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Learning for life, loving God

Ourselves and others

Valuing all of His creation

Enabling us to do our best

## NEWSLETTER No 27 - 2 April 2026

### Reflection



This week we have reflected on Holy Week and journeyed along with Jesus. We have taken time to imagine what it was like and try to understand how people felt and reflected in this time. We have focussed on the impact and meaning it has to us today.

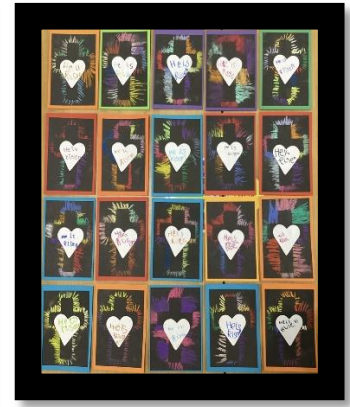


Dear Lord, During this Holy Week we follow you on your sorrowful and glorious journey to the Cross and Resurrection. Give us grace to see the deep love you show us in your sacrifice. When we face suffering and disappointment, may we know your love. When we are feeling lost, may we know that you are with us. When we feel joy, may we know it comes from you - that you are the source, and that we have you to thank for all of creation. May this Holy Week be for us a time of renewal in faith and love. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen

### THIS WEEK

As we race towards Easter we have seen more activities and learning opportunities taking place both inside and outside the classroom. We are fortunate that we are able to offer many extra curricular experiences and the memories of these events are carried with the children for many years to come. Here are some photos from the recent activities that have been taking place across the school this week.





On Tuesday Staff and pupils from St Gregory's visited us to run Literacy Workshops with our Yr5 classes. The afternoon was filled with fun tasks, games and quizzes for the children to work out and solve. They had a great time. Thank you to St Gregory's for your time and offering these great learning opportunities for the children.



### **Sporting Activities**

On Monday 45 children took part in a Primary School Cross Country event at Tonbridge School. Despite it being windy and chilly the children were amazing! There were great runs all round with children being placed in the top 10 and the following children being placed in the top three: Connor Miller 1<sup>st</sup>, Aerin Bell 1<sup>st</sup>, Ivy Goodman 2<sup>nd</sup>, Isaac Townsley 2<sup>nd</sup>, Imogen Walpole 3<sup>rd</sup>. Very well done to all the competitors, we are very proud of your stamina and stamina.

A team of Yr6 children took part in our first ever Water Polo event at Tonbridge School Pool on Wednesday afternoon. The team had lots of fun and enjoyed being part of this new event. Reception class held their Spring Walk on Tuesday which was a lovely reminder of how beautiful our surrounding area is. It was a great way for Reception classes to connect with nature and notice the changing seasons first hand. Thank you to the many parent helpers who were able to join us on the walk.

To end our week before Easter, Yr5/6 performed Stations of the Cross for the school. This was a moving account of Jesus Christ's last day on Earth, from his condemnation to his entombment which involves moving between 14 stations depicting these events. Yr5 & 6 performed the Stations with emotion and sensitivity. Well done!

This was followed in the afternoon by an Easter Egg hunt which every child had the opportunity to take part in. It is a fun and exciting way to end the term!



### ***Plea from Eco Club***

We are looking for any fruit or vegetable seeds (in date) or seedling plants to grow over the next two terms, if you have any you would be happy to donate to the Eco Club, we would be extremely grateful. Please hand to Mrs Bellingan or the School Office. Many thanks.

This week my **Headteacher Awards** go to: Roxanna-Maria P & Lily F (R) for showing their great listening and learning skills this week, we also are awarding all of Yr6 for being great ambassadors of the school during their recent visit to London. We are proud of you all.



### **ADVANCE NOTICE**

There are still a few places left for any Yr5/6 children who would like some catch-up lessons. There are no fees for these places, so please do sign your child up if they are unable to swim 25mtrs. They will swim for four weeks starting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April. If you have already signed your child up, please remember to send them in with their swimming kit on the first day back after the break.

### ***Marathon Challenge Day for the Meningitis Research Foundation***

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April, the whole-school will take part in a Marathon Challenge Day to support Mr Adams' London Marathon run for the Meningitis Research Foundation. Throughout the day, all classes will be taking on their own running challenges to get everyone active and support the charity. Children are to come to school in appropriate sports kit and trainers (no crop tops) ready to take on their running challenge and we invite them to make a voluntary £1 donation on the day. Families who would like to support Mr Adams further can do so here:

<https://2026tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/jack-adams>

There will also be a charity bake sale at the end of the day. Thank you for your support and we look forward to an enjoyable day.

### ***School Uniform***

On return from the Easter break, children can wear their summer uniform. Please see the following link for the correct uniform. <https://www.stmargaretclitherowschool.org.uk/Uniform-information/> .

Should you need to purchase the correct items, School Trends are offering a discount of 15% off until 15 April using the code **Happy15** at the checkout. You can order items using this link

[https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/St\\_Margaret\\_Clitherow\\_TN11\\_9NG](https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/St_Margaret_Clitherow_TN11_9NG)

### ***School Lunches***

A gentle reminder to please book your child's school lunches for next term before 20<sup>th</sup> April.

### **ATTENDANCE REPORT**

Overall attendance to date: 94.4%

### ***Dates for your diary***

You can also find more details on our school calendar:

<https://www.stmargaretclitherowschool.org.uk/Parents/Calendar/>

Thurs 16 Apr - National offer day (Reception places)

Mon 20 Apr - All children return to school

Mon 20 Apr - swimming - catch-up (Yr5/6)

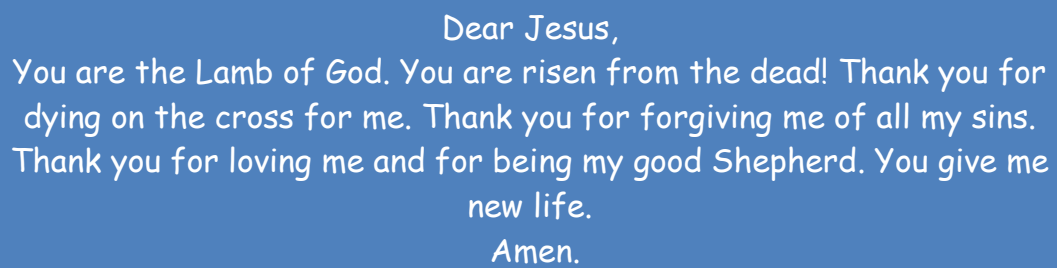
Wed 22 Apr - Wear green for Earth Day

Thur 23 Apr - TGGs Maths Challenge

Fri 24 Apr - 'Run a mile' challenge

Fiona Oubridge

Headteacher



Dear Jesus,  
You are the Lamb of God. You are risen from the dead! Thank you for  
dying on the cross for me. Thank you for forgiving me of all my sins.  
Thank you for loving me and for being my good Shepherd. You give me  
new life.  
Amen.