

St. Martha's News

'Be the best you can be'



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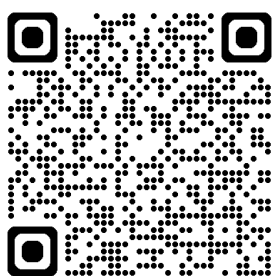
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Friday 28th March 2025

Catholic Life of the School

Big Lent Walk



Last chance to sponsor your child for their Big Lent Walk. Please could we have all sponsor money into school or donations made on our fundraising page by Friday 4th April. Thank you to everyone who has already sponsored the Big Lent Walk.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fundraising/st-marthas-fundraising-page2025>



Foundation Governors

We continue the need to recruit some new Foundation Governors to join our Governing Body. If you are a practising Catholic and would be interested to learn more, please get in contact with me or contact Andy Stone, our Diocesan Director of School's Service by email: andy.stone@rcdea.org.uk for more information and to receive an application form.



The Role of Foundation Governors

Our Foundation Governors are appointed by the Bishop to preserve and develop the religious character of the school, and to secure compliance with the trust deed.

To be a Foundation Governor is to accept a ministry in the Church, to be concerned not only with the good of a particular school but with the good of the whole educational mission of the Diocese of East Anglia. Through his Foundation Governors the Bishop discharges his responsibility to ensure that:

- as far as possible, teachers are appointed to our schools who combine personal conviction and practice of the Faith with the educational qualifications required for particular posts;
- a just admissions policy is framed, consonant with the Catholic character of the school and the needs of our children;
- the curriculum is rooted in a religious understanding of life so that religious education has first place in the curriculum and embraces and enlivens every other subject;
- the property of the Trustee is cared for and used for its proper purposes.

Foundation Governors have the task of preserving and developing the Catholic ethos of our schools and their partnership with the wider community. It is an excellent example of that vision of collaborative ministry given us in the teachings of the church.

Dates for your diary

1st and 2nd April Years 3 and 4 Easter Production (1:30pm and 6pm)

2nd April End of Term Mass (9:30am)

Dear Families,



You may remember last year, I shared with you the news that Callie had had her hair cut off to donate to The Princess Trust and raised a staggering £2,334, securing seven fundraising awards on the just giving site. Last week, Callie's Mum presented her with a Guiding Hero Award. In order to receive this prestigious award, two Guiding panels - County and UK HQ have to approve it before it is awarded by the Girlguiding Chief Commissioner and Norfolk County Commissioner. This is a fantastic achievement and Callie should be very proud of herself for initiating this fundraising idea.

Last Friday we had another visit from the Classical Music Rocks team. CMR is a Charity, founded by volunteers in 2016. They bring live classical music free to the children of West Norfolk. These sessions were led by Siobhain O'Higgins pianist and accompanist. Current and regular work includes performing with Streetwise Opera, Lost Chord and as Pianist and Advisor to the Somerset Song Prize. She frequently works as a pianist at the Junior Guildhall School of Music, which involves performing with instrumentalists of any genre. And Anthony Flaum who studied Musical Theatre at the Royal Academy of Music. He was chosen to join the "Singers of the Future" programme run by the National Opera Studio and has performed all over the world.

Returning to St Martha's, Siobhain delighted the children by removing the front of the piano so that they could more easily see how the beautiful music she played is created. Anthony surprised the children by entering the Studio Hall mid-song engaging the children with his wonderful singing. The Year 5/6 session ended with all children and staff joining in with the finale of Nessen dorma. IT was a fantastic way to start the day!

Hermannas in Year 5 was praised for his outstanding effort in his first match for West Norfolk Rugby Club last weekend. Hermann took up playing rugby at weekends, following our Year 5 rugby lessons provided by West Norfolk Rugby. His coach said "congratulations to Hermann for today, you did a fantastic job and did yourself and your mum and dad proud". Well done Hermann! We are really proud of you too and glad that through school you have found a new hobby. Keep it up!



