



"Grow together in Christ"

Rothwell St. Mary's
Catholic Primary School Leeds



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Head Teacher's Newsletter 22 – 1.3.23

Virtue to live by:
LOVE OF NEIGHBOUR:
I show I care by listening to others.

One of the most sincere forms of respect is actually listening to what another has to say.



Attendance: Last week the class with the best attendance was Year 1 with 99%. This is amazing attendance. Our current school attendance is at 95.3% up to 17.2.23. This is well below average. Please ensure that your child is on time to school. The gate opens at 8.20am each morning and pupils should be in classes by 8.30am.



Awards: These awards are given out in Friday's Gold Book assembly and must be returned the following Thursday.

Handwriting:

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Finn	Tobias	Heath	Theo	Alexis	Lillie	Ava

Excellent attitude to learning award: these are prestigious awards, and the children should be very proud of themselves for achieving these. Well done.

EYFS/ KS1: - Finlay – Year 2

KS2: Maya – Year 6



Gold Book: A reminder that there will be no assembly on Friday due to World Book Day Dance workshops. Assembly and open classroom will be back on next week.

World Book Day: Tomorrow, KS2 are fortunate to welcome James Nichol into school as a visiting Author. On Friday it is *crazy hair day*, watch out for the craziest teacher!!!! The children are also fortunate to have dance workshops where they will bring books to life through dance. Here is what your child will be engaging in on Friday:

0900 to 0935 Year 6 - 35 mins - Alice in Wonderland
 0940 to 1015 Year 5 - 35 mins - Alice in Wonderland
 1025 to 1100 Year 4 - 35 mins - Alice in Wonderland
 1105 to 1140 Year 3 - 35 mins - Where the wild things are
LUNCH
 1300 to 1335 Year 2 - 35 mins - Where the wild things are
 1340 to 1415 Year 1 - 35 mins - How to catch a star
 1420 to 1455 Reception - 35 mins - How to catch a star



Parent Partnership Workshop- Wednesday 15th March 5-6 (ish): You will have received



a google link to book onto our next information evening. This will focus on behaviour. There is an option to bring a family member with you. The evening is for adults only. We will provide refreshments and pizza! The evening will allow us to explore what behaviour is, how to deal with those tricky times at home and how to build positive

relationships and connect. The evening will allow lots of time to talk to members of staff and other parents. As we know, there is no step by step guide to how to build strong, resilient little people – we have to work together to achieve the best outcomes.

Safeguarding Review: Mrs Farias-Fagg -Our Chair of Governors, came into school on Monday 20th February to test out our safeguarding procedures and to talk to children and staff. She was very impressed with the children and their thoughts and responses

Important days and dates for this half term

Monday 27th February
Leeds Rhinos Assembly

Tuesday 28th February
Y2 Visit to Thackray Museum

Thursday 2nd March
World Book Day
Author Visit – James Nicol
<https://jamesnicolbooks.com>

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Friday 3rd March
Crazy Hair Day (uniform with crazy hair)
Bringing Books to Life
Dance Workshops for whole school- **No Gold Book Assembly or open classrooms**

Tuesday 14th March
Y1 visiting Abbey House Museum

Friday 17th March
Year 1 Poetry Recital
St Patrick's Day

Thursday 16th March
SCOPE SEND coffee morning
(please let Mrs Sweeney know if you can attend)

Monday 20th / Tuesday 21st March
Parent Consultation Evenings

Friday 24th March
Panathlon
9.30-12.30
More information to follow.

Friday 24th March
FOSM
Cinema Night straight after school. No ASC on that evening.

Saturday 25th March
Y3 Reconciliation 9am at Church.

Friday 31st March
Year 2 and Year 3 Spring Play
– 9am Families welcome.

to safeguarding questions. She wanted to especially thank the children listed below for volunteering to work with her.

- **EYFS/KS1** - Olivia (Rec), George (year 1), Lohan (Rec), Pixie (year 2), Seamus (year 2), Poppy (year 1)
- **KS2** – Thomas P, Alexis, Molly, Layla, Ruari, Alicia, Clarke, Harriet, Thomas B, Koen & Ava.

Parent Consultation Evenings for the Spring Term: These will take place on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st March. You will get a text to notify you that the online booking system is available – watch out for this.

Assemblies- Please note change to Y2 Class Assembly date.

