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Dear Parents,

Reception Class brought the first half of our summer term to a fantastic close with a spectacular Class Assembly this morning.

We were all blown away with their amazing acting and singing which could have been on the Westend stage! Well done to each and every one of them and to Mrs Saville and Mrs De Rosa for a showstopping performance which even included a new school song!

Well done also to our football and netball teams who reached the quarter finals and semi-finals respectively at last week's Catholic Schools' tournament at Margert Roper. Our footballers were also awarded the Fair Play Trophy, well done everyone.

It really was a morning of celebration with the news that one of our Year 3 pupils has been awarded 1st place in the recent ISA 'design a book cover' competition. A fantastic achievement, well done!

Finally, a reminder to please park safely at drop off and pick up. We are aware of the issue on Peaks Hill Rise, but ask that you ensure you are not parking on double yellow lines or blocking drive ways to ensure the safety of our whole community.

Have a lovely half term break

Mrs Reece

Headteacher

House Points

Mayne

This week—506

Total— 5019

Wulstan

This week—219

Total—4454

Edmund

This week— 184

Total—4673

Alban

This week— 296

Total—4260

Dates for your Diary

- 22nd May—Break for Half Term
- 1st June—Y3/4 Trip to Shrek's Adventure
- 4th June—Y1 Sutton Ecology Centre Trip
- 5th June—Y5 Aqua Sports Trip
- 8th June—Secondary Transfer Evening 6pm
- 10th June—Sports Day (KS2 AM, Rec/KS1 PM)
- 22nd June—KS2 Play & Prize Giving 2pm
- 23rd June—Whole school photo
- 26th June—Y2 Trip Morden Hall Park
- 27th June—Summer Fair



The Catholic life of the school



In our Celebration of the Word Assembly on Monday, we discovered how Love is defined by our actions - Jesus explains that when we love Him, we don't just say 'I love you' - we show it by following His lead and being kind to others, just like He asked.

If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them. (John 14:15-21)



Gospel Values

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



Mini Vinnies — Faith in Action at Westside Care Home—19th May

Our Mini Vinnies lived out their mission to "turn concern into action" during a wonderful visit to Westside Care Home Led by Mrs Hall and Mrs De Rosa. Children from across Years 2 to 6 spent the afternoon reading with residents and sharing stories, bridging the generations through kindness and companionship.

By putting Catholic Social Teaching into practice particularly the values of Solidarity and Human Dignity, the children brought immense joy to the residents and returned with a deeper understanding of what it means to serve the common good. We are incredibly proud of how our Mini Vinnies represented the school and the compassion they showed to our older neighbours.



Nursery

This week Nursery have been learning about healthy eating. The children enjoyed a lively group discussion about food that is healthy and food that is not.

Other activities this week included:

- Placing fruit into size order, extending our mathematical language using words such as; 'bigger, biggest, small and smallest'
- Drawing our favourite healthy food and discussing this with our peers.
- Completing a cutting and sticking activity to create our own healthy lunch box.
- Sponge painting some of our favourite healthy foods.



Reception

What a wonderful week we have had! The children absolutely loved performing their fairy tale assembly for the school and our families - They did an amazing job, bringing our fairy tale topic to a truly magical close.

We have also had lots of fun learning about people who help us, exploring everything from police officers to veterinary surgeons, and we even learned all about the importance of oral hygiene and keeping our teeth healthy.

In Maths, we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. The children used their new knowledge to design and build their own wonderful creations, including shapes to make houses and castles.

Wishing all our families a wonderful, restful half-term break. We can't wait for all the excitement that our final term in Reception brings!



Year 1

In our Literacy Lesson this week, Year 1 created a story called 'My Fantastic Fairy Tale'. We were very impressed with their imaginative descriptions—they all used some amazing adjectives!



Year 2



In RE, Year 2 have been learning about Ascension and Pentecost. We learnt that after Jesus went to heaven, the Holy Spirit came down to the disciples with tongues of fire. (Acts 2:1-4)

Year 3

This week, Year 3 have successfully created their own mosaic tiles in Art this half term linking to their humanities work. Great Job everyone!



