



Thankfully, the weather has been a little less severe this week so we've enjoyed more favourable conditions for playtimes. We welcomed Fr Keith to school on Monday for our start of year mass and we enjoyed St Paul's class assembly on Friday. Next week, we have our annual 'Life Space' visit to school, where children have specialist input on a range of PSHE topics. Don't forget to get your early-bird tickets for the STBSA circus [here](#). Have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all next week.

NEW YEAR MASS

Fr Keith joined us on Monday to celebrate the start of the calendar year with a special mass, ably supported by many of our Yr6 pupils. At the end of mass Fr Keith blessed our new sets of rosary beads, donated by Mrs Williams Vernon, and our new playground statue of Our Lady, donated by Mrs Harper as a leaving gift to the school.



ST PAUL CLASS ASSEMBLY

St Paul performed their class assembly for the rest of the school this morning, showcasing their learning this term and celebrating their individuality.

We heard about their learning in RE (through Catholic Social Teaching), literacy (through KindlekraX), and their science work on solids, liquids and gases.

Well done class and to Mr Ocansey and Mrs Mulira who prepared the children.



PARKING ON BIRCHANGER ROAD

Once again, this has become a serious concern, with lots of parents doing u-turns outside the gate, dropping off in the middle of the road and on the zig-zags. I have asked Croydon council to provide increased enforcement patrols on our street in the coming weeks.



Butterflies	Riccardo Strano	Ladybirds	Samuel Akinyemi
St Joseph	Alexander Jones	St Elizabeth	Avery Klein
St Francis	Poppy McCartney	St Anne	Crystal Arhin
St Peter	Karah Dixon	St Bernadette	Gabriel Criticos
St Paul	Esme Windley	St Therese	Lily Dormer-Annand
St Martin	Fionn Richardson	St Cecilia	Ava Jones
St Benedict	Molly Goodwin	St Brigid	Christopher Bleau

GIRLS' FOOTBALL CUP WIN

Our girls' football team continued their fine form this season by winning in the 2nd round of the Croydon Cup, 7—0, away at Woodcote. Abilene profited from some great build-up play by her teammates, scoring 5 in the first half alone. Áine completed the scoring with an impressive brace and Neriyah B made a couple of great saves to ensure we came away with a clean sheet. Well done girls—keep up the good work.



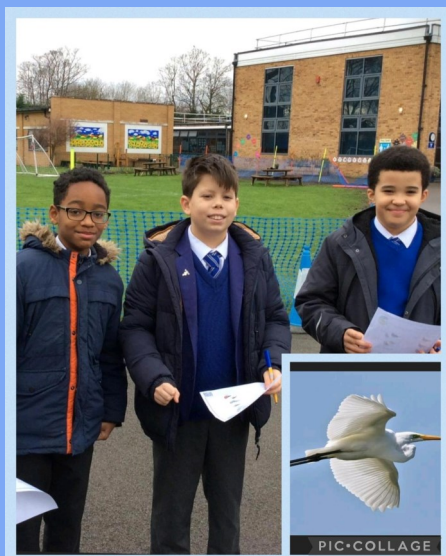
BIG SCHOOLS BIRDWATCH

Raf B, Nikolai and Isaac completed the Big Schools Bird Watch, on behalf of our school. We were amazed to see an egret flying over our school, along with many other birds.

We went outside into our lovely playground and spotted some great birds. We were lucky enough to see an egret.

We were being like Noticing Nina and being mindful. This can help children to relax.

Isaac, Raf B and Nikolai



Our results will be fed into the RSPB national statistics, which helps to monitor and protect birds across the country. Thank you to these children for helping to protect and appreciate our environment. To join in with the Big Garden Bird Watch at home, between the 24th-26th January 2025, please follow the link for more information.

www.rspb.org.uk

R.E. AWARD WINNERS

Amy, Lena, Lilya and Edek all were awarded Headteacher's badges for their excellent RE work this week.



SCIENCE QUIZ TEAM

Our Science Quiz team qualified for the National semi-finals. They did very well in a very challenging competition, representing the school with pride.



ACHIEVEMENT

Well done to Hanna (Yr4), Aria (Yr 5), Alexander (Yr 2), Liam (Yr 2) and Niamh Yr 2): all of whom celebrated individual awards this week.

