

LENT
APRIL 1ST 2026

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RC PRIMARY

TOGETHER IN FAITH



This term's special intention: Fr. Martin

This term, we hold in prayer our parish priest, Fr. Martin, thanking God for his dedication, guidance, and the care he shows to our school community. We are grateful for the time he gives to celebrate Mass with us, visit our classes, and help us grow in faith. As we journey through Lent and look forward to the joy of Easter, we pray that God will bless Fr. Martin with strength, peace, and continued joy in his ministry. May his example inspire us to live with kindness, hope, and love each day.

Loving God,
We thank You for Fr. Martin and for the care he shows to our school. Bless him with strength, joy, and peace as he leads our parish family. Guide him in his work, keep him safe, and help us to follow his example of kindness and faith. Amen.

Growing Together this Lent

We have enjoyed an extremely busy and successful term, filled with learning, celebration, and community spirit. During Lent, our school placed a special focus on the three pillars of the season—prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—and the children were given many meaningful opportunities to live these out. From thoughtful class reflections and acts of kindness to charitable fundraising and moments of quiet prayer, our pupils have shown wonderful commitment and enthusiasm. It has been a joy to see them grow in faith and generosity as we journey together towards Easter.



Our Beautiful New Chapel

You may have noticed the new building on our school field—this term, work on our wonderful new Chapel has been completed, and we have proudly opened it and introduced it to the children. They are already enjoying visiting the Chapel for Celebrations of the Word, as well as taking part in lunchtime sessions led by our GIFT Team. Our staff have also appreciated the peaceful space for their own reflections. Look how beautiful it is in the photos above and to the left. Next term, we look forward to formally opening the Chapel with a special blessing from Fr. Martin.

Spring Term 2026 - What a Success!

Pray, Fast, Give



Each class has explored the three pillars of Lent using their own Lenten Roadmaps, completing a daily act of prayer, fasting, or almsgiving. It has been wonderful to see their commitment as they journeyed through Lent together.

Before School Prayer Sessions



Our wonderful GIFT Team have led before school weekly Prayer sessions throughout Lent at 8.15am. The sessions have been well attended by our families and children. Thank you Gift Team!

Lunchtime Prayer Sessions



Our GIFT Team have led lunchtime prayer sessions in our Chapel this Lent and EYFS Lenten crafts with our Reception children.

Missio Assembly



We enjoyed welcoming the charity, Missio, into school this Lent to lead an assembly to kickstart our Lenten fundraising.

Easter Raffle Fundraising



The GIFT Team's Easter Raffle raised over £450 for our charity, Missio. Thank you for all your support donating eggs and buying tickets. Well done to all our winners - there were over 80 winners!

Big Lent Walk



WOW! What a success! Our CAFOD Big Lent Walk raised over £970 for CAFOD and the children walked a collective distance of over 1,000km! Thank you for your sponsorship.

Prayer Sessions with KS1



To help KS1 pray more this Lent, our GIFT team visited KS1 classes to lead them in their Lenten Celebration of the Word.

Stations of the Cross



Thank you to Fr. Martin who led Stations of the Cross for Y5 and Y6 at Church, and our GIFT Team who led Stations of the Cross for the rest of our school.

Class Fundraising - Well done Y6!

All of our classes were given their own Missio boxes to fill during Lent. All classes did exceptionally well, but a special well done to Y6 who raised over £90 selling ice pops!



LKS2's Passion Assembly



LKS2 began our school's Holy Week with an excellent performance of the Passion. Well done to all children involved!

Website

We are proud to share our new school website with you all. We have worked on updating our "Catholic Life and Mission" page which now includes everything you need to know about R.E. at Holy Cross. Please do visit where you will find lots more information about the Catholic Life of our school.



Lenten Prayer Bags

Thank you so much to all our families for engaging with our Lenten Prayer Bags. The children produced such thoughtful responses in their books.



Laudato Si Update

Our Laudato Si team has been hard at work behind the scenes, preparing to introduce new electricity changes that will make our school more energy-efficient and environmentally friendly. They have also started working on planting new plants into our Prayer Garden for the Summer term!