

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 20th March 2026

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MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD OF SCHOOL

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening. I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to see your child's work and discuss their progress. If you have any further questions following your meeting, please contact the main office.

The school has been very busy as we approach the end of term, with lots of exciting activities taking place.

We thoroughly enjoyed welcoming Beacon's Netball team for a fantastic taster day, which the children found both fun and inspiring.

Year 5 also had a wonderful time during their Ancient Greek Day, bringing their learning to life through a range of engaging activities.

Meanwhile, the school is buzzing this afternoon with Irish spirit as the PA puts the final preparations in place for our St Patrick's celebratory event! Wishing everyone who is attending a fun evening of ceol agus craic (music and fun!). Many thanks to all the PA for working so hard to put this event together.

Have a restful weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs J Hansen
Head of School

WEEK BEGINNING 23rd MARCH

Monday 23rd March

Lenten Walk in aid of CAFOD in Eltham Park South

Meeting for parents and carers of Y5 children going on the French Trip. 3.20pm.
Gym hall

Tuesday 24th March

Easter Service for Infant children. Fr John to lead.

Guitar Concert. Gym hall. 3.20pm

Wednesday 25th March

Walking the Way of the Cross. St George's Cathedral. Y6 and Y5 Chamber Choir members to attend.

Spring Walk for Reception children in Eltham Park South.

Y5 Shakespeare Workshop

Preloved Uniform Sale. 2.30pm

Thursday 26th March

Palm Procession. Nursery. Fr John to lead.

St Oscar Romero Easter Mass. St George's Cathedral. Y5 Faith Friends to attend.

Friday 20th March

Last day of this term. Children will be dismissed at 2pm.

LITERACY

Mrs Thaxter, our Literacy Coordinator, would like to share this link with all families as a guide to selecting suitable children's reading books.

<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/year-groups>

SCHOOL VALUES: FAITH, MERCY, TRUTH, RESPECT, RESILIENCE, LOVE

LENTEN WALK IN ELTHAM PARK

The children from Reception – Y6 will take part in a Lenten Walk around Eltham Park South on Monday 23rd March in aid of CAFOD.

Nursery children will have their own Lenten Walk at school led by the Faith Friends.

There is a sponsor form attached for any child that wishes to collect sponsorship money to be donated to CAFOD.

Many thanks for your continued support.

ROYAL BOROUGH GREENWICH SHORT STORY COMPETITION

In line with World Book Day, Royal Borough Greenwich has launched this year's **500 Word Short Story Competition**, inspired by the theme **THE UNEXPECTED**. Children are invited to write a short story, no more than 500 words, preferably typed, on the theme of **THE UNEXPECTED**.

All entries can be sent to Mrs Thaxter by **Thursday 23th April**. Please include your full name and class.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Archie Watson, Archie Clark and Samuel Hallett play football together and as part of their team, they won the Greenwich District Cup Final last Friday evening. They look very happy with the result!



Annie Casey, 41, took her Grade One Piano Exam this week and has passed with distinction. Keep practicing Annie!



Y6 VISIT HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

Y6 children had a wonderful tour of The Houses of Parliament and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a workshop, where they learned about parliamentary 'ping pong' and the differences between the two Houses (House of Commons and House of Lords).



RECEPTION SPRING WALK ELTHAM PARK SOUTH

The children in classes A and B are going on their Spring Walk to Eltham Park South on Wednesday 25th. They will also visit the pond in Eltham Park North to link with their Bog Baby and pond topic.

They will return to school by 11:30am, in time for lunch.

SUMMER UNIFORM

The children are asked to return to school after the Easter break in full Summer uniform. The weather should be better by then and the children look forward to wearing less layers!

Our uniform policy can be viewed [here](#) so please take a look.

The PA are holding a preloved uniform sale on Wednesday 25th March at 2.30pm. Please come along as there are very good items of uniform for sale.

MUSIC

Children who are learning guitar at school will be taking part in a concert on Tuesday 24th March at 3:20pm in the gym hall.

Family members are warmly invited to come along and enjoy the performance.



Y5 ANCIENT GREEK DAY

Y5 had a fabulous day celebrating their learning on the topic of Ancient Greece. They made lots of arts and crafts including designing our own Greek theatre masks, Olympic torches, Greek plates and they wrote their names in Greek. This afternoon they went outside to participate in our own mini-Olympics! They enjoyed spending time together and made lots of happy memories!



EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

We are pleased to share that we recently held our first online meeting to launch our new Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Working Party.

The group brings together staff, parents and other members of our school community who are passionate about ensuring our school continues to be a welcoming, inclusive and supportive environment for all.

During the meeting we discussed our shared aims, explored key priorities and began planning the steps we will take to further strengthen equality, diversity and inclusion across the school.

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us.

We would still be very pleased to hear from any parents, carers or members of the wider school community who may be interested in joining the working party. If you would like to be involved, please contact the School Office for more information. We look forward to sharing updates with parents and carers as the group's work develops.

Y1 PLANTING SEEDS

Class C and D planted spring onion seeds this week. They learnt about what a plant needs to grow: water, sunlight and soil. The children cannot wait to see lots of healthy seedlings pushing up very soon.



Pre-loved School Uniform Sale – Wednesday 25 March

The PA will be holding a pre-loved uniform sale from **2:15pm** on **Wednesday 25 March**. The items will be mostly the summer uniform ahead of the change in uniform after the Easter break. We will have card readers available on the day, but *cash is preferred please*.

Content needed for the school magazine

Our wonderful annual school magazine is distributed every year. We want the magazine to feature content from as many of the children as possible and need their help with this!

Contributions we're looking for are:

- Creative corner: artwork, poetry, photography, recipes etc
- Achievements: photo with any awards or achievements they'd like to share
- Talent showcase: photo showing any skills or talent they're proud of

Please send your child's content (with their name & class) to stmaryrcmagazine@gmail.com by **Friday 27th March**

Advertising

The PA are looking for individuals or businesses to advertise and please also email us if you are interested in advertising in the magazine.

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