children Only – 13:30
Thursday 19 th	Eid Celebration - Menu Change
Friday 20 th	Bike Bus Launch – Assembly Hall 8.30-9.30 (tbc)
Friday 20 th	Lenten Enterprise – Year 2 – Prayer stone sale
Friday 20 th	World Poetry Day – School House Competition
Friday 20 th	Prayer Space & Time for parents – Assembly Hall 8.30-8.45am
Tuesday 24 th	Parent Consultation Evening (16:00-19:00)
Thursday 26 th	Parent Consultation Evening (16:00-19:00)
Thursday 26 th	Lenten Enterprise – EYFS – Pretzels sale
Friday 27 th	End of Term Mass – Children Only – 9:00
Friday 27 th	End of Spring 2 (1:30 finish time)
Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April Easter Holidays	
April	
Monday 13 th	Inset Day
Tuesday 14 th	Pupils back to school 8.30am gates open

Our calendar reflects events as of 13th March. We try not to change events but sometimes we have no choice. Thank you for your understanding with this. We regularly update our school calendar on [our school website](#).

