

Newsletter

22nd March 2024

Dear parents, pupils, governors, staff and parishioners,

The end of my first year as Headteacher of Our Lady's certainly went with a bang yesterday. I could not have been prouder to witness the talent, creativity and sense of joy as we all took part in the Easter Bonnet Parade. A huge well done to all of those who entered the three competitions. Each and every one of you did an amazing job. A special shout out has to go to Toby for his amazing musical performance and a huge thank you to the PTA for providing the prizes and also for organising our Easter Discos.

We have definitely had a very busy last week. On Monday we held a Palm Sunday procession which was led by our EYFS children. All the children enjoyed waving the palm crosses they had made. Tuesday's highlight was our Big Lenten walk. The whole school, from the youngest to the oldest, gave it their all to help to complete our target. As a school community we managed to raise an amazing £312 for CAFOD. Thank you so much for your generosity. On Wednesday we welcomed Fr Teddy and other members of the parish for our Lenten lunch. The Stewards of Creation did an amazing job serving people, washing up and eating the odd bowl of soup or two! We also managed to raise another £45 for CAFOD. Thursday morning saw Year 5&6 lead us in Stations of the Cross using the amazing art work that the children produced during our Lent enrichment day. All of the children behaved very reverently and we spent our time together reflecting on our own lives as we walked in Jesus' footsteps.

I hope you all have a very holy and peaceful Easter and enjoy the school holidays. Stay safe and we look forward to welcoming all the children back on Monday 8th April.

God Bless
Mrs Burch



PTA ANNUAL DUCK RACE 2024



THE DUCKS ARE COMING..
SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY 13TH APRIL
11:30AM - 2PM



Friday 12th March

Non-school uniform day for
Duck Race Tombola

Please could you bring in the
following:

KS1 – chocolate

KS2 - bottles

This coming Sunday's Gospel

6th Sunday of Lent

(Cycle B)

Mark 11:1-10

This coming Sunday is known as Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord. It is the start of Holy Week. Palms will be handed out in Church in remembrance of the welcome and great praise that the people gave to Jesus when he entered Jerusalem. As we grow in our knowledge and love of Jesus, it's natural to want to praise God. There are many things for which we can praise God (e.g. a loving family, good friends, caring teachers and for always having a good friend – Jesus – who loves us and never forgets us). Praising God brings happiness; it's what we were made for.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen

[Wednesday Word](#)

Catholic Life,
Prayer and RE at
Our Lady's

Holy Week

Holy Week is the most significant week in Catholicism. Spanning from Palm Sunday to Holy Saturday, it marks the final stretch before Easter Sunday, the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection. During this sacred week we pray and reflect on the profound journey of Jesus' suffering, sacrifice, and victory over death. It starts on Palm Sunday, a day that commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Holy Thursday celebrates the Last Supper and the institution of the Eucharist while Good Friday reflects on Jesus' death by crucifixion. Throughout this week, we reflect on the emotional intensity of Jesus' Passion, contemplate His boundless love and mercy, and anticipate the joyous hope of His Resurrection. An intentional Holy Week can serve as a spiritual pilgrimage that deepens our faith.



Gospel Virtues – **Faith-filled** and **Hopeful**

Pupils at Our Lady's Catholic Primary School are growing to be...

Faith-filled in their beliefs and **Hopeful** for the future... by passing on the living and **Faith-filled** tradition of Jesus Christ; by having persevering faith in the pupils, and by encouraging them in turn, to have faith and **Hope** in themselves and others.

21st March 2024

For your information

MESSAGE FROM FATHER TEDDY



The Children's Liturgy will be offered
on the following Sundays:

17 March
21 April
28 April

in
Princethorpe College Chapel
during the
10.30am Mass.

The Liturgy will be lead by
Clare Hill.

Fr Teddy looks forward to seeing you again.

LATENESS

School starts at 8.55 a.m. every day.

Children need to be in their class line at 8.55
a.m. so that they can start their lessons
promptly.

The gates will be locked at 8.55am promptly.

SCHOOL PARKING

Following numerous requests from
neighbours and our bus company
parents are reminded to park safely
and considerately at drop off and
collection.

A gentle reminder that parents are not
permitted on the school staff car park
without prior written consent from the
headteacher.

