



# 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,

Every school in Britain must close for 5 days a year for staff training purposes. At St Eugene's we set aside three of these days for teachers to meet with parents and pupils to discuss progress. This means that teachers have more time to meet with parents and pupils than would usually be the case. We call those days, Academic Review Days. We are looking forward to meeting you tomorrow and sharing your child's mid-year report with you on Academic Review Day. Please come up to the hall where your child's teacher will meet you.

We will have a small book fair with books for £1, £2 and £3 on sale. We will also have pre-loved uniform. Do have a look and feel free to take any pieces of uniform you'd like. A £1 donation for the PTFA is welcome per item, if you are able to donate. We are happy to be re-using some lovely, clean uniform with lots of wear left in it and hope you find this helpful.

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

### Government White Paper

You may have seen in the news that the government has brought out a new White Paper this week called Every Child Achieving and Thriving. This outlines some proposals the Government has for the future. We want to reassure parents that we will continue to teach every child at St Eugene's and support every child to do their very best including, most importantly, those with SEND. As we learn more about what the new paper entails we will continue to communicate with you about your child's support, attainment and progress in the usual way. If your child has SEND they have an SEND support plan which is written and shared with you every term. Many of you are meeting our SENDCO Ms Mahon tomorrow on ARD who will share this information with you.

### Matilda Theatre Trip

Year 6 went on a trip to see Matilda at the Cambridge Theatre this week. The children really enjoyed the performance and were beautifully behaved.

Thank-you very much to our wonderful PTFA who funded this lovely treat for the children:)



### We love poetry...

In the week before half term we held our termly poetry assembly. The children in every class performed a poem they had learnt by heart to the school. When we learn poetry by heart, it stays with us. Perhaps you can remember a line from a poem you learnt as a child? The children performed a wide range of poetry brilliantly :)



I have received and read the St. Eugene's Catholic Primary School newsletter of 26.02.2026

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Important dates for your diary...

Friday 27th February: Academic Review Day

Tuesday 3rd March 2.45-3.15

Celebration of the Word with Y6 parents in the hall  
Wednesday 4th March 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with Y5 parents in the hall

Thursday 5th March: Word Aware Day

Friday 6th March 9.05-9.35 PTFA meeting, all welcome. Getting ready for the Spring Disco

Monday 9th March 2.45-3.15 Parent information session on Healthy Eating and Fussy Eaters

Tuesday 10th March 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with Y3 parents in the hall and PTFA Spring Disco tickets on sale

Thursday 12th March 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with Y4 parents in the hall

Friday 13th March 2.00 Spring Music Concert

Tuesday 17th March 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with Y2 parents in the hall

Thursday 19th March 2.45-3.15 Celebration of the Word prayer session with Y1 parents in the hall

Friday 20th March PTFA Spring Disco 6-8pm

Friday 27th March Non Uniform Day

Friday 27th March last day of Spring Term



## Our Prayer

22nd February was the first Sunday of Lent and we listened to the Gospel of Matthew



Lord,  
there will be times during Lent when we might find it difficult to keep our Lenten promises.  
Holy Spirit give us your strength to persevere.  
Amen

### Pope Leo's Lenten message:

*"I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbour."*

**Let us all try to do as Pope Leo asks. Let us use kind words. Help us not to use words that hurt others.**



## Word Aware Day

On **Thursday 5th March**, the children and staff at St Eugene's will be taking part in 'Word Aware Day'.

The purpose of this day will be to celebrate and promote the learning of new vocabulary. To help the children feel excited about words and learn many words in a day, we are asking them to come to school dressed up as a word. Dressing up and seeing their friends and teachers dressed as a word for the day will help the children to remember the meaning of the words, widen their vocabulary and enable them to use these words with confidence. You have received a letter explaining the day and your child's word.



## 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.

Chizitalu (Y6) has written a lovely narrative recount based on *Goodnight Mister Tom* by Michelle Magorian.

She has used dialogue brilliantly to bring the characters to life. Chizitalu's careful choice of vocabulary helps the reader imagine the scene very clearly. This is a thoughtful and engaging piece of writing that shows great understanding of the story.

**Well done Chizitalu!**



## Good attendance is very important for your child's attainment and progress.

Each week the class with the very best attendance are celebrated in our assembly. This week our attendance champions were: **Year 3** with 97%.

**Well done Year 3!**



## Person of the Week!

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



Reception: Pablo  
Year 1: Thatcher  
Year 2: Richard  
Year 3: Ellta  
Year 4: Sui  
Year 5: Kamara  
Year 6: Aoibhe