Term	Spring 2	Sum 1	Sum 2	Sum 2
Year	Year 2	Year 1	Year 6	Rec
Date	24/3/23	5/5/23	16/6/23	14/7/23

Poetry Recitals: In an aim to continue to encourage a love of reading, we are introducing poetry recitals in assemblies this year. Here are the dates when your child's class will perform:

Year 1 – 17th March 2023/ Year 4 – 5th May 2023 /Year 3 – 16th June 2023

FOSM: Please be aware that Amazon are winding down their Amazon Smile service at the end of February. Amazon is one of the retailers listed on easyfundraising, so please can anyone who used to use Smile please switch across to easyfundraising. These contributions really do add up, and with the amount we all spend at Amazon these days the potential benefit to FOSM is huge and at no additional cost to you too. You can access easyfundraising [here](#)

Your School Lottery

Our school lottery has launched, and tickets are available now! To be in with a chance of winning and raise funds for the school please visit www.yourschoollottery.co.uk and click on Buy a ticket. Search for the school using 'Rothwell St Mary's' and click on the Support us button under the school image. Tickets are just £1 a week with a TOP PRIZE of £25,000, and 1 guaranteed winner for each school receives 30% of the ticket sales in the Saturday weekly draw. Remember 40% of the sales is coming straight back to FOSM and the lottery is open to anyone who'd like to support us so share with friends and family and keep boosting the prize fund.



Twitter: All our teacher now keep our Twitter page updated. Please follow us @rothwellstmarys to find out what has been happening in school each day.

Have you spotted our roving library? Speak to one of our librarians if you have a text request!



Today, Year 5 and 6 took part in the Ash Wednesday service at St Mary's Church



Healthy Schools and birthdays: As we continue to strive to be an outstanding Healthy School, our policy now states that sweets for birthdays are no longer going to be allowed. I know that you agree that working towards a healthier lifestyle is important and that you will work with us on this. If you would like to see our draft policy or contribute any thoughts, please do email for a copy.

Future Dates:

Friday 31st March

Break up for Easter at 3pm.
No ASC on this day.
This is due to staff delivering training until 3pm. Back to normal for summer 1pm finish!!

Monday 17th April

Return to school after Easter

Tuesday 18th April

Year 3 Trip to Eden Camp

Friday 21st April

Year 4 / Year 5 Resurrection Play 9am. Families welcome.

Friday 28th April

Class Photograph Day

Tuesday 2nd May

Pedestrian Training

Friday 5th May

Fancy Dress Day – Coronation Day
Tea / Scones after assembly for parents.
Juice and buns/ healthy choice for the children.
Fr Eamon to judge the best costume!

Friday 5th May

Year 1 Class Assembly 9am

Monday 8th May

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 9th – Friday 12th

SATS Week for Year 6

Thursday 18th/ Friday 19th May

This Green Moon for Year 5

Sunday 21st May

First Holy Communion
Year 4

Thursday 25th May

Break up

Friday 26th May

Training Day

Monday 5th June

Training Day
New Parents Meeting 5.30pm

Safeguarding:

Our safeguarding policy for 2022/23 is available on the school website <https://www.rothwellmarys.co.uk/school-info/safeguarding/> . Our safeguarding team is below.

Miss Leonard, Mrs Sweeney, Ms MacPherson, Mrs Sheldon-Price should you wish to contact us, please use the usual address. We have a duty of care to protect all our children and families.

Safeguarding Support for Parents: This week's safeguarding topic is chat apps. Lots of our children communicate via chat apps – do you know what they are? Do you want to prepare yourself for the time when your child will have access? If you want to know more- head over to the NSPCC for support [Chat apps | NSPCC](#)

Church Bulletin: Please use the link below to access St Mary's Church weekly bulletin. <https://www.stmaryrothwell.org.uk/bulletin/>

Telephone: 0113 824 2819

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What is Lent?

Lent is all about preparation. We prepare our hearts and minds for Good Friday and Easter, those days that mark Christ's passion and then his victory over death. We experience the significance of holy week more when we're prepared for it by retracing Christ's journey to the cross. The season of Lent starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Easter, lasting for 40 days (not counting Sundays). Each day of Lent symbolizes one of the 40 days Jesus fasted in the wilderness before Satan tempted him. During Lent, Christians fast from something that can pull our minds away from Christ (TV, social media, chocolate, etc.). The goal is to fill the void with an invigorated prayer life and increased reflection on God's holiness, our sin, and Christ's perfect obedience even unto death.



Always remember that the door is open, and your first port of call should be your child's class teacher. If you need to speak further, then please see Mrs Sweeney or failing that myself. It is always better to nip things in the bud and get a resolution quickly with your child's teacher.

God Bless Miss S Leonard –head teacher head@rothwellmarys.org.uk

Collective Worship Times **Parents are invited to attend** **in person. These will start** **this week.**

Year 6 – Thursday 8.30am

Year 5 – Thursday 2.40pm

Year 4 – Wednesday
8.30am

Year 3- Tuesday 2.40pm

Year 2 – Thursday 2.40pm

Year 1 – Thursday 8.30am

**Reception – Thursday 8.40
am (new time)**

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