

Weekly Newsletter

Good afternoon everyone,

This week we have witnessed the Bible literally come to life. Through our class prayer services each day the children have gained a real insight into the events of Holy Week and have walked with Jesus through the events that led to His death on Good Friday in preparation for his resurrection on Easter Sunday. Each day the whole school has seen a chapter brought to life in front of them as the Key stage 2 classes have taken it in turn to dramatise the key events of the week.

Monday saw Year 3 re-enact Palm Sunday. It was a joyous occasion with a rousing song, eager palm waving, complete with donkey. The Year 3's certainly captured the enthusiasm and celebration of the occasion.

On Tuesday Year 5 took us to the Last Supper. In a dignified and respectful manner they portrayed the washing of the disciples feet and the last meal that Jesus shared with them. The rest of the school were mesmerised, particularly by the moving solo from Sebin.

The mood remained sober as Year 4 took us to the Garden of Gethsemane on Wednesday. There was hardly a dry eye in the house as the children sang a haunting melody whilst Jesus prayed, before being led away to be put on trial. This was the second performance by Year 4 in a week and they are certainly proving to be budding actors as once again the rest of the school sat transfixed by the events unfolding before them. Just as when a book is closed mid story, the children didn't want the prayer service to end and were looking forward to the next day's installment with eager anticipation.

Year 6 completed the week by presenting the Stations of the Cross. Through emotive freeze frames they brought Jesus' passion to life for the younger children and completed the story in a moving and memorable way.

The events of Holy Week I am sure will live long in the memories of all the children and perhaps make Easter even more meaningful this year. A huge thank you to all the staff for preparing the children so well, to the children for their devout participation and to all the parents who joined us each day to watch the story unfold.

Look out as our new prayer garden in the courtyard develops next term. Thank you to Mr Maffei for putting up the stations of the cross and crucifix already. After Easter I will be looking for gardening enthusiasts among the children to plant flowers etc.

This week saw our Chair of the Academy Committee, Chris Harvey step down from his duties and from the Academy Committee after 14 years service. Chris has worked tirelessly over the years on behalf of the school and was instrumental in the early days of the formation of the MAC. He has always been a great support and we will miss his knowledge and experience. On behalf of everyone in school I would like to take this opportunity to thank Chris for his hard work and dedication and we all wish him every happiness.

I would like to welcome Peter Parry as the new Chair of the academy committee.

I wish you all a happy, safe and Holy Easter.

Best wishes,

Mrs Stewart

Attendance: Target = 96%.



	LAST WEEK	THIS TERM	THIS YEAR
YR	93.7%	95.1%	94.8%
Y1	94.8%	96.3%	96.0%
Y2	97.0%	96.5%	96.5%
Y3	96.3%	96.3%	96.1%
Y4	96.3%	96.1%	97.0%
Y5	99.0%	95.7%	96.1%
Y6	98.2%	96.0%	96.0%

Mass Times

St Ambrose's
Sunday 11am & 6pm.

Confession Times

St Ambrose's
Saturday 11.45am—12.45pm,
and by request.

After-school Clubs

Choir will be recommencing in the Summer Term. If your child is interested letters will be available from the school office when we return after Easter.

We will notify you of sports after school clubs in the new term.



MESSAGES

NEW WEBSITE— Our new website is live for you to look at. Please go to st-ambrose.sch.life. We still do not have sufficient forms sent back in order for us to create usernames and passwords for you to fully utilise the website. Please send in your returned forms asap.

EASTER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL— Kidderminster Harriers are holding football courses in the Easter Holidays. Please see the flyers that have been handed out.

PIONEER PAYMENT— The final balance for the Pioneer needs to be made no later than Friday 28th April.

UNIFORM— Can we please remind you that your child should not have extreme hair styles or large hair accessories in order to keep up the high standards of the school.

Children can return to school wearing the summer uniform. Yellow gingham dresses and white socks for girls and grey knee length shorts and grey socks for boys.

CHARITY BRACELETS— Kemp bracelets will be on sale when we return after Easter. Please help us to support this worthy charity. You can purchase the bracelets from the school office at a cost of £1. However, they are not to be worn at school.

PAYMENTS— If you are making payment to school by cheque please can we ask that they are made payable to 'SNOMAC'.

VIOLINIST CONCERT— We would like to say a big well done to all the children who took part in the 'Travel & Space' themed violin concert at Kidderminster Town Hall on Tuesday evening. The concert was a huge success and highlighted our children's talents.

Diary Dates

APRIL

Monday 24th — Pupils return to school.

Wednesday 26th — FHC meeting 6.30pm.

Friday 28th — Y5 SNOMAC basketball.

MAY

Wednesday 10th — Y3 & Y4 SNOMAC rounders.

Monday 15th—17th — Y6 Residential trip.

Friday 19th — Y5 Basketball.

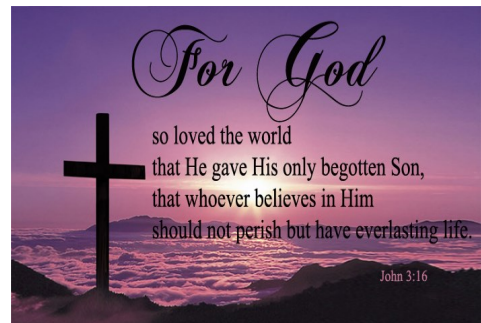
Friday 26th — School breaks up for half term.

JUNE

Tuesday 6th — Pupils return to school.

Saturday 17th — First Holy Communion.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



HAPPY EASTER

Year 3 Palm Sunday



Year 5: The Last Supper



Year 4: Garden of Gethsemane



Year 6: The Stations of the Cross

