

Endsleigh Holy Child VC Academy



Headteacher Mrs. E Barrs
Newsletter 28th February 2025



Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to a new half term of lighter nights and improving weather. I hope you were able to enjoy the recent break together.

A warm welcome back to Miss Lister in class 4 too, who has rejoined us following her maternity leave.

Thank you to all of you for your contributions and feedback on our draft relationships and behaviour policy. There were some really valuable points raised and in addition to sharing the draft with our governors, we will look at it again to ensure we really do capture what we know will help our children to flourish the most.

Within school we are working on ensuring that the children have the best possible working environment, brightening up classrooms and ensuring they are clutter free. We provide the children with all the stationery they need, and politely ask that they do not bring large bags and pencils cases to school. Many thanks for your support with this.

This week we have continued to pray for the recovery of Pope Francis and have shared prayers together in our prayer and liturgy time. We ask God to send His blessing and healing power for a sustained recovery for him.

God of wholeness and hope:

Send Your Spirit of healing, that She may accompany our shepherd Pope Francis in his illness. As he endures pain and discomfort, give him strength and peace.

May he experience the continued grace of your mercy.

May your unconditional love comfort him and help him heal.

May his faithful and humble service continue to be a beacon of hope for each of us who continue to serve your Kingdom.

Through Your Son, Jesus, the great healer of all, we pray: AMEN.

Wishing you a lovely weekend with your families,
Best wishes,
Mrs Barrs

Pupil Voice

This week in reception we have been learning the story, 'There is a snake in my school'. We have loved learning to play snakes and ladders, connect four, dominoes and a card game. We have loved playing together with our friends.

Sharing Books

Did You Know...?

By reading just 20 minutes each day, you will actually end up reading almost 2 million words in one year. Go on, pick up a book!

Listening to your child read has multiple benefits and supports their progress in reading in many different ways. This is not limited to the younger children; we want to encourage all of our families to share books, from the F1 Nursery children, all the way up our oldest children in Year 6! This could be through listening to your child read their school reading books, visiting a library together and sharing borrowed books, or by reading books that you have at home.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Ash Wednesday – Mass at the Marist 9.30am- 5th March

Stay and Pray Class 2 – 3pm 5th March

Stay and Pray Class 6 – 3pm 12th March

Stay and Pray Class 4 – 3pm 19th March

Stay and Pray Class 3/4 – 3pm 26th March

Stay and Pray Class 5/6 – 3pm 2nd April

Easter Holiday - school closes on Friday 4th April and re-opens on Tuesday 22nd April

Y4 swimming lessons - Tue 22/04/2025 to Fri 02/05/2025

May day - Monday 5th May

Half term - school closes on Friday 24th May and re-opens on Monday 2nd June

School closes for the summer break on Friday 18th July

School opens for the Autumn Term on Wednesday 3rd September

Dear Parents and Carers

This Lent we hope to share love with our neighbours in the local community and our wider global family.

To raise money for the most needy, we are going to take part in Cafod's Big Lent Walk by walking or jogging laps around the playground to clock up 200km as a school team (distances suitable to the age of the children). Please check your child's bag for the sponsor form and a letter which provides further details and a QR code that links to our dedicated Endsleigh fundraising page, where you can make online donations if you prefer.

To feed the hungry, we are collecting food to distribute to vulnerable members of our community. Please help us to model and exemplify our faith and the Gospel values for our children by sending in dried and non-perishable items for the collection which we will display so the children can see how, when everyone makes a small contribution, it can make a massive difference.

To spread love and kindness, we are sending messages of love and hope to the elderly in our local care home, Cottingham Hall, and to our local parishioners at the Marist and St Anthonys.

God bless

Miss Rollinson

Facial Palsy Awareness Week

Next week, we will be raising awareness on the topic of Facial Palsy. It is often a condition which is missed and/or misdiagnosed. We have a pupil and family in our school community with first hand experience of living with Facial Palsy and while celebrating this pupil's success, we also would like to help raise awareness. This week's topic is #PageNotFound, highlighting the need for further awareness of it.

Purple is the colour of the Awareness Week and so we are inviting all pupils to wear purple on next Friday 7th March.

It will be lovely to see the whole school supporting one of our own and helping to raise awareness of this condition.

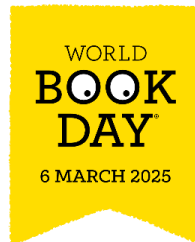
Thank you.

REMINDER: World Book Day – Thursday 6th March

As a school, we will be concentrating on a whole-school picture book. Each class will complete activities linked to the shared book, with a focus on discovery and having fun.

Children are invited to either wear something with flowers on, or wear pyjamas, for a cosy feel to the day.

Children are also encouraged to bring a book that they will read with their friends throughout the day.



Designated Roles

SENCO/Safeguarding Lead – Mr. J Fox

Assistant Head – Mr. J. Guthrie

EYSF Lead – Mrs. J Leach