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Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents

We started our first week of Jubilee celebrations with assembly on Monday exploring how we can all be Pilgrims of Hope in the coming year. Classes have worked on a variety of projects for the launch week, including making our own Jubilee pledges and other work which will contribute to our upcoming Long Room display.

Thank you to Father John at John the Baptist for a wonderful church tour on Tuesday when Year 3 visited for Mass. They really enjoyed learning all about the different parts of the church. Year 4 will attend Mass next Tuesday.

Our footballers battled hard but were sadly defeated by a strong St Aidan's side by 1 goal to nil last Friday. They take on Greenvale in the other Croydon School's Cup away this afternoon—we wish them the best of luck!

Year 4 students welcomed their parents and families for their fabulous Class Assembly this morning. We were treated to an amazing Aztec Adventure including drama, song and chocolate! Well done Year 4 and Mrs Khan.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Reece

Acting Headteacher

House Points Scores

<p>Wulstan</p> <p>This week: 110</p> <p>Total—1654</p>	<p>Mayne</p> <p>This week: 91</p> <p>Total—1246</p>	<p>Alban</p> <p>This week: 104</p> <p>Total—1388</p>	<p>Edmund</p> <p>This week: 73</p> <p>Total—1218</p>
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THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



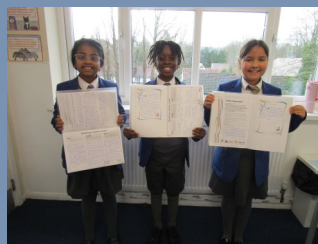
Our Celebration of the Word assembly on Monday focused on the launch of the Jubilee Year: Pilgrims of Hope. Pope Francis wants each one of us to celebrate this year by trusting in God, looking forward with hope, and showing love to others through kind and caring actions.

“Hope does not disappoint, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us” (Rom 5:1-2.5)

Jubilee Pledge 2025

We are pilgrims of hope, We walk together with our sisters and brothers worldwide,
We promise to be kind and to work together for justice, love and peace,
We want to build a fairer world, where every person, and the earth, can flourish.

This week classes have made their own pledges, written prayers and made posters for our Jubilee celebrations.



Mass at John The Baptist—It was Year 3's turn to celebrate Mass with parishioners at John The Baptist on Tuesday. They enjoyed an extra special visit this week with tour of the church with Father John after Mass. Father John was especially happy to meet the class as he is a former Laleham Lea pupil and currently a visiting priest at John The Baptist.



Nursery

This week Nursery have been learning all about Jesus' love and how he loves us all. The class enjoyed a slideshow all about Jesus then said a prayer and completed a variety of activities including using different materials to create a poster, writing, colouring and joining in the actions to the song 'Jesus loves me'.

Nursery have also been celebrating Chinese New Year, using role-play to re-enact their own experiences in our Chinese restaurant including serving 'noodles' to our special visitor Mrs Reece and using different coloured sequins to make a colourful Chinese lantern.



Reception

This week in Reception, we have had another happy and busy time filled with learning and creativity. In Literacy, we enjoyed the story of *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister and explored its meaningful message about the joy of sharing and kindness. After reflecting on this important theme, the children wrote about their thoughts, which are now proudly displayed as part of our beautiful, shimmering Rainbow Fish display in the classroom. This special area will continue to be a space where we share our reflections on living out the Gospel Values in our daily lives, celebrating the peace, love, and kindness that lie at the heart of our Catholic Social Teaching.

In Maths, we have been developing our understanding of prepositional language through fun, hands-on activities. We have also enjoyed joining in with Chinese New Year celebrations and look forward to sharing more about the wonderful activities we have been doing in next week's newsletter.



Year 1

Year 1 have been exploring Victorian toys and enjoyed playing with Jacks, a ball and cup, the slide whistle, skittles, yo-yo's and Jacob's ladder on Tuesday. Children completed the session by comparing these toys to modern toys they have at home.



Year 2

Continuing with their amazing work on Kenya, Year 2 have written fact files about all the animals that live in Kenya for their classroom display.



Year 3

Year 3 have enjoyed making some Roman shields and helmets in Art as this week as part of their History topic. They will be using them as props for their upcoming 'Roman Day' which everyone is very excited about. They are ready for battle with their 'tortoise formation'.



Year 4

What an amazing assembly by our Year 4 students this morning! We travelled to Aztec times and enjoyed song, drama and chocolate as well as a fabulous showcase of all their work this term so far.



Year 5

Year 5 are really enjoying their class book 'The Chronicles of Narnia' and have made some amazing 'Wanted' posters, written creative stories and invented their own weird and wonderful mythical creatures inspired by the book.



Year 6



Year 6 having been investigating the different climate zones in North America, from the frozen tundra of Canada to the tropical paradise of the Caribbean. They have used temperature, precipitation and sunshine graphs to match with locations such as Bridgetown, Barbados, Chicago, Winnipeg and San Jose.

Ballet Star

Well done to our Year 1 Ballet superstar who passed her recent exam with Distinction!



Language Nut Campeones!

Well done to our recent Language Nut challenge winners who were presented with their prizes in assembly today!



Stars of the week

