



Welcome to the first newsletter of the calendar year. It's been a great start to the year and the children & staff have been making the new headteacher Mr. Skehan feel very welcome. Next week pupils in Yr4 will be leading our 'Reading Champions' assembly on Monday, the choir will travel to Young Voices at the O2 on Tuesday, Fr. Keith will be joining us for a mass for all pupils on Wednesday and St Therese will be sharing their class assembly on Friday 20<sup>th</sup>. We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

### St Paul Class Assembly

This morning St. Paul class treated us to an informative and engaging assembly all about their history topic 'The Romans'. It was a wonderful celebration of a wide variety of curriculum areas and the acting and singing was of a very high standard. St Paul class did a great job, especially this was actually their first ever time performing an assembly because of the disruption that has been caused to normal school activities in recent year. A really big thank you to Mrs Lee and Mrs Frost who prepared the class so well for their performance.



### Woodland Trust Gold Award

As a school, we've worked hard to achieve our goal of getting the gold Woodland Trust Award by planting trees and looking after nature. Everyone in the school has helped us to achieve our goal. We thank school council past and present for helping us to achieve this award.

#### Zoe-Grace, School Council (St.Martin)

The Woodland Trust Award is an award that some schools earn if they are really eco- friendly. This can be awarded by doing activities about the importance of trees, recycling and protecting trees. The four tiers are bronze, silver, gold and platinum. We will be working towards our platinum award next. **Ciaran, School Council (St Martin).**



### Admissions for Reception Class 2023

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January is the deadline for applications to Reception class September 2023. Applicants need to fill in both the supplementary information form (SIF) and the online e-admissions application, which can be found by clicking here: [Home | eAdmissions](#). You need to apply in this way even if you already have children at St Thomas Becket school. Late applications are only considered after all other applicants have been given a place, so please ensure that you have submitted your form on time.

### SHOOTING STARS



Butterflies  
Ladybirds  
St Joseph  
St Elizabeth  
St Francis  
St Anne  
St Peter

Preston  
Jackson  
Darragh  
Mariyam  
Bonnie  
Delilah  
Cayson

St Bernadette  
St Paul  
St Therese  
St Martin  
St Cecilia  
St Benedict  
St Brigit

Gianni  
Maya  
Nikola  
Kacper  
Zoe  
Lilliana  
Angelina

## Uniform

The vast majority of pupils always come to school in the correct uniform. However, we have noticed a few minor issues with presentation among some pupils since Christmas.

- Please ensure that jumpers are the correct uniform (V neck) jumper and not the round neck PE one.
- Coats or anoraks should be plain black, navy blue or dark grey (no logos or stripes/ patterns).
- if you wish your child to wear a woolly hat only the blue school woolly hat with the logo may be worn. This can be purchased from the school office.

A full list of school uniform guidance can be found in the attached policy and on the 'Parents Info' tab on the website.

## Science Quiz Club

We are delighted to announce that our Science Quiz team have qualified for the National Science Quiz semi-finals, to be held in February. They came a very close second in their regional heats and were chosen as the highest runners up. They are busy preparing with Mr Bonnar for the upcoming semi finals. Good luck.

Team: Nathan, Neevh, Jamie and Ugo



## Yr 6 Artwork

Grace, Joseph, Rhys and Corbin from St Benedict class were awarded headteacher stickers for sharing the thought-provoking 3D artwork that they created in class entitled 'Will planet earth survive humans?'



## Key dates for this term

The following are some of the key dates for this term (events may be added or changed as we move through the term):

Tue 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Young Voices Concert at O2
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Whole-school mass (pupils only)
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	St Therese class assembly 10am
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Yr 3&4 reading & maths parent meeting 2.15pm
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	St Francis class assembly 10am
Tue 31 <sup>st</sup> Jan	Yr 2 reading & maths parent meeting 2.15pm
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	St Anne class assembly 10am
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Online safety week
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Non-uniform (mufti) day & cake sale
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Catholic Schools' Cross Country comp
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Yr 5&6 reading & maths parent meeting 2.15pm
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	School closed for inset – start of half-term

Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Ash Wednesday service in school (pupils only)
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Book week
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Ladybirds class assembly 10am
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Dress-up day for book week
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Book Fair 3 – 4pm
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Book Fair 3 – 4 pm
Thu 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parents Evening 4 – 6.30pm
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Butterflies class assembly
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Science Week
Thu 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Parents Evening 4 – 6.30pm
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Non-uniform (mufti) day
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Comic Relief red nose day
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Passion of the Cross service for pupils
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Passion of the cross service for parents
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Easter Bonnet Parade
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Term ends 2pm

## Achievement

Well done to Ashton in St. Paul class for receiving the headteacher award for his general positive attitude to learning and to his peers. Cruz in St Martin class shared his two gold medals that he was awarded in a swimming gala and Anaiyah in St Joseph class showed off her gymnastics gold medal. What talented children we have at STB!