CONTACTS IN SCHOOL

Parents are requested to contact their child's class
teacher in the first instance for all matters.

Class Dojo is our most effective means of
communication.

All staff will do their best to respond in a timely
manner, which may be the following school day.

Additionally, for queries regarding Finances and
ParentPay – please contact the school office.

Before & Afterschool Club – B4A Club via class dojo
or the school office.

For queries regarding any extra curricular
activity/club which is led by non-school staff – please
contact the club directly. Such as;

Irish Dancing – please contact Declan McHale directly.
Hot Shots Basketball – please contact Mark directly

Parents are reminded that staff well-being is high on
our priority and would request parents consider the
work-home life balance of staff when awaiting a
response.

ABSENCE

Following our absence policy – please could
parents report all absences by 10am on each
day of absence; stating the actual reason for
the absence and when your child is likely to
return to school. No reason will result in an
unauthorised absence.

Parents are also reminded that children may
not return to school for 48 hours after the
last incident of sickness &/or diarrhoea.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation
in keeping all our children and staff healthy.

21st March 2024

For your information

DO YOU KNOW WE HAVE A PTA WHATSAPP GROUP?

Time is precious, we know, but if there is anybody out there who has the potential to offer time for any of our events please do think about joining the group, we'd love to have you. Could be something as simple as helping sell biscuits for an hour, attending a meeting to get a wider view on ideas, wading in the brook collecting ducks, manning a stall or if you're brave enough.. being in charge of the bar at the summer fair!

As parents leave the school we're always on the lookout for others to join, it's our go-to place to share news about PTA events and check for parent/carer availability in order for them to be ran.

Currently, we're looking at fun ways to spend the money generously raised last academic year and to provide access to resources that may not otherwise be available. The PTA can help raise money for new books, new classroom equipment, well being events, playground equipment or classrooms. Whatever the school needs to help make the lives of the children better.

If you'd like to join, get in touch with Tanya, Kirsty, Tom, Laura or David (just ask Mrs O'Connor, they'll point us out) and we'll add you to the group.

Thank you.

HELP US BUILD A LIBRARY between 19-26 March

One donation -
double the difference!

Whatever you donate,
Big Give will match

Participating Schools

Bishopton Primary School, Stratford
Shotton St Andrew's CofE Primary, Stratford
Studley St Mary's CofE Academy
Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, Alcester
Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, Princethorpe



New Philanthropy
for Arts & Culture



<https://bit.ly/buildalibraryinschools>



Dear Warwickshire Families,

Market Hall Museum is hosting a range of activities this Easter. Please click on link below for details:

<https://heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk/whats>

2024 CAMPS

Plan your year with us...

PERIOD	DATE
FEB 12 - FEB 16	MARCH 25 - MARCH 28
MARCH 25 - MARCH 28	APRIL 2 - APRIL 5
APRIL 2 - APRIL 5	MAY 28 - MAY 31
MAY 28 - MAY 31	JULY 22 - JULY 26
JULY 22 - JULY 26	JULY 29 - AUG 2
JULY 29 - AUG 2	AUG 5 - AUG 9
AUG 5 - AUG 9	AUG 12 - AUG 16
AUG 12 - AUG 16	AUG 19 - AUG 23
AUG 19 - AUG 23	AUG 27 - AUG 30
AUG 27 - AUG 30	OCT 28 - NOV 1

COST £20 per day
TIME 9AM - 3PM
AGE 5-11

TO BOOK

Please scan QR Code for full details and venues

SKYBLUES in the COMMUNITY

02476 786 349 | sbitc@sbitc.org.uk



<https://rb-coaching-itc-ltd.classforkids.io/info/5>

WARWICK SCHOOL

Explosive Science Taster Event for Year 5 boys

Enjoy a taste of Science at Warwick with this interactive demonstration. Open to all pupils looking to enter Warwick Senior School at Year 7 from 2025 onwards.

Thursday, 23 May 2024 | 1pm-3.30pm | Warwick School
Book your place at warwickschool.org/key-dates

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For your information



★ BOOST School Funds
★ WIN up to £25,000

TICKETS
£1 EACH



To start supporting, visit:
YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play
and search for: Our Lady's Primary

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.