Year 5 boys played their first match as a team against Gaywood. They played fantastically as a team, passing the ball around, communicating and getting into space. They were 5-0 up at half time, going on to win the match impressively 8-0. Zed scored a hat trick and was the man of the match. Fantastic result, well played boys!

Whilst St. Martha's is a Catholic School, students of any faith are welcome here with open arms. We would like to commend a young man from Year 5 - Ibrahim for his admirable behaviour and attitude throughout Ramadan. He has shown immense commitment and dedication during one of the holiest months of the Islamic calendar.

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar and is considered one of the holiest months for Muslims, marking the revelation of the Quran to Prophet Muhammad and a time for spiritual reflection, fasting, and increased devotion.

Fasting from dawn to sunset is a key practice during Ramadan, seen as a way to cultivate self-discipline, empathy for the less fortunate, and draw closer to God. Fasting during

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's Designated Safeguarding Officers: Mrs. Child, Mrs. Edwards, Miss Annelly and Mrs. Bowman.

Happy Birthday!

Reception: Phoenix

Year 1: Charlie

Year 2: Tomas,
Rodrigo, Luna

Year 5: Alexandra

Year 6: Grantas

*May God never stop
showering
you with His blessing*

Attendance Award

Congratulations to Year 5 Yellow with 99.26% attendance this week!

Every day at school counts, helping with learning, developing skills, and building friendships.



Ramadan is one of the five pillars of Islam, along with the declaration of faith, prayer, charity, and pilgrimage to Mecca.

Ramadan is a time for Muslims to focus on their faith, seek forgiveness, and strengthen their relationship with God through prayer, reflection, and acts of charity.

Ramadan concludes with Eid al-Fitr, a joyous festival that marks the end of the fasting period and a time for celebration, feasting, and visiting loved ones.

Ibrahim has a strong faith in the religion of Islam and his passion to do fasting is a result of a strong bond he has with his brother who has taught him self-discipline and has encouraged his fantastic reading habit.

Ibrahim has been fasting almost all this month except 4 days when he was ill. He has not eaten or drunk from, dawn until dusk, regardless of what physical activity he has undertaken. He is a very keen observer and very enthusiastic to know more about what Islam is. Ibrahim always tries to do his best in everything he undertakes and I just think that for a young man to be so committed and loyal to his faith, is truly admirable and an example to us all who may have made sacrifices during this Lenten period. Well done Ibrahim! I truly hope you and your family enjoy Eid al-Fitr this weekend and likewise to anyone else who may be celebrating on Eid al-Fitr on Sunday.



Year 6 enjoyed their residential to Kingswood this week. They arrived back on Wednesday looking very tired but full of stories! A special thank you to all the staff who made the trip possible, volunteering their time away from their own families so that the year 6s could enjoy this opportunity.

We would like to thank our PTA for their kind donation towards our new outdoor classroom. I would also like to thank Mrs Doherty for her time and effort in applying for the CIL funding. We were successful in our bid and so with funding, the PTA donation and the money from the blue counters scheme from Tesco we have enough money to build a new outdoor classroom. We are currently in communication with Playdale to get the construction underway, which will hopefully be during the May half term.

Congratulations to the Winner of the Mother's Day Raffle – Emily in Year 4! We hope that both she and her family enjoy the treat! Thank you to everyone who bought a ticket or gift. We really appreciate your support. Wishing all Mothers, Nans, Aunts, Parents and Guardians who are role models in our children's life a lovely day on Sunday.

Next week, is the last week of term. We finish on Friday 4th April at 3:15pm. School will reopen on Tuesday 22nd April at 8:30am.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,
Mrs Edwards



Well done to our Be the best you can be winners this week . . .

Reception: Miguel & Jeannah

Year 1: Luke & Winnie

Year 2: Zuzanna & Peter

Year 3: Daniel & Kimberly

Year 4: Rojus & Vianna

Year 5: Ibrahim & Salvador

Year 6: All of Year 6 & Rose

PTA

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates for your diary . . . more information to follow

2nd May – Quiz Night (adults only)

14th May – Colour Dash

Dates for the Diary Spring Term Dates

April '25						
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- Year 3/4 Easter Production (2pm – changed to 1:30pm & 6pm)
- 9:30 End of Term Mass Years 2- 6
Year 3/4 Easter Production (2pm – changed to 1:30pm & 6pm)
- 10am Rock Steady Concert
4pm Girl's Football League
- End of Term (3:15pm)
- 7 - 21 Easter Holidays (21 Easter Monday)

Summer Term Dates

As always, there maybe some changes or some additions to this dates throughout the term but we will endeavour to give as much notice as possible.

