



St Eugene de Mazenod Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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Go shine in the world and live as Jesus lived!



Dear Parents and Carers,

We were all saddened by the news of the death of Pope Francis. We have spoken to the children about him in assembly, his inspiration and his life of service. The children have been praying for Pope Francis this week. It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school for the beginning of a busy and productive summer term. As I walk around the school, visiting classes, I am seeing lots of high quality learning and children focussed and working hard. It is a very positive start to the final term of this academic year.

We have planned our usual programme of lovely summer events, including Presentations to Parents, Y6 Production, Sports Day and the PTFA Family BBQ. Do keep an eye on the calendar overleaf where you will find these dates for your diary. You will find a leaflet outlining your child's learning for this term in their bookbag today and on our school website. Please speak to the teacher if you have any queries, we hope it is useful.

With best wishes,

Mrs Smith (Head of School) and Ms Richardson (Executive Headteacher)

Do you read to your child every day?

Does your child read to you?

At St Eugene's, reading is at the heart of everything that we do. We aim to foster a love of reading with story time and a rich selection of well chosen books from Reception class to Year 6 every day. Our class libraries are well stocked, well used and well loved :) We teach children from their very first days in Reception the key skills in phonics, the letter sounds, that they need to enable them to become fluent readers themselves. Higher up the school, we continue to actively teach reading strategies in our daily reading practice lessons. We want our children to be not just competent readers, but hope that they will become avid readers, so that the wonderful world of books is open to them and they can enjoy reading for pleasure for the rest of their school and adult life.



Reading is a necessity for learning and a lifelong skill. We know that children who struggle to learn to read have a much harder, steeper path in all other areas of learning. It affects their social skills, well-being, attainment and progress. This in turn means that a child who does not succeed with reading has a poorer life chance and fewer opportunities as an adult.

As a parent, you are of course, your child's first teacher. The single most valuable thing that you can do to help your child's attainment and progress is to read to them and with them every single day. Children enjoy being read to, even when they can read for themselves. Listening to your child read and sharing a book daily is so important. That precious 20 minutes every day is time very well spent. **Children at the early stages of reading** bring home 2 phonic based reading scheme books (at an appropriate level) each week. Every week, children also take home a new book from the class library to share with you (sharing book). This book may be one that is too difficult for your child to read alone. This book is for you to read to your child and enjoy and discuss. **Fluent readers** bring home a number of reading scheme books at their level every week. Once the children complete the reading scheme and are confident readers, they move on to choosing a novel from a selection of books in their class library which is appropriate to their reading level. They also take home an additional book to share with you (sharing book). This might be a non-fiction or poetry book. These books are changed when your child finishes their book and this is monitored by the class teacher. Thank-you for signing the home school reading record every week to note that you have read with your child :)

Please follow this link to a list of high quality books that you might find helpful:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/100-best-books/>

Remember that borrowing books from Kilburn or West Hampstead library is free and a trip to the library is always fun! Always pop in and make an appointment to meet your child's teacher if you would like to discuss their reading.



I have received and read the St. Eugene's Catholic Primary School newsletter of 25.04.2025

Name of child _____ Class _____

please return this slip to school office and your child might win a prize:)

Wednesday 23rd April was the feast of St George, England's patron saint. Happy St George's Day!

Did you know that St George is also the patron saint of Portugal, Georgia and Ethiopia?



Rest in Peace Pope Francis.

Lord God,
We pray for Pope Francis.
We thank-you Lord for his life;
a life of service to you and to
the Church.



Eternal rest grant unto him
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon him.

May his soul rest in peace.

At last, all-powerful Master, you give leave to your
servant to go in peace according to your promise.
Amen

Pope Francis said that children are: "...the joy and hope of the Church and the world."

To honour him, we will try our best to follow in his footsteps as he followed in Jesus' footsteps.

Important dates for your diary...