April 2024 Meal Price Increase

Unfortunately, due to rising costs, From 1st April 2024, the cost of school meals will increase by 25 pence therefore; the new cost of a school meal will be £2.73per meal (£13.65 per week). Children in Reception, Years 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive Universal Free school meals.



Can I apply?

Your child could be eligible for free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support or Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support from National Asylum Support Service (NASS)
- Guarantee Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

You should still apply if your child is aged 4-7 and receives a universal free school meal

Find out more and apply at
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fsm



FREE SCHOOL MEALS



School meals are free for lots of families, check if you are eligible to apply!

So much more than lunch...

A free school meal:

- creates healthy eating habits
- improves learning and behaviour
- saves money and time
- helps schools get extra funding





Did you know that claiming free school meals means that your child will get access to free school holiday activities and food?



To find out more and for help to apply for free school meals, please contact:
freemeals@warwickshire.gov.uk or call 01926 359189



**New Summer Term Menus
have been sent home
Available from 08.04.2024**

Teacher Training Day Friday 22 nd March			
Easter Holidays Monday 25 th March - Friday 5 th April			
HOLY WEEK			
Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Sunday
			

Next School Week a a Glance

Date	Time	Activity
Mon 8 th April	3.15 -4.30pm	ALL RETURN TO SCHOOL RB Football Club Y1-6 (see link above for joining details)
Tues 9 th April	3.15 - 4.15pm	Hotshots Basketball
Wed 10th	9.15am	Music Lessons with Mr Roe
Thurs 11th		
Fri 12 April	3.15 -5pm	Irish Dancing with Declan McHale
Sunday Mass St Anne's Wappenbury Princethorpe Chapel	8:30am 10.30am Holyday Masses as announced Confessions as announced	https://stanneswappenbury.wordpress.com/weekly-bulletin/

School Lottery

Please consider signing up if you haven't already.
<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/our-ladys-primary-school-princethorpe>



OUR LADY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



Key Dates Summer 2023

April 2024

Saturday 13th April
11:30am - 2:00pm

PTA Duck Race

Monday 15th April

Whole School Mass - All welcome

May 2024

Wednesday 1st May

Class Liturgies (Y3/4 Parents invited)

Bank Holiday Monday 6th May

Friday 24th May
6:00pm

PTA Quiz Night

Half Term Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

June 2024

Wednesday 5th June - Friday 7th June

Y5/6 Alton Castle Residential

Monday 10th June

Whole School Mas - All welcome

July 2024

Tuesday 9th July
12:00pm onwards

Sports Day and Family Picnic

Friday 12th July
3:15-5:00pm

PTA Whole School Summer Disco

Friday 12th July
5:00-6:00pm

Year 6 Leavers' Party

Monday 15th July

Year 5/6 Production

Wednesday 17th July

Year 6 Leaver's Mass

End of Term Friday 19th July 2024



St Anne's Parish, Wappenbury with Our Lady of the Angels', Princethorpe

March 2024

To fulfil the required criteria for the General Data Protection Regulations that came into force on 25 May 2018, please read on and complete accordingly. Fr Teddy needs your consent to contact you directly.

1. If you wish your details to be retained at St Anne's parish and if you are content that Fr Teddy contacts you directly (rather than through Our Lady's School), please complete the form below, so that your information may be retained electronically and in paper form at St Anne's Presbytery.
2. Even if you have previously done this, it will help keep records up to date if you complete again and return

Personal Information Record

Please can you complete the form below in BLOCK capitals and return by EMAIL

Family Name: _____

Parent's First name(s) _____

House name/number: _____

Address: _____

Post code: _____

Landline telephone number: _____

Mobile: _____

Email address: _____

(BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

How we use your information: All information is held securely on the Presbytery database and will be processed fairly and lawfully in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

Please tick one or more of the boxes below if you are happy for us to contact you by:

post ☐ email ☐ text/SMS ☐ telephone ☐

Please tick the box/es if you are happy for your data to be used for:

News about parish events (including sacraments) ☐ Fundraising to support the parish ☐

If you have any questions or concerns about how your information is used or you wish to opt-out at any time from the above, please let us know, email to Father Teddy at fatherted2017@hotmail.com

Please print name: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____