



March 13th 2026

# Laleham Lea

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

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Dear Parents,

For British Science Week this week Year 3 started their week of learning with an enjoyable visit to the Science Museum in London. They took part in a variety of hands-on experiments and even made a human electrical circuit!

On Wednesday our Year 5 and 6 scientists travelled to St Marys' school for the Croydon Catholic Schools' Science Quiz. They faced some very tough questions but had a great time.

On Wednesday afternoon our Year 5 & 6 Girls' Footballers travelled to Coloma for the Croydon Catholic Schools' Girls' Football Tournament. They won two and lost one of their group games, finishing second in their league.

On Thursday we held our full rehearsal for our upcoming Easter Concert. Students have been working very hard to learn their songs and pieces and cannot wait to take to the stage on Monday afternoon.

Next Tuesday and Wednesday we are holding our second Parent Consultation meetings of this year. If you have not had the chance already, please ensure you book your time slot through Compass.

Next Thursday we are holding our 'break the rules' day for EVCU—thank you for all of your generous donations so far, let's see if we can make the £600 mark next week.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Reece—Headteacher

## House Points

**Wulstan**

**This week—**

**Total—3266**

**Alban**

**This week—**

**Total—2832**

**Edmund**

**This week—**

**Total—2940**

**Mayne**

**This week—**

**Total— 3075**

## Dates for your Diary

- March 16th—Easter Concert
- March 17th/19th—Parent Consultations.
- March 19th—Break the rules day for EVCU
- March 20th—LAMDA exams
- March 26th—Year 5 & 6 Swimming
- March 27th— Year 1 Assembly 9am. Term ends 2pm.



# The Catholic life of the school



In our Celebration of the Word assembly on Monday we learnt about Laetare Sunday—the Fourth Sunday of Lent, and the joyful midpoint of the Lenten journey. In the Gospel, we heard how Jesus healed a man born blind and reflected upon how the healed man is a better example to us than the Pharisees.

**“When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, And said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam, (which is by interpretation, Sent.) He went his way therefore, and washed, and came seeing.” (John 9:6-7)**

## Gospel Values

Well done to this week’s Gospel Values award winners for showing our values of **Compassion, Gentleness, Justice, Love, Forgiveness** and **Hope**.



## Book Swap

Our World Book Day Book Swap was a great success and helped us to live out our Catholic Social Teaching Principal of Stewardship—which also links to our Eco-School goals too!



## John Fisher Mini Rugby

JF Mini Rugby are offering the opportunity to try rugby for free for the remainder of this season until May 2026 at their Sunday morning sessions at The John Fisher School playing Fields, Plough Lane, at 10:00 am.

Reception to Year 3: Non-contact Tag Rugby (focuses on fun & agility). Year 4 and above: Introduction to safe, professionally coached contact rugby.

Interested parents can turn up on Sunday morning or contact [fisherminirugby@gmail.com](mailto:fisherminirugby@gmail.com).



## Girls Football Tournament—Coloma Convent Girls School

Well done to our Girls’ Football Team who came second in their league at the Croydon Catholic Schools’ Girls Football Tournament at Coloma School this week.



## Nursery

This week has been a very fun filled week with nursery looking at 'people who help us'. The children have participated in a variety of activities, including:

- A fun role-play to share their own experiences of people that have helped them
- Listening to 'The Dentist Trip' and answering questions to reinforce their understanding.
- Reinforcing our cutting skills by matching up the correct uniform to different occupations.

The children also celebrated British Science Week and learned about discovering how to grow their own cress seeds & used felt tip pens to create a poster about them.



## Reception



It has been a spring-themed week in Reception as we dived into Elizabeth Honey's Delightful story, 'That's Not a Daffodil!'. Inspired by the book, the children became young explorers in our school gardens, searching for signs of Spring and triumphantly discovering our very own daffodils.

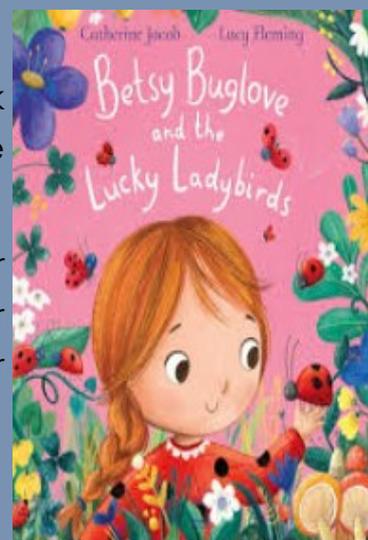
In Maths, we have been identifying 2D and 3D shapes all around us and using our "shape eyes" to spot patterns in the environment. We also created some fantastic shape-based artwork.

To mark International Women's Day, we shared stories of inspiring women, which sparked some wonderful drawings and independent writing. Finally, the classroom has been a hive of secret activity as the children crafted beautiful Mother's Day cards - we can't wait for them to make it home to you!

## Year 1

As part of the National Year of Reading 2026, Year 1 took part in a live Scholastic Author workshop exploring the story of Betsy Buglove and the Lucky Ladybirds.

The class had a story time session with the author Catherine Jacob and a drawing session with illustrator Lucy Fleming, followed by a lively question and answer session.



## Year 2

This week our Year 2 students have created a beautiful display of stained glass artwork on the theme of 'Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane', inspired by the artist Matisse.



## Year 3

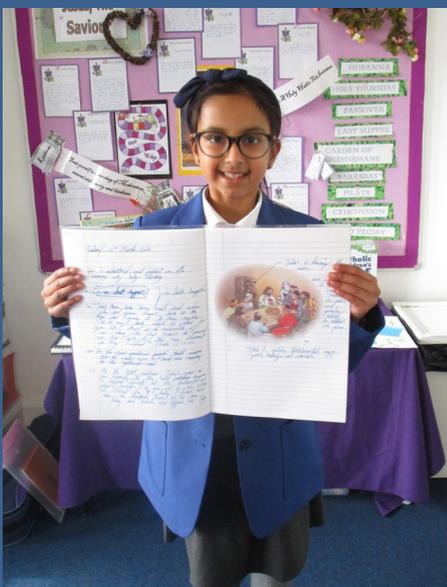
Year 3 had a wonderful time at the Science Museum on Monday celebrating British Science Week.

They enjoyed participating in live experiments, creating a human electrical circuit and even holding fire (safely!). Thank you to all those parents that helped on this trip.



## Year 4

In RE this week Year 4 have been learning all about The Last Supper and how Jesus was betrayed by Judas.



## Year 5

Year 5 have created beautiful marbled backgrounds for paintings of The Stations of The Cross in Art this week.



## Music

In our Year 1 Music lessons the children were singing songs about Spring and learnt a song about a happy hummingbird.

We also had fun creating a Spring Soundscape with the percussion instruments.



## Year 6



During Science Week this week, Year 6 turned their gaze towards exploring human biology. Using mirrors to observe their own eyes, students identified the cornea, iris, and pupil, learning how these parts work together to control light.

We investigated how light reflects off objects and enters the eye, sending signals to the brain to create the images we see. It was wonderful to see such "bright" sparks investigating the science of sight!



## Stars of the week

