



# L A L E H A M L E A

A Catholic Independent Primary School for boys and girls aged 3 to 11

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## Laleham Lea School Students Create Beautiful Easter Garden

Students from Laleham Lea School in Purley have created a stunning Easter Garden of new life and hope as they return to school after lockdown.

Every child has planted their own bulbs and seeds, along with colourful windmills, bunting and other decorations to create an eye-catching display.

The garden also includes a bench dedicated to former school Governor and local Parish Priest Canon Frank O'Sullivan who sadly passed away at Christmas at the age of 99-years-old.

IKEA Croydon kindly donated 120 plant pots and Dobbies Woodcote Green Garden Centre contributed almost 150 pots of miniature daffodils to line the driveway.

Laleham Lea Head teacher Ms Barry said: "We wanted to create a colourful spectacle of new life to welcome everyone back to school after lockdown."

"Every student has been involved in planting and creating this beautiful welcome to our school. Thank you to our Staff, Parents and students as well as IKEA Croydon and Dobbies for their very generous donations which have helped to build this beautiful space which students can enjoy on their way in to school each day."

One Year 5 Student said: "I love the beautiful Easter Garden; it makes me happy and smile every day on my way into school."

Gary Pearce, Store Manager at IKEA Croydon said: "Being a good neighbour and supporting those in our local community is at the heart of what we do, which is why we're so proud to have been able to contribute to the lovely Easter Garden created by the students at Laleham Lea School. The past year has seen many ups and downs, so their work creating such a beautiful and colourful space for students to enjoy each day is something we're only too happy to have supported."

Jon Hoare, General Manager at Dobbies Woodcote Green, said: "Thank you to the team at Laleham Lea School for reaching out and giving us the opportunity to support their project. We are proud to have contributed to their Easter garden."

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**About Laleham Lea School**

Laleham Lea is a Catholic Independent Primary School situated in Purley, Surrey providing education for boys and girls aged 3 to 11 years. The school aims to provide a broad, balanced and challenging curriculum within a happy learning environment. The majority of pupils are Catholic, but we warmly welcome children of all faiths who are sympathetic to our ethos. For admissions enquiries, please contact: 0208 660 3351.

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