Week beginning 28th April: After School Enrichment Clubs begin
Monday 28th April daily swimming lessons for Y3 begin (2 week intensive course)
Friday 2nd May Non-Uniform Day
Thursday 8th May : VE Day 80th Anniversary
Monday 12th May Y6 SAT week
Monday 19th May: 9.30 Y5 Presentation to Parents
Friday 23rd May Non Uniform Day
Half Term Break Monday 26th May to 30th May
Week beginning 2nd June: Looking After Our World Ecological Studies
Wednesday 4th June 9.30 Y4 Presentation to Parents
Thursday 5th June 9.30 Y1 Presentation to Parents
Monday 9th June 9.30 Y3 Presentation to Parents
Thursday 12th June 9.30 YR Presentation to Parents
Tuesday 17th June 3.45—4.15 Secondary Transfer Meeting for Y5 parents
Thursday 19th June 9.30 Y2 Presentation to Parents
Wednesday 25th June: Sports Day at Grange Park
Thursday 26th June New Reception September 2025 Parent Visit Day
Friday 27th June Non-Uniform Day
Friday 4th July 6-8pm PTFA Family BBQ

Father in Heaven
Thank you for the love he has given us
Thank you for Pope Francis and the time he has spent to work the church
Engold him in the arm of your Mercy in the blessed rest of everlasting peace and in the glorious company of the Saints in light.



Amen



Clemmie Y6

Work of the week...

Every week a fantastic piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office). Do come and take a look:)



Reva (Y2) has done some brilliant maths work this week.

She is learning to tell the time on an analogue clock. Reva can read a clock to the hour, quarter to and quarter past and half past the hour too. This is a great life skill to be practising.

Well done Reva, super maths!



Person of the Week!

Well done to these children for showing how we live our school values!



Reception: Achim
Year 1: Nicholas
Year 2: Markan
Year 3: Kaylan
Year 4: Dylan
Year 5: Johnny
Year 6: Ali

IMPORTANT DATES THIS TERM

The month of May is dedicated to Our Lady

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

(18 May)

After his Resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples over a period of forty days. Ascension Day is when we celebrate Jesus' return to his Father in Heaven.

FEAST OF ST EUGENE (our patron saint)

(21st May)

PENTECOST SUNDAY

(28 May)

This is the day we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

(4 June)

Today we celebrate our belief in the Trinity, the three persons of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD

(11 June)

On this feast we give thanks to God for the gift of Jesus in the form of bread and wine.

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

(16 June)

On this day we remember how much Jesus loves us all.

SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

(29 June)

We celebrate the lives of these important saints who helped establish

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SUMMER TERM 2025 ST EUGENE DE MAZENOD

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we return to school after Easter the Church is still celebrating this great event. The focus of this term's work in Religious Education is the role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. We will be studying the three themes of Pentecost (Serving), Reconciliation (Inter-relating) and Universal Church (World).

PENTECOST—SERVING *(21st April to 16th May)*

Early Years	GOOD NEWS - Passing on the Good News of Jesus
Year 1	HOLIDAYS AND HOLYDAYS - Pentecost: feast of the Holy Spirit
Year 2	SPREAD THE WORD - Pentecost: a time to spread the Good News
Year 3	ENERGY - Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Year 4	NEW LIFE - To hear and live the Easter message
Year 5	TRANSFORMATION - Celebration of the Spirit's transforming power
Year 6	WITNESSES - The Holy Spirit enables people to become witnesses

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk about good news in your family and how you shared it.
Ask your child to tell you the story of Pentecost and the work of the Holy Spirit.

RECONCILIATION—INTER-RELATING *(19th May to 20th June)*

Early Years	FRIENDS - Friends of Jesus
Year 1	BEING SORRY - God helps us choose well
Year 2	RULES - Reasons for rules in the Christian family
Year 3	CHOICES - Importance of examination of conscience
Year 4	BUILDING BRIDGES - Admitting wrong, being reconciled with God and each other
Year 5	FREEDOM & RESPONSIBILITY - Commandments enable Christians to be free & responsible
Year 6	HEALING - Sacrament of the Sick

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Talk together about times when you have forgiven and been forgiven.
Discuss the importance of saying sorry. Look for opportunities for forgiveness and reconciliation in the day to day life of the family.

UNIVERSAL CHURCH—WORLD *(23rd June to 22nd July)*

Early Years	OUR WORLD - God's wonderful world
Year 1	NEIGHBOURS - Neighbours share God's world
Year 2	TREASURES - God's treasure; the world
Year 3	SPECIAL PLACES - Holy places for Jesus and the Christian community
Year 4	GOD'S PEOPLE - Different saints show people what God is like
Year 5	STEWARDSHIP - The Church is called to the stewardship of Creation
Year 6	COMMON GOOD - Work of the worldwide Christian family

SUGGESTIONS FOR HOME ACTIVITIES

Together, look through a family scrapbook or photograph album of a visit to a place that is special for your family.
Look at a globe or an atlas. Find a special place and pray for the people of that country.
Discuss how we can look after our world and support our neighbours, near and far.