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## Term 4 Newsletter 01.04.26

As we reach the end of another Spring term, I find myself reflecting on just how much our pupils have achieved and the wonderful progress they have made. It has been truly inspiring to witness their continued dedication and hard work throughout these past weeks. Each and every pupil should feel proud of what they have accomplished, and I am genuinely excited about all that the Summer term has to offer us.

Last Friday, our Year 5 pupils enjoyed a fantastic day out at the Museum, bringing their Ancient Greece topic to life in the most engaging way. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm as they explored and discovered, and they represented St Nicholas of Tolentine beautifully. Days like these are so valuable in deepening our pupils' understanding and making their learning truly memorable. Thank you to all the staff who made this experience possible.

This week has also been particularly special as we have celebrated Holy Week, which is always such a highlight of our school year. The Palm Sunday Service, our Passover meal, and the Stations of the Cross reflections have provided our community with meaningful moments for reflection and spiritual growth. I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Miss Rosolek-Field and our Chaplains, who have worked tirelessly to organise such a thoughtful and reflective week for us all. Their dedication to creating these important experiences for our pupils is truly appreciated.

None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our school community. Whether it is parents, carers, staff, or pupils themselves, your commitment to St Nicholas of Tolentine makes such a difference. Thank you for everything you do to support our school and our children.

As we break for the Easter holidays, I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved rest and some quality time with your families. We have a busy and exciting term ahead of us, and we cannot wait to welcome everyone back on Monday, 20th April. I wish you all a lovely half term.

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**Sunday 5th April 2026. John 20:1-9 (Easter Sunday)**

Before sunrise on Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene went to Jesus' tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the entrance and that the tomb was empty. Mary ran to Peter and another disciple (John) and said, "Someone has taken the Lord out of the tomb and we don't know where they have put him." The disciples ran together to the tomb. But John, running faster than Peter, arrived first and looked into the tomb but did not go in. Peter, however, went into the tomb and he saw Jesus' linen burial cloths lying on the ground. He also saw the cloth that had been over Jesus' head; this was rolled up in a place by itself. Then John also went into the tomb; he saw and he believed. Until this moment they had failed to understand that Jesus must rise from the dead.

This week is Holy Week and this coming Sunday is Easter Sunday. All over the world, Christians rejoice in the wonderful truth that Jesus rose from the dead. Jesus' resurrection offers every one of us a fresh start and a share in his everlasting life.

Because of Jesus' resurrection, we can live with hope, knowing that God's love is stronger than anything.

Mission of the week: How can we make Easter Sunday Special at home?



**Dear Lord Jesus, thank you  
for the joy of Easter and for  
the new life you bring. Fill  
our hearts with your peace  
and help us to share your  
love with those around us.  
Amen.**

**Ancient Greece comes alive for Year 5**

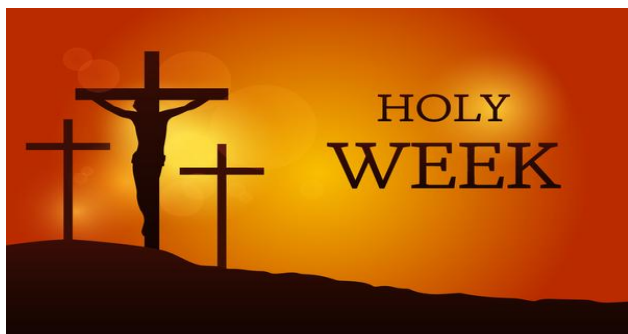
Ancient Greece came alive for Year 5 on our recent trip to Bristol Museum! We walked our way there, enjoying a snack break at College Green before trekking up Park Street. Upon entering the museum, we split into groups and had a scavenger hunt. We searched for something made of gold, something with the sharpest teeth, and the oldest dinosaur we could find. Afterward, we had lunch and then dove into a Greek pottery workshop. We studied different pots, uncovering how they were used and the themes they represented. It was a blast! Year 5 adventurers truly embraced the journey, and we can't wait for the next one!



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### St Nicks Bake Off for Lent

This week Easter treats have been created in every classroom. You could smell the delicious cakes through the corridor. All classes worked together to 'bake up' a storm for the CAFOD Easter Bake Sale organised by the Chaplains – there were so many yummy treats to choose from. Thank you to everyone who attended and bought some cakes to help us raise money for CAFOD.



We began on Monday with a beautiful Palm Sunday Service led by our Chaplains. Palm Sunday marks Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, when crowds welcomed Him by waving palm branches. It is a moment of celebration that also signals the beginning of the journey toward the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Our service reminded the children of the importance of welcoming Jesus into our lives with that same joy and openness.

