



Academy News

St Mary Queen of Martyrs VC Academy takes seriously its responsibility to safeguarding all children and adults and has a rigorous procedure in place to do so. The Academy does not tolerate bullying and deals with all forms very seriously

Note from our Head of School

Easter performance Congratulations to the children and staff in Phase 2 for putting on an amazing performance of "Lifted". It was a modern re-telling of the events of Holy Week and was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The hard work certainly paid off. Well done!

Easter Bonnet and Decorated Eggs Creativity was evident on Wednesday as the children proudly wore or presented their bonnets and eggs. Thank you for your contributions: it was lovely to see so many parents in school.

Bags to School Please have a sort out over the holidays and bring any unwanted clothes to school on Wednesday 11th April for collection. The money raised helps to subsidise school trips.

Maternity Cover Mrs Hewitt will be going on maternity leave after the Easter holidays and we wish her well as she awaits the birth of her first baby. Miss Lucas will be starting work at our school on 9th April and will cover Mrs Hewitt's class during the Summer term. We hope to have a smooth transition after Easter.

First Holy Communion Group Please remember the children in your prayers. This weekend they will be making their First Confession as they prepare to make their First Holy Communion in June.

Holidays Have a wonderful Easter break. We return to school on Monday 9th April.



Easter services

Easter is the most important time in the Church's year. It would be lovely to see our children at some of the services. This year the services for the Triduum are being held at St Francis Church. The times are as follows: Maundy Thursday (29th March) Mass at 7pm; Good Friday (30th March) 3pm and 7pm; Easter Vigil (31st March) 8pm



Attendance

This week: 95.4%

Miss Read, Mr Evans & Miss Allen's classes achieved the attendance reward, hope you enjoyed your donuts!

Please contact the school office before 9 am if your child is too ill to attend that day. Thank you.

Home Reading

SB/CR	57%	ME	58%
KA	31%	LA	89%
KM	100%	NA	80%
SR	84%	JH	85%
JF	69%	JC	95%
HH	72%		

Date	Event
9 Apr	Monday Pupils Return to School
11th	Bags to School
12th	Y4 Swimming assessment day
16th	Mrs Clark's Class visit to the Library
20th	2.30pm Mrs Merckel's class sharing assembly
23rd	Mrs Hewitt's Class visit to the Library



Foundation

We cannot believe we have come to the end of another term in Foundation. This week has been so busy. We have been making our Easter cards and Easter nests to take home. We enjoyed our Easter bonnet parade this week and we would like to say well done to everyone as you all looked amazing.

We have been taking part in Mass and Palm Sunday Liturgies and finishing the week with our Good Friday Liturgy. When we come back after the holidays our new topic will be Minibeasts. We would like to take this opportunity to wish everybody a safe and Happy Easter and thank you for your continued support.





Phase 1

What a lovely last week of the Spring Term we have had! We really enjoyed watching the Phase 2 Easter production. The acting and singing was fantastic and it helped us understand the importance of the Lent and Easter Liturgical season. We also participated in Holy Week celebrations such as Palm Sunday, Maundy

Thursday and Good Friday. After Easter we will be learning about the importance of forgiveness and saying sorry. In Science your child helped to make a 'bug hotel' using wood, bricks, tiles, straw and stones. They really enjoyed working as a team. We look forward to seeing you after Easter for the beginning of the Summer Term. We have lots more exciting activities planned for your child. Don't forget your child's PE kit (indoor and outdoor) and sandshoes on the first day back. Thank you as always for your support.



Phase 2 This has been an incredible week. The culmination of all of the pupils' hard work over the last few weeks was an absolutely superb (if we do say so ourselves) three performances of 'Lifted'. The acting, singing and stage setting were brilliant across all 3 performances. The pupils impressed the whole school on Tuesday morning before amazing the Year 3 parents in the afternoon. They then performed the finale to the Year 4 parents on Wednesday afternoon. It was a brilliant experience for all involved and the whole staff team are extremely

proud of the full phase. They have all more than deserved their upcoming Easter break. Having said that, I'm sure many of our performers will be on the hunt for more performing opportunities over the break and we encourage all parents to help them find these chances to shine!



Phase 3 We've been extremely busy in Phase 3 this week! Firstly we would like to congratulate Phase 2 on their marvellous performance of 'Lifted'. It was a joy to watch and it was obvious that a lot of hard work, energy and thought had gone into the production. Throughout the week we have been celebrating Holy Week focusing on the events of Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. In class this week our pupils have thoroughly enjoyed producing clay memorials linked to our World War topic. The memorials included beautifully crafted poppies and look absolutely fantastic! We have been busy planning lots of exciting events for the Summer Term including visits, Bikeability for Y6 and performances and look forward to returning after a well-deserved Easter break. We'd like to remind our Y6 children to dedicate some time to undertake some revision over the next two weeks to ensure that they are well prepared for SATs in May. All children have been provided with revision guides and we have posted useful web links on the school website. He hope that you all have an enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you in two weeks time when hopefully, the weather will be more seasonal!

