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This Week

On Tuesday, Year 3 had an 'Author Encounter' at Merchant Taylors, where they listened to Rose Ayling-Ellis talking about her books. They also learned how to sign "We love World Book Day". Thursday was World Book Day. The children spent time reading and talking about books. It was particularly lovely to see the older children reading with younger ones. Our doors have been decorated for the Year of Reading. You can see a film of the children behind the doors on our homepage and social media.

CATHOLIC LIFE

Celebration of the Word

On Monday, 3C presented their Rejoice celebration for Lent and shared the CAFOD Lent prayer intentions. You can see the prayer sheet on our website in the Lent 2026 section of the Catholic Life > Catholic Life and Mission page:

<https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/catholic-life-and-mission>

Whitechapel Money Boxes

Please continue with the part of the Great Crosby Generosity Challenge to collect loose change for the Whitechapel Centre in Liverpool. These boxes will be collected in after the Easter holidays.

CAFOD Market Day

Today is CAFOD Market Day. Nursery to Year 4 brought in books, toys, cakes and sweets for the sales. Years 5 and 6 ran stalls with games and activities run their own stalls for all of KS2 to take part in. A lot of fundraising fun was had for CAFOD's Lent Appeal. Visit <https://cafod.org.uk/envelope> to watch a video about projects helping people grow food in difficult conditions.

Stay and Pray

Thank you to everyone who came to Stay and Pray with Fr John this morning with the theme of CAFOD. The next one will be on Friday 27th March in the studio from 8.45am to 8.55am.



Lenten Masses

During Lent we have Mass for families and parishioners in school at 8am on Wednesdays (11th, 18th, 25th Mar). Thank you everyone who joined us this week.

SS Peter and Paul's Parish

We have a page on our website under the Catholic Life tab for SS Peter and Paul's parish, which has everything from the parish website.

6th March 2026

Mass Times

Regular Sunday Mass times for our churches are:

St Helen's: Sun 10am, 4pm

Ss Peter and Paul

Sat 5.45pm, Sun 10.30am

St Joseph's

Sat 6.30pm,

Sun 11.15am, 4pm

Diary Dates

March

Mon 9th–Fri 13th: Science

Week

Wed 11th: 8am Lenten Mass

Fri 13th: 9am Science Fair

Mon 16th–Fri 20th: Big Lent

Marathon Week

Wed 18th: 8am Lenten Mass

World Recycling Day

Sat 21st: Choir with St Mary's

Choir

Tue 24th: 9am 1D Rejoice

Wed 25th: 8am Lenten Mass

9am RMB Rejoice

Thu 26th: 9am 2B Rejoice

Y6 Music Trip

PTA Easter Egg Hunt

Fri 27th: 8.45am Stay and Pray

1.30pm End of term

April

Mon 13th: Children return

Mon 20th: 5pm PTA Meeting

Wed 22nd: Earth Day

Mon 27th: 2M/2WB Farm Trip

Tue 28th: 2B/2HW Farm Trip

May

Mon 4th: Bank holiday – school closed

Mon 11th – Thu 14th: Y6 SATS

Week

Tue 19th: 2HW Rejoice

Wed 20th: RG Rejoice

Thu 21st: 4MW Rejoice

Mon 25th– Fri 30th: Half Term

June

Wed 10th: 5B Class Mass

Wed 17th: 5C Class Mass

Wed 25th: 5M Class Mass

July

Wed 1st: 5J Class Mass

Attendance



96.0%

St Helen's and St Joseph's Parish

Stations of the Cross at St Joseph's is on Wednesdays at 6pm and St Helen's on Friday at 6pm. St Helen's Church have a number of events, all in the parish hall:

Quiz Night for the SVP – Tonight starting at 7.30pm £8 (under 18s free)

Reflections for Lent – tomorrow, Saturday 7th March at 1pm.

Pope Leo's Monthly Prayer Intention

Pope Leo's monthly prayer intention for March is for disarmament and peace. *Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.* Pope Leo XIV 2026. Pope Leo XIV's video is on Our Catholic Life > Prayer, Liturgy and Jubilee page: <https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/prayer%2C-liturgy-%26-jubilee>

Great Crosby's CAFOD Big Lent Marathon

Miss Sharrock will be running in the London Marathon on Sunday 26th April raising money for CAFOD. To support her, we shall be holding a Great Crosby's CAFOD Big Lent Marathon from Monday 16th to Friday 20th March. During the week, Miss Sharrock will run a marathon and children will have the opportunity to run (or walk) a mile with her. This links to CAFOD's Big Lent Walk which we always support.



Stations of the Cross

Justin Malewezi, the deacon at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs & St Swithin's Church, Croxteth has produced an online flip-book, *Veronica's Stations* is based round parents and children praying the Stations of the Cross reimagined through the eyes of St. Veronica. Scan the QR code above to view it.

CAFOD Lent Reflections

CAFOD's Lent calendar emails offer daily prayers and reflections through your Lenten journey, alongside information about ways in which you can support CAFOD's ongoing activities. The daily emails began on Ash Wednesday and end on Easter Day. Find out more here: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/lent-calendar>

The Wednesday Word

This week's Wednesday Words are, 'God's Love'. Please take some family time to read it on our Catholic Life > Catholic Life and Mission page. <https://greatcrosbycatholicprimary.com/catholic-life-and-mission>

Catholic Pic

This month's Catholic Pic can be read on our Catholic Life > Our Parishes and Archdiocese page and https://issuu.com/catholic_pic/docs/catholic_pic_march_2026

Science Week

Next week is Science Week when each year group will be focusing on a particular investigation. We are looking forward to our first Science Fair next Friday in the Studio at 9am.

PTA

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA meeting this week. The next one will be on Monday 20th April at 5pm.

Fundraising

Well done to Theo, Thomas, Thea, Ellis and Joe who were among the participants in the 'Light Up the Night' walk raising money for Woodlands Hospice last weekend. Thank you to Sharuhi and Olivia who raised a super £115.10 for CAFOD by making and selling bracelets.