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Dear Parents

What a lovely week of spring sunshine we have enjoyed. It has been nice to see so many of you when attending your Parent Consultation Meetings this week; I hope this provided valuable feedback on your child's progress and how to best support them for the remainder of this academic year and beyond.

We were delighted to welcome Father Peter to school for a special Ash Wednesday service this week where we received ashes as we start our Lenten journey. As well as supporting the Catholic Children's Society during this time, we will also be taking part in the Big Lent Walk to support CAFOD and you will have all received an email with further details of this today. Please do support us if you can in raising money for these two good causes.

Yesterday was World Book Day and it was lovely to see everyone in their costumes and enjoying our 'reading buddies' with children from other year groups. Thank you also for all of your 'Extreme Reading' photos, the winner will be announced next week from entries received so far, but please do keep your photos coming in for our display.

Next week is Open Week—please let your friends and family know to come and visit us if they may be interested in a place at Laleham Lea. Please also follow, like and share our social media posts to help spread the word!

Have a lovely, sunny weekend.

Mrs Reece

Acting Headteacher

House Points Scores

Wulstan

This week: 219

Total—2440

Alban

This week: 164

Total—1973

Mayne

This week: 187

Total—1853

Edmund

This week: 167

Total—1832

Dates for your diary

- Year 3 & 4 Swimming—March 13th & 27th
- March 10th—14th—Open Week
- March 11th—Year 5 Mass
- March 14th—Fire Brigade Visit to EYFS
- March 18th—Year 4 Mass
- March 24th—Easter Concert
- March 25th—Year 3 Mass
- April 1st—Year 1 Mass
- April 4th—End of Term 2pm—No Clubs/Late Leavers. Colourful Multi-Day for CCS.





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Ash Wednesday

A big thank you to Father Peter for joining us on Ash Wednesday as we received ashes at the start of our Lenten journey.

(Matthew 6:1-6) *'Jesus said to his disciples: Be careful not to parade your good deeds before men to attract their notice; by doing this you will lose all reward from your Father in heaven. So when you give alms, do not have it trumpeted before you; this is what the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets to win men's admiration. I tell you solemnly, they have had their reward. But when you give alms, your left hand must not know what your right is doing; your almsgiving must be secret, and your Father who sees all that is done in secret will reward you.'*



Mini Vinnies



Thank you from our Mini Vinnies for all the entries into our Jubilee Poster Competition. We raised over £107 and are looking forward to welcoming volunteers from the St Vincent De Paul Society to school on Monday to judge the winners. Winners will be announced in assembly next Friday.

The Big Lent Walk



We are incredibly excited about taking part in CAFOD's Big Lent Walk 2025 and would love for all of you to support our fantastic teachers and pupils as we walk 200km together to raise much-needed funds to help combat global poverty.

The whole school (N-Y6) will be completing the walk in the playground during week commencing March 17th.

Please support us if you can—

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/laleham-leas-big-lent-walk>



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World Book Day





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6 MARCH 2025



Read a book. Share a story.