On Tuesday, the whole school gathered in the hall for a special Passover celebration with Fr Richard. The children learned about the origins of the Passover meal, why it remains significant in the Jewish faith, and the symbolism behind each food on the Seder plate. It was a wonderful opportunity for pupils to appreciate the shared roots of Christian and Jewish traditions and to understand how Jesus' Last Supper took place within the context of Passover.



We concluded on Wednesday with a moving time of prayer as we reflected on the Stations of the Cross. Each station was thoughtfully led by our Chaplains, guiding us through the final journey of Jesus. Fr Richard joined us for the final stations, helping us pause, reflect, and consider the depth of Jesus' love and sacrifice. This reflective time encouraged pupils to think about compassion, courage, and kindness in their own lives.



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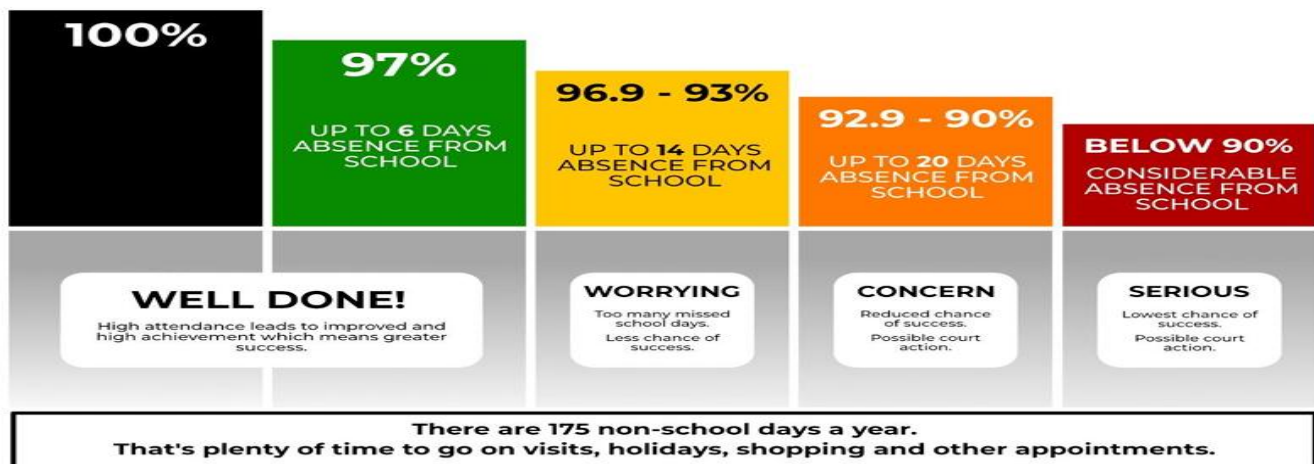
## Attendance

Thank you to those children who attend school regularly and on time. We will continue to monitor closely, if attendance continues to be a concern, we will send out an earlier letter than the end of term. The target for all pupils is set at **96.1%** and any figure below is a concern.

Any classes who achieve a 100% attendance for the week will be able to have a non-school uniform day the following week.

Class	Yearly Attendance	This week's attendance	Late sessions this week
Diamond Class	94.7%	94.5%	4
Emerald Class	87.5%	93.5%	8
Ruby Class	94.7%	96.5%	6
Amethyst Class	94.6%	92.4%	15
Sapphire Class	97.7%	97.1%	3
Topaz Class	92.9%	82.9%	12
<b>Total</b>	93.8%	92.6%	48

## WHAT IS YOUR ATTENDANCE?



Thank you to those who attend regularly. Please remember to phone the school office if your child is going to be absent. If we do not hear from you, we will ring you and then may also make a home visit if we are unable to contact you. Thank you to those who arrive on time. Remember, children can go straight to class from 8:40am or attend breakfast club from 8am if necessary. There is also access to the walking bus if required. If your child is constantly late to school this can affect their self-esteem and they could be missing out on valuable reading, phonics or Maths activities and interventions.

## Term 4 Dates

Date	Event
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	9am – School Nurse Coffee Morning
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	INSET DAY – Term 4 finishes



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#### Term 5 Dates

Date	Event
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 5 starts for all pupils
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	9am – Emerald parents invited for class Prayer and Liturgy
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	9.30am Resurrection Mass – All Parents welcome
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	9am – Ruby Class parents invited for class Prayer and Liturgy
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	9am – Amethyst Class parents invited for class Prayer and Liturgy
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	EYFS Nempnett Pasture Farm trip 9am – Sweet Dreams Parent Support from School Nurse
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	YEAR 6 KS2 SATS
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	9am – Sapphire Class parents invited for class Prayer and Liturgy
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	End of Term 5

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs R James