



**We learn together, we play together, we pray together,  
we grow together in the love of God**

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**SPRING TERM 2021**

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who donated to the "Walk for Water" CAFOD Lent appeal; we raised £277.68!

Well done to all the children who participated in this week's "Big Pedal" and either walked to school or travelled by bike or scooter. Mr Troy has been keeping a record of how many children have been participating throughout the week and we will announce the winning class in next week's newsletter.

If your child displays symptoms of COVID-19 (a high temperature, a new continuous cough or a loss or change to their sense of smell and taste) you must book a PCR test. You can book a PCR test online here:

<https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/essential-worker>

Your child, and the rest of the household must self-isolate immediately and not leave home. If their test result comes back negative, everyone can resume their normal day-to-day activities. If the test result is positive, they need to self-isolate for 10 days and so does everyone else in the household. Please do not use the rapid lateral flow tests for people with COVID-19 symptoms; the lateral flow tests are for testing people *without* symptoms.

Next Friday (7th May) we will be celebrating the NSPCC (National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children) Number Day. The NSPCC is the UK's leading children's charity working to prevent abuse, help rebuild children's lives and support families. They run workshops in schools, support children and families through therapeutic services, run national helplines and they also offer an extensive training programme. Next Friday, the children may come to school dressed in green clothes (or wearing something green) for a donation of £1; all the money raised will go to the NSPCC.

A reminder to all parents that the school is closed to the children tomorrow (Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April) for staff training and that we are also closed on Monday (3<sup>rd</sup> May - Bank Holiday).

Have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend and we will see you all on Tuesday.

*Barbara Costa*

## The Gospel in Church - Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

"All parents want to help their children to grow into the best people that they can be. Growing in goodness is for parents and children alike.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses an image that would have been familiar to people of his time and he reminds us that we all depend on God for life. We all make mistakes, but God is loving and patient and gives us time to grow into the people we were created to be. God loves us, and wants us to live and grow in him – just like a branch grows on a vine – to be full of God's own energy. Keeping lively contact with Jesus helps us to grow in goodness and to live fruitful family lives, filled with peace, kindness and love.

Enjoy your week together – GROWING in God's love."

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/trust?pid=MTA101634&v=25.5>

The Wednesday Word

## First Holy Communion at St Philip's

A new course for First Holy Communion in Finchley Church End parish is expected to start in the autumn term. Parents of children who are currently in Year 2 or Year 3, and who live in the parish, are invited to express their interest by completing an application form. Forms are available at the church, or may be downloaded from the parish microsite at

<https://parish.rcdow.org.uk/finchleychurchend/news/sacraments>

They should be completed and returned by the end of May.

## School Uniform update

The school uniform page on the website has been updated to include shorts and the school white polo shirt (with crest) for the girls for the summer, as an alternative to the summer dress.



## What is bullying?

Bullying is behaviour that hurts someone else. It includes name calling, hitting, pushing, spreading rumours, threatening or undermining someone.

It can happen anywhere – at school, at home or online. It's usually repeated over a long period of time and can hurt a child both physically and emotionally.

If you think your child is being bullied, please speak to your child's class teacher.



Rec	<b>Arel</b> for his effort in writing. <b>Nela</b> for writing some interesting facts about the class chicks.
Year 1	<b>Shervin</b> for being a Have-a-Go Mo and writing sentences independently. <b>Amilia</b> for showing increasing confidence when reading the story books in Y1.
Year 2	<b>Kourtney</b> for concentrating during lessons and striving to improve her work. <b>Albert</b> for enjoying his learning and being co-operative.
Year 3	<b>Emilia</b> for working well in Maths with fractions of amounts. <b>Arthur</b> for sharing wonderful facts and knowledge he has learnt. Arthur was sharing knowledge about clones.
Year 4	<b>Manuela</b> for her wonderful spelling results. <b>Elena</b> for her improved writing.
Year 5	<b>Lena</b> for the great poetic techniques she included in her garden poem. I was very impressed. <b>Ben</b> for the great understanding he showed when calculating the missing angles around a point. Well done!
Year 6	<b>Amy</b> for her progress in Maths this week. <b>Nina</b> for her enthusiasm for our topic on the Mayans.

*The Golden Ticket Winners are:*

**Amilia Y1**

**Nikola Y1**

### Walk this way!

"Walking builds bones and muscles, and helps kids grow up big and strong. It also improves stamina, reduces stress, and boosts the immune system for 24 hours. It can even lower blood pressure."



Any brisk walk of 10 minutes or more counts, so get outside and start having some fun. Dogs know how important it is to have a daily walk — just follow their lead!"

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/activities/sports-and-activities/walking>

### Little Saints After School Club

**Where?** St Theresa's School (multi-purpose room)

**When?** Every day after school until 6pm

Please contact Vicky for further information.

email: vicky\_avraam@hotmail.co.uk

telephone: 07968 498 364

### Ordering COVID-19 rapid lateral flow tests

Everyone is now able to order free packs of rapid lateral flow tests. A pack of tests contains 7 tests. You can order one pack per household each day.

**Lateral tests are for people who are not showing symptoms of COVID-19.**

You can order rapid lateral flow tests if:

- you do not have coronavirus symptoms
- you're 11 or older
- you have not been told to self-isolate
- you cannot get tests from your work, school, college or university (ask them for rapid lateral flow tests)

### Where can you order the tests?

From <https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/order-lateral-flow-kits/condition>

### Other ways to get rapid lateral flow tests

You might be able to:

- collect tests from a test site
- collect tests from a pharmacy
- get a test at a site

If you're collecting tests, you can collect 2 packs at a time (14 tests in total).

To find your nearest test collection point, please visit

<https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

You are advised to do a test twice a week.

Primary school-age children and younger do not need to test.

### 2021-2022 School Holiday Dates

The 2020-2021 school holiday dates can be found on the school website:

<https://www.st-theresas.barnet.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/St.-Therasas-Term-Dates-for-2021-2022.pdf>

### Dates for your diary

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April Staff INSET day (school closed to the children)

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> May Bank Holiday (school closed)

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> May NSPCC Number Day

Wed 26<sup>th</sup> May Y6 Trip to Lee Valley

Mon 31<sup>st</sup> May – Fri 4<sup>th</sup> June Half term

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> July Y6 Trip to Chessington World of Adventures

Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> July Last day of Summer Term

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept First day of term for existing pupils

**\*New dates in bold**