

St Eugene de Mazenod Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 20th March 2026

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Go shine in the world and live as Jesus lived!



Dear Parents and Carers,

We look forward to seeing you at our PTFA Spring disco this evening, if you have a ticket. Thank-you very much to the PTFA members who have worked so tirelessly behind the scenes to make this very popular event happen. Thank-you to the parents, friends and staff who have given up their time to run the disco. Thank-you if you have donated a raffle prize. Good luck with the raffle:)

Thank-you parents for filling in a parent questionnaire at our recent Academic Review Day. Your comments were helpful and constructive. Please see the questionnaire outcomes attached to today's newsletter.

Best wishes,

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

New Life at St Eugene's

Year 2 are looking after some ducklings this week and next. The children watched the eggs hatch in the incubator. This is part of their science curriculum; learning about life cycles. We will put the ducklings into indoor club every afternoon. Do pop in and see them if you'd like to. Springtime and this lovely new life is a reminder of how wonderful God's world is.



The eggs are hatching!



The ducklings are soft, fluffy and cute. I like stroking them.



We made some beautiful natural art with things we have found :)

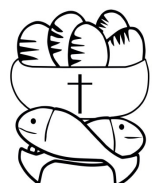
Hampstead Heath Science Trip Year 1

The Y1 children were plant detectives on Monday! They discovered lots of common British plants with a hands-on scavenger hunt. They also learnt about the different parts of a plant. Thank-you very much to the parents who supported on this trip :)



Do you have any questions about school life?

We are always really happy to answer any questions about school, no matter how small :) Do pop in to the school office to ask questions or ask your child's class teacher. If you are worried about something, see us straight away. Don't let a little worry turn in to a big one.



I have received and read the St. Eugene's Catholic Primary School newsletter of 20.03.2026

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Important dates for your diary...

Friday 20th March PTFA Spring Disco 6-8pm

Friday 27th March Non-Uniform Day

Friday 27th March last day of Spring Term

Easter Break 30th March to 10th April

Monday 13th April children back to school for the Summer Term

WB 20th April first week of after school enrichment clubs

Friday 1st May Non-Uniform Day

Friday 1st May 9.05-9.35 PTFA meeting

Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday: school not open

Friday 8th May 3.00 PTFA Cake Sale in hall

WB 11th May: Y6 SATs (Standard Assessment Tests)

WB 11th May: Y3 daily intensive swimming course begins (2 weeks)

Thursday 21st May Feast of St Eugene:

Mass in church

Friday 22nd May Non Uniform Day

Monday 25th May to 29th May half term



Work of the week...

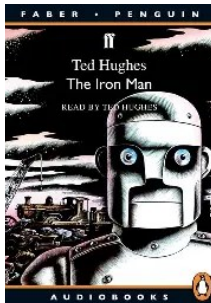
Every week a fantastic piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office). Do come and take a look.



Eva (Year 4) has written a brilliant story this week, inspired by The Iron Man. Year 4 have been reading The Iron Man, by poet laureate Ted Hughes, in class. Eva has used a range of interesting and powerful descriptive language to describe the Iron Man and his surroundings. You can picture the Iron Man tumbling down the cliff and breaking apart, as you read. She has written in role, as a seagull, watching the action. Eva's writing is clearly sequenced and her handwriting is beautifully formed.

Well done Eva.

Thank- you for sharing your wonderful writing with us!



Our Prayer

Tuesday was the feast of St Patrick and Thursday the feast of St Joseph.

We celebrate St Patrick who told the people of Ireland about the Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He shared his faith with others, so that they would know God. We celebrate St Joseph, patron saint of workers. St Joseph cared for Jesus as a baby and young child. He loved Mary and worked hard for his family.



Lord God, Help us to be like Saint Patrick and share the good news of Jesus Christ with others in the world.



Help us to be like Saint Joseph, hard working, caring and protective of others. Amen.



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 6** with 99%.

Well done Year 6!



Person of the Week!

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



Reception: Amen
Year 1: Eliza
Year 2: Isaiah
Year 3: Sophia
Year 4: Penelope
Year 5: Keyarn
Year 6: Harper-Rose

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Parent Questionnaire February 2026

71 responses representing 153 families.

Thank you very much for all of your constructive and helpful comments from our recent questionnaire. School leaders and Governors do take them into account when we are planning for the future of our school. We were very pleased once again by the huge number of positive comments about St Eugene's. Positive comments really help staff to keep motivated and doing their best for your children.

Parents overwhelmingly commented that they feel our school is supportive and nurturing for their child. Parents stated that they feel St Eugene's is a warm and friendly school. There were also many comments about the high expectations that the staff have of the children and how children are helped to live up to those high expectations both in terms of behaviour, good manners, and kindness as well as academic achievements. Parents said that they are pleased that St Eugene's teaches "respect, values and strong beliefs". Parents said that they support this and are pleased that Christian values are part of what we teach here.

Many said that their children particularly enjoyed special events at our school and mentioned: trips, visitors, non-uniform days, Movie Night, discos, Healthy Heart Day, Food Tech days as being particularly fun. Other parents welcomed the wider education offer, saying that they valued the music lessons and concerts as being examples of how the school supports every child to do their very best.