Year 4



This week in Year 4 our topic was "States of Matter". Year 4 scientists explored physical properties by "making it rain" in jars to observe evaporation and condensation, layering liquids of different densities to create colourful lava columns, and testing gooey, non-Newtonian

Oobleck to discover how physical force temporarily transforms a liquid into a solid.



Year 5

Pupils in Year 5 have reflected deeply on the importance of prayer for us. How does prayer make a difference in our lives?

They looked at different types of prayer : Thanksgiving, Petition, Sorrow and Praise. They got guidance from the teachings of Jesus as how to pray and researched the times Jesus himself prayed.

Pupils designed their own beautiful cards titled 'The Rosary' and wrote inside an explanation of how to say the rosary.



Reception & KS1 Music Assembly

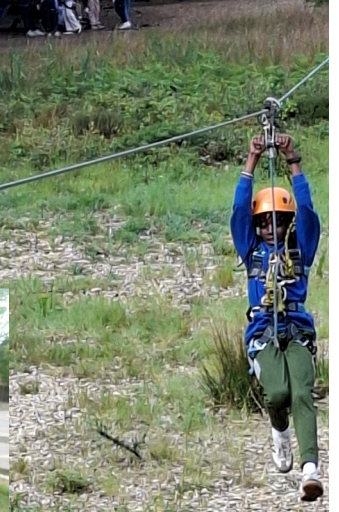


A huge well done to our youngest musicians in Reception to Year 2 for a spectacular informal music assembly on Tuesday. What talented young musicians we have!

ISA Art Competition

A huge well done to our Year 3 pupil who won first place out of hundreds of entries from Independent Schools across the country in the recent ISA Art Competition to design a book cover!







PGL 2026—by ZR Y6

PGL was easily the best part of YR6. I had so much fun. Our group leader Dylan was the kindest person ever. He always tried to teach us the activities.

My favourite activity was the 'Giant Swing' and passport to the world. I'm sure it was the best for others too but I had so much fun. All you had to do was pull a white string and you immediately fell. We screamed so loud we probably broke about 5 people's eardrums.

'Passport to the World' was also very fun. It involved team work and we ran a lot and we enjoyed it because it involved general knowledge and teamwork. Every night in our cabin we slept well and talked and played games. We even made forts and the whole experience just felt wholesome because it was a dream we all had from Reception.

To top the great experience, two of the nights we had hot chocolate in the corridor. It was fun because at night we got to be next to each other.

The meals were amazing. There was an allergy counter and a non-allergy counter. It was the first time I could eat anything and Katsu Curry, it was my favourite.

Beavers



FUN DAY
There's a new **BEAVERS Colony** coming to Purley

Joining Beavers is just the beginning of your big adventure

Come and join us at our 'FUN DAY'
Sunday 31 May 11:00-15:00
St John the Baptist Church,
Dale Road, Purley CR8 2EF

ARCHERY BBQ
SOFT BALL SNACKS
GAMES PAINT A TENT

Beavers have fun, make new friends, learn new skills.
With over 200 activity and staged badges, Beavers are rewarded for learning new things.

BEAVERS

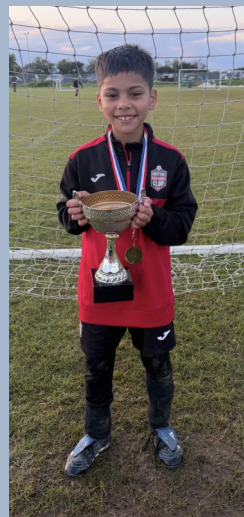
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If you are interested in joining Beavers, there is a new Beavers Colony coming to Purley at John the Baptist.

Football Stars!

Well done to our Year 3 football stars who won the Tandridge League Cup for Forestdale FC and Managers Player of The Season at BB Soccer respectively.

Well done boys, we are so proud of what you have achieved!



Stars of the week





SOCCER CLUB

HALF TERM MULTI SPORTS COURSE

TUESDAY 26TH MAY – THURSDAY 26TH MAY

£15 PER DAY

***FOOTBALL, NETBALL, BASKETBALL, CRICKET,
DODGEBALL, TENNIS, TAG RUGBY, UNI-HOC,
TRADITIONAL SPORTS DAY GAMES & MORE***

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10am-3pm early drop off (9am) or late pick up (4pm) available on request.

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