



St Gerard's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter Week 22

27th February 2026



Message from Mrs Baxter

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful and joyful break and are ready for a busy and exciting half term. As we begin this new term, we also prepare to enter the holy season of Lent — a special time in our Catholic school year. Lent invites us to pause, reflect and grow closer to God through prayer, fasting and acts of charity. It is a time when we think about how we can follow the example of Jesus by showing love, service and compassion to others. Next Friday we will be collecting donations for the Food bank.

Diary Dates

- 5.3.26—World Book Day
- 5.3.26— Yorkshire water to visit Class 3
- 6.3.26- School book fayre begins!
- 10.3.26— Yr 4 Rise and Shine day St. Bernard's
- 11.3.26-Yr 4 Swimming
- 13.3.26— Mother's Day Celebration in the playground 1.30pm
- 14.3.26— GIFT session 1 (1.45)

- 17.3.26— Yr 4 Residential
- 20.3.26-Performing arts to attend closing ceremony Capital of culture
- 26.3.26-Parent Consultation

- 1.4.26— Yr 4 Passion of Christ
- 2.4.26— Journey through Holy Week
- School closes at 2.00pm 2.4.26**

Next School Mass

Our next school Mass will be on Tuesday 3rd March at 10am



Lent theme of the week

Next week, our whole-school focus is "**Acts of Kindness.**" We will be encouraging the children to think about how small, thoughtful actions can make a big difference in our school community and beyond. Throughout the week, we will be:

- Encouraging the children to complete one small kind act each day.
- Writing thank-you cards to members of our school staff to show our appreciation.
- Next Friday we will ask the children to bring food donations for the food bank
- Partnering with younger classes for buddy reading sessions, sharing both stories and friendship.

We look forward to seeing our children live out our Gospel values in practical and meaningful ways.

Stations of the Cross

We invite families to join us every Monday morning during Lent to reflect on the Stations of the Cross. Please join us at 8.15am in church.

Please make sure you have read our Lent newsletter for all the ways we will be growing like Jesus during this season.

Friends of St. Gerard's

A big thank you to the Friends of St. Gerard's for organizing a brilliant school disco. The children had a great time. Thank you for all the donations for the Easter raffle.
Thank you for your generosity.

This weeks special mentions

- Golden Stars:** Grace-Kimia, Delilah, Olivia, Dan B, Thomas, Jack J, Emmy & Emilia
- Achievement:** Lydia, Isaac, Emily S.S, Felicity & Harry
- Sports:** Sam, Elsie, Waqas, Arthur & Iris
- Birthdays:** Heidi, River, Lydia, Finley, Isla & Ivan

Parking

Please note parking outside of school reception, along the hedge, is for staff only. We ask parents not to drive down or park on the access road.