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# Laleham Lea

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

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Dear Parents,

What lovely sunshine this week to send us off to a three day Bank Holiday weekend.

This week our Year 3 and 4 students enjoyed a trip to Pizza Express in Purley to learn all about the history of pizza and make their own delicious pizzas too.

Our Year 5 and 6 students enjoyed a informative presentation from the Met Police's Cyber Crime unit all about online safety. Many students were surprised to hear that they should not yet be accessing social media and many messaging apps.

Next week may be a shorter week than usual, but there is lots happening, starting with Crazy Hair Day on Tuesday raising money for EVCU. Thank you for all of your generous donations so far, we are just over half way to raising our target of £600, so please do support this important charity if you can.

On Wednesday we will be welcoming Father John back to Laleham Lea for our May procession in the playground at 11.15am. Students are welcome to bring a flower or small bunch of flowers for Mary and we look forward to seeing parents and families there.

Wishing you all a relaxing long weekend

Mrs Reece—Headteacher

## House Points

### Mayne

This week—286

Total—4325

### Wulstan

This week—456

Total—4268

### Edmund

This week—188

Total—3797

### Alban

This week—151

Total—3791

### Dates for your Diary

- 4th May—Bank Holiday
- 5th May—Uganda Awareness Crazy Hair Day
- 6th May— May Procession (N-Y6) 11.15am
- 7th May—Swimming Years 1 & 4
- 11th May —Y6 PGL
- 12th May—Year 2 Mass JTB
- 16th May—Netball/Football @ Margret Roper
- 19th May—KS1 Informal Music Concert—9.15am
- 22nd May—Break for Half Term
- 1st June—Y3/4 Trip to Shrek's Adventure
- 5th June—Y5 Aqua Sports Trip



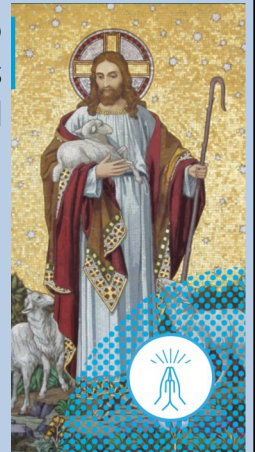
## The Catholic life of the school



In our Celebration of the Word Assembly on Monday we listened to the words of Jesus in John chapter 10. In the Gospel passage, Jesus shares a parable about a shepherd and his sheep; we discovered how Jesus is the shepherd and we are his sheep.

***"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."***

***(John 10:10)***



### Gospel Values

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



### Year 4 Mass



Year 4 enjoyed attending Mass at John the Baptist this week.

### Cosy Cove

We are thrilled to announce that this week marks the official launch of a brand-new playground initiative: The Cosy Cove.

As we continue to prioritise the emotional well-being of our students, we have developed this dedicated space to provide a sanctuary for those who need a moment of peace, reflection, or creative release.



## Nursery



This week Nursery have been investigating Dinosaurs. After watching an informative video all about fossils they then made their own clay fossils to take home.

Children have also been using extended vocabulary and learning new words including 'carnivore' and 'herbivore' and drawing their favourite dinosaurs too.



We have been matching number and quantity to develop our maths' skills, enjoying exploring the sensory tray and turn taking to roll the dice playing 'The Dinosaur Race' board game.

## Reception



It has been another wonderful week of learning in Reception! We fully immersed ourselves in the world of Jack and the Beanstalk, with the children showing great imagination as they built their own towering beanstalks and took turns acting out the classic tale. I was particularly impressed by their descriptive writing, as they used some fantastic vocabulary to describe the Giant.

In Maths, we have been busy exploring number bonds to 10 using part-whole models, helping the children visualise how numbers can be broken down and combined. Taking advantage of the beautiful sunshine, we also spent plenty of time outdoors enjoying playing lots of games in the playground. We are already looking forward to next week, when we will be wandering into the woods with Hansel and Gretel!

## Year 1



In RE this week, Year 1 looked at famous paintings of Doubting Thomas and discussed which one was their favourite!

## Year 2

This week in Year 2 we went on a Great Adventure Expedition covering many great things we have learnt so far. In RE, we then learnt about the story of Easter from Lent to Pentecost.

We then explored different areas of the world including; the poles, hemispheres and the tropics. We then looked at Safari animals in the Savanna (Kenya) and created a Sensational Safari for our topic in Geography.



## Year 3

This week Year 3 went on a trip to Pizza Express along with Year 4 and learnt about the history of pizza making. They enjoyed making their own delicious pizzas which they ate in the sunshine in the Nursery garden when they returned to school.



## Year 4

After being inspired by our Lower Key Stage 2 trip to Pizza Express, the children wrote clear instructions using a range of imperative verbs. They applied their knowledge and understanding of the key features of instructional writing, producing thoughtful and well-structured pieces of work. Well done, my chefs – buon appetito!



## Year 5

In Year 5, the class focused their RE learning this week on The Resurrection and Pentecost. They discussed why this study is important and how it is likely to help them as they grow up. They also found out about the Apostles' Creed and the beginning of the Church.

Pupils really enjoyed creating their own beautiful artwork around Pentecost in multi-media.



## Guitar & Violin Lessons - spaces available

Limited spaces have now become available to learn Guitar this term with Mr Williams and Violin lesson spaces are also available with our music teacher Ed Bruggemeyer.

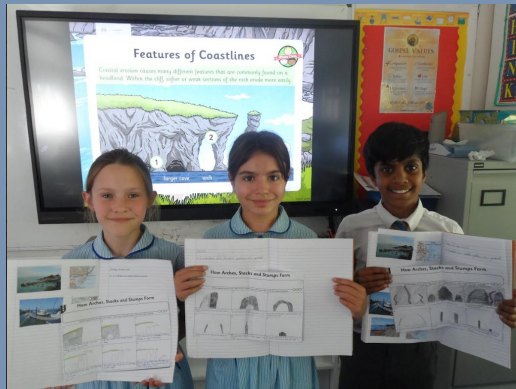
If you are interested in securing a space then please email the school office for more details.



## Year 6

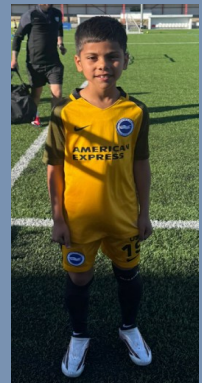
This week, Year 6 geographers have been finding out about coastal erosion.

They have been learning how powerful waves shape our coastline over thousands of years to create incredible features like bays and arches.



## Brighton FC

Well done to our Year 3 superstar footballer who recently completed their first game at Brighton FC Development Centre.



## Stars of the week