Reception Class

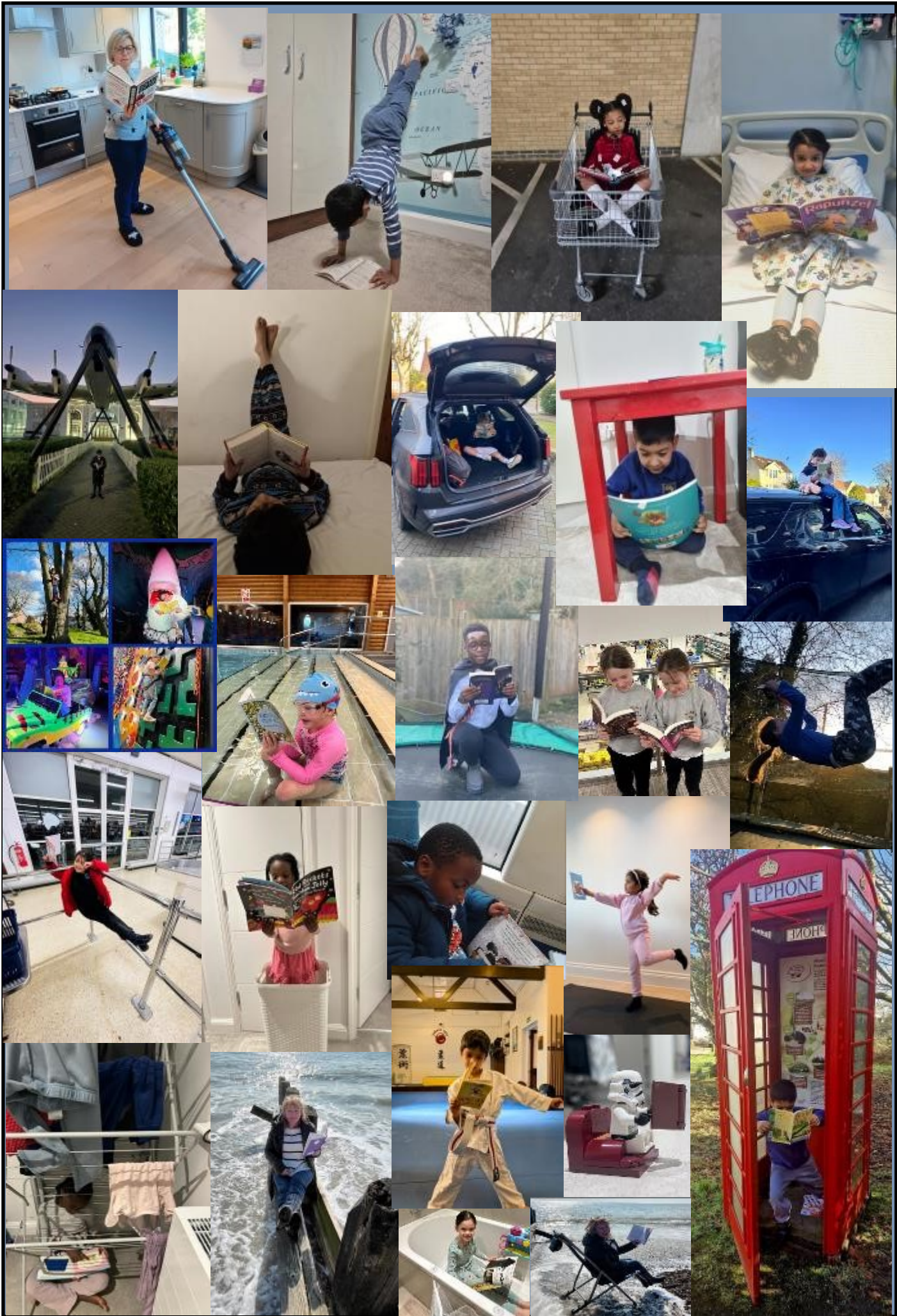




Extreme Reading Challenge

Thank you for all of your amazing and creative entries into our Extreme Reading Challenge. The winner will be announced next week from all the entries that were received by the deadline but please do keep your pictures coming in for our display. There were too many entries for just one page so we have included all of the pictures received here and on the next page so you can see everyone's efforts.





Nursery

This week Nursery have continued exploring spring, including some lovely spring sunshine in the garden! Other activities included:

- Listening to the poem 'Hello to spring' and drawing a picture of what it made us think about. We also discussed how the poem made us feel.
- Using our fine motor skills to create a flower using different coloured sequins.
- Sticking the 'spring themed' pictures into order of size from smallest to biggest.
- Challenging ourselves to complete the 'spring' counting task.
- Enjoying dressing up and fun World Book Day activities.



Reception

This week in Reception, we continued our exciting dinosaur topic and created some fantastic Dinosaur Fact books.

We also celebrated World Book Day on Wednesday and International Women's Day. For World Book Day, the children dressed up as their favourite book characters, made personalised bookmarks, and participated in drawing and writing activities inspired by their chosen characters. We were also delighted to welcome our Year 4 'Reading Buddies' into the Reception classroom!

For International Women's Day, we talked about inspiring women in our lives, drew pictures, and shared why they are so inspirational to us.

Our Reception Class 'Little Disciple' had the honour of standing up in assembly this morning to discuss the Gospel Values and how all pupils can be nominated to be a 'Little Disciple' by living out the Gospel values in their everyday lives.



Year 1

Year One have been improving their addition and subtraction skills by learning how to partition in tens and ones.

They have been building with cubes as well as representing and writing their numbers.

A great effort by all!



Year 2



Year 2 have been reading 'Oliver's Vegetables' by Vivian French. We had a lovely surprise this morning when we received a letter from Oliver asking us for his help. He needed Year 2 to write him a letter with a shopping list to buy some new seeds for his Grandpa's garden. This fitted in perfectly with our English lesson of using commas to separate items in a list.



Year 3



In Literacy Year 3 have been reading about *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes.

We created our own versions of the robot and wrote creative descriptions of what we had made.

Year 4



This week Year 4 completed their Aztec inspired jewellery in DT made from salt dough then carefully hand painted them using vivid colours of teal and gold. They threaded beads to their necklaces focusing on using symmetrical patterns.

Year 5



Year 5 have made colourful WWI posters to showcase all of the facts they have learnt this term.

They presented their work to the class who then voted on who had the most effective posters and gave the best presentations.



Year 6



Year 6 have taken advantage of the sunny weather this week by investigating shadows and light. They have recorded the length and position of their shadows at different times of the day.



Stars of the week