Parents used words such as: "lovely, warm, safe, friendly, nurturing, organized, clean" to describe what they liked about the environment in our school and that they love that the adults in our school know every child by name.

Many parents mentioned the dedication, professionalism and kindness of the teachers. This is lovely to hear and keeps our teaching staff going with a smile. We are pleased to see that parents value the commitment to high standards in our curriculum and the enriching visits and visitors provided at St Eugene's. There were many comments that stated that parents felt their child was being offered an excellent education in our school and that they valued this high level of teaching and support for their child. We always strive to do our very best to ensure that every child achieves the very best that they can.

Parents valued the clear communication between home and school and vice versa. Parents mentioned welcoming the opportunities to discuss their child's learning or any questions they have face to face with teachers. There was also mention of the helpful, approachable nature of staff, including office staff. Parents commented that they feel valued as partners in their child's education. We value good communication and hope to continue this. Please remember that we are always happy to meet with parents.

In terms of what parents think that the school can do better, there were a range of helpful comments.

Six parents commented on wanting more sporting activities for after school clubs or wanting more after school clubs and/or wanted them to go on longer e.g. to 6pm. We already have four sports related after school enrichment clubs this term, including martial arts, boys football, girls football and PE skills. There is never enough time or staffing for all of the clubs we might run after school, but we will rotate the sporting offer for clubs each term in order to give as wide a sporting range as we can. We usually ask the children for their suggestions and our school council help us to do this too. Our after-school enrichment clubs are usually oversubscribed and we do our very best to be fair and offer every child at least one enrichment club per term. If you need after school childcare, we will direct you to play scheme providers. You can find details of this from the office. One of the ways we are able to keep our wonderful teachers is by not adding unnecessarily to their workload with things that do not directly impact on teaching and learning. The teachers come in early and work until well after 3.30pm often, but we want that work to be focused on planning and marking for your children, so that our teaching remains such high quality. This is why we don't direct our teachers to run after school enrichment clubs. Our support staff all run at least one club a week. Other clubs such as sports clubs are run by professional sports coaches.

Two parents mentioned providing more play equipment in the playground. We welcome suggestions for this. Every term the school council give us suggestions for more play equipment they might like and we try to rotate what is on offer. This term we have bought new balls, skipping ropes, hopping toys and playground chalks. The children enjoy playing "Champ" and a competitive game as well as the other activities e.g. shooting hoops.

Many of you commented that you couldn't think of anything that might improve the school! That is great to hear, but we don't pretend to be perfect so if there are things that you think we could do to improve, do pop in to meet us and let us know.

We try our hardest to be a really good school :)

1. My child enjoys coming to school
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
62% 34% 3% 0 1%
(96% positive)

2. My child feels safe at school
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
67% 32% 0 0 1%
(99% positive)

3. My child is making good progress
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
72% 27% 0 0 1%
(99% positive)

4. St Eugene's enables my child to behave respectfully or well
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
68% 29% 0 3% 0
(97% positive)

5. I am kept informed about how my child is getting on
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
52% 45% 3% 0 0
(97% positive)

6. I feel comfortable about approaching the school with a question or a problem
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
54% 45% 0 0 1%
(99% positive)

7. Staff expect my child to work hard and do his/her best
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
76% 24% 0 0 0
(100% positive)

8. Staff treat my child fairly
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
50% 45% 1% 0 4%
(95% positive)

9. The school is led and managed well
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
70% 29% 3% 0 1%
(99% positive)

10. The school provides appropriate homework
Strongly agree agree disagree strongly disagree don't know
24% 76% 0 0 0
(100% positive)

Religious Education

1. The school keeps me informed of what is taught in religious education lessons (in curriculum overviews sent home termly)

Strongly agree	<u>agree</u>	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
70%	29%	0	0	1%
(99% positive)				

2. I know how well my child is doing in religious education (in reports sent home and meetings with teachers on Academic Review Day)

Strongly agree	<u>agree</u>	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
45%	53%	1%	0	1%
(98% positive)				

The Catholic life of the school

3. I understand the school's Catholic Mission and I am supportive of it

Strongly agree	<u>agree</u>	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
56%	41%	0	0	3%
(97% positive)				

4. The school provides clear moral teaching (values)

Strongly agree	<u>agree</u>	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
70%	30%	0	0	0
(100% positive)				

5. The school provides opportunities for spiritual growth and development (for example through daily prayer or Christian Meditation)

Strongly agree	<u>agree</u>	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
70%	29%	0	0	1%
(99% positive)				

6. The school ensures that there are opportunities for daily prayer in class

Strongly agree	<u>agree</u>	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
56%	40%	0	0	4%
(96% positive)				

7. There are opportunities for my child to serve others and support those in need (for example by praying for those in need, bringing £1 donation for non-uniform day, half termly donation for the foodbank)

Strongly agree	<u>agree</u>	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
50%	50%	0	0	0
(100% positive)				

8. The school actively promotes strong partnership with parents

Strongly agree	<u>agree</u>	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
56%	41%	0	0	3%
(97% positive)				

9. There are strong links between the school and our local parish (for example visits to The Sacred Heart Church)

Strongly agree	<u>agree</u>	disagree	strongly disagree	don't know
45%	54%	0	0	1%
(99% positive)				