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- Term Starts
- National Admin Day
- St Mark's Feast Day (Children in St. Mark's house can wear a yellow tshirt)
- 9:30 Start of Term Mass

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- 1 9am Year 1 Yellow Class Assembly (note Thursday for this one)
9:30 - 12:30 Year 4 Trigolf
1:30pm May Procession and Crowning of Mary
- 2 PTA Quiz Night (adults only)
- 4 First Holy Communion
- 5 Bank Holiday - School Closed
- 7 9am Year 1 Blue Class Assembly
- 8 9:30am Year 3 Mass
- 12 - 16 SATs Week
- 14 PTA Colour Run
- 15 4pm Girls Football League
- 19 Science Week
9:30 - 3:30 Boy's Cricket North Runcton
- 20 1:45pm Year 5 Performance
6pm Year 5 Performance
- 21 Year 4 Blue Class Assembly
1:45 Year 5 Performance
6pm Year 5 Performance
- 22 Year 2 Sealife Trip
Year 5 and Year 1 Mass
- 23 Year 4 Tennis Tournament
- 26 - 30 Half Term

June						
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- 2 Year 4 Multiplication Check begins
9:30 - 3:30pm Cricket? (Finals)
- 5 Year 6 and R Mass
- 6 Jubilee Pledge Day
Year 5 and 6 Rugby Tournament
- 9 Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week
9:30 - 3:30 Year 6 Girls Cricket
- 11 Year 4 Yellow Class Assembly
- 13 Class Photos
- 16 9:30 - 12:30pm Active Kids Festival Year 2 Lynnsport
- 18 World Music Day Celebrations
Year 3 Blue Class Assembly
6pm Music Concert
- 19 Year 5 and 1 Mass
- 23 9:30 - 12:30 Quaddkids Athletics Year 6
5pm New EYFS Parent Information Session
- 24 Sports Day
- 25 Year 3 Yellow Class Assembly
KLA Year 6 transition day
- 26 Year 4 and 2 Mass
KLA Transition Day
- 27 Reception Trip to Church Farm
KLA transition day
9:30 - 12:30 Year 6 Tennis
- 30 Tennis Qualifiers

July						
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- 1 Reserve Sports Day
- 2 Year 2 Yellow Class Assembly
Year 6 Trip to Pleasurewood Hills
3:45-4:30pm New EYFS children stay and play
- 3 Year 3 Mass
- 4 Trust Pilgrimage Mass - Theme of Hope
- 7 Springwood Music Week - dates tbc
Parent Information Meeting Week for next academic year - times tbc
4:30 - 6:30 KS2 Town Sports
- 8 SATS Results out
- 9 Year 2 Blue Class Assembly
11am Year 6 Leavers' Mass
3:45-4:30pm New EYFS children stay and play
- 10 Reception Class Assembly
St Martha's Got Talent
- 11 Reports out
InflataFun Day for all children
- 14 1 - 4:30pm MITI workshop at Springwood
- 15 1.45pm Year 6 Production
6pm Year 6 Productions
- 16 9:30 End of Term Mass
1:45pm Year 6 Production

6pm Year 6 Production

17 3:30 - 4:30pm Open Afternoon for parents

18 Year 6 Leavers' Presentation

End of Term finish 1:45pm



JUNIOR NETBALL

**TUESDAYS
5.45PM-6.45PM
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AGE: SCHOOL YEAR 5+

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St Martha's Catholic Primary 2024-25

Before School Club:
7.30am - 8.30am: £5.25

After School options
3.15pm - 5.45pm: £11.25
3.15pm - 4.30pm: £6
4.15pm - 5.45pm: £6

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