

# St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



30th January 2026

## ATTENDANCE SPOTLIGHT:

This week's attendance

94.52%

Target attendance

97%

Best attendance this week



**YEAR 6**  
**97%**

## Remember: Every Day Counts!

Dear parents and carers,

In this week's Celebration of the Word assembly we heard the story from Matthew's Gospel where Jesus calls his first disciples. The fishermen were far from perfect and appeared ordinary but went on to do extraordinary things with Jesus leading them.

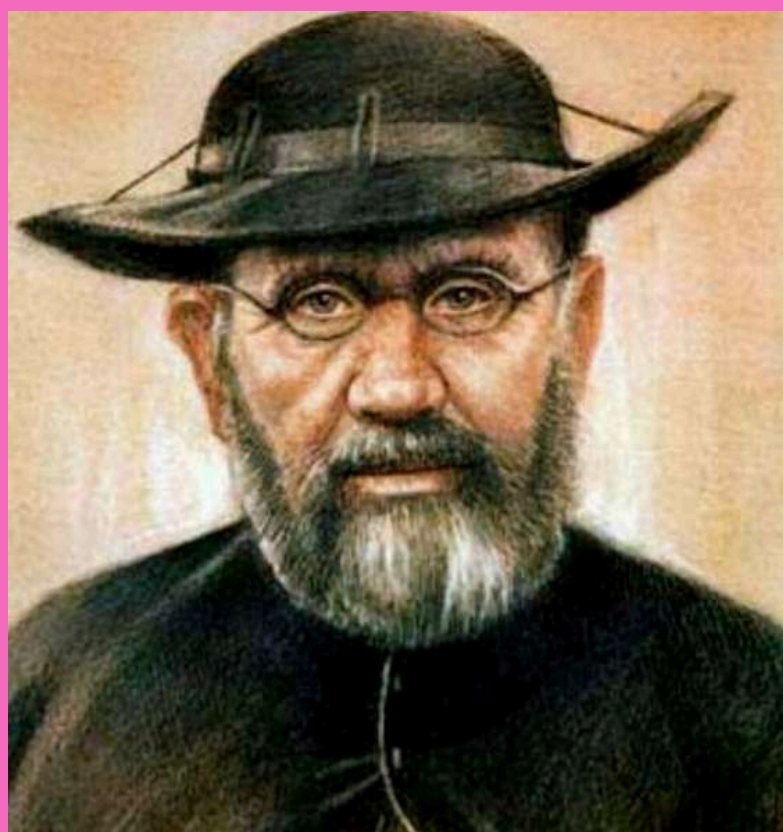
I told the children about one of my favourite saints (Damian of Molokai). He was a priest who did not excel at seminary school and was then sent to the remotest inhabited island in the world (Hawaii) as a missionary. When he arrived he realised that the King was ordering those with the infectious skin disease - leprosy - to be banished to one of the smaller islands (Molokai). Led by Jesus as his example and having already left his family and friends far behind he made the decision to go to the lepers.

Ask your children what happened next. Damian ends up giving his life for others and achieved the extraordinary. He was canonised in 2009.

Damian's sacrifice inspired others to follow and many more began arriving on the island of Molokai to help the lepers. I asked the children to think of ways in which we can inspire others to follow Jesus through making small sacrifices and putting the needs of others ahead of our own. Let's try to achieve the extraordinary by following Jesus' example.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Doherty



## DIARY DATES

- Mon 2nd - Skateboarding After School Club - **Years 1-6**
- Mon 2nd - Phonics Parent Sessions - **Year 2** - 9-9.40am
- Tues 3rd - Phonics Parent Sessions - **Year 2** - 9-9.40am
- Tues 3rd - Eco-Coding workshops - **Years 1-4**
- Tues 3rd - MTC Info Session for **Year 4** parents, 3.30pm
- Tues 3rd - Art After School Club - **Year 4, Year 5, Year 6**
- Tues 3rd - Abs Football After School Club - **Years 1-6**
- Wed 4th - Phonics Parent Sessions - **Year 2** - 9-9.40am
- Wed 4th - Coding After School Club - **Years 2-6**
- Thurs 5th - Tennis After School Club - **Years 1-4**
- Fri 6th - NSPCC Number Day - **whole school themed mufti**
- Fri 6th - Gymnastics After School Club - **Years 1-6**
- Fri 6th - St Valentine's Disco

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On Friday, last week, I received the following email from Bridget Phillipson (Secretary of State for Education). As a Catholic school I can think of no higher accolade than to be told that you are for the disadvantaged. This says so much about the St Joseph's school community. Well done everybody. You should be so proud of yourselves.

*Dear Mr Doherty,*

*Congratulations to you and your team on the excellent outcomes the disadvantaged pupils at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Christchurch achieved at the end of the 2024/25 academic year.*

*Your school's performance places it among the very best nationally, and this is a significant achievement. This success reflects the dedication of your staff and the hard work of your pupils. It shows what can be achieved when ambition and commitment come together.*

*Thank you for everything you do to give children the best possible opportunities to succeed. Your school's achievements demonstrate what is possible, and I hope you will continue to share your experience and best practice with others. Even the strongest schools can go further. We encourage you to lead the way as a system leader - sharing effective practice, championing networks, supporting collaboration, and helping raise standards across the sector. Please pass on my thanks and congratulations to your staff and pupils. I look forward to working with you as we strive together to raise standards for all.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Bridget*

**Bridget Phillipson**  
Secretary of State for Education





## Gymnastics Festival

Well done to all of the children who competed in the Christchurch School Sport Partnership gymnastics event on Tuesday at The Grange School. Brandon, Arrya, Arlia, Amelia, Freddy, Roxy and Marley from Years 1 and 2 had a brilliant time. They participated in lots of different gymnastic activities. Their favourite ones were the vault and the wall bars.

Thank you to Miss Thomas for accompanying the children. We are so fortunate to have staff willing to give their time so that our children have the opportunity to take part in such wonderful events.



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## Let your light shine awards

Our special award of the week, the 'Let Your Light Shine Award' goes to: Devlin, Harlowe, Harrison, Dominic, Ava, Jude and Charlotte. Well done everyone!



**THIS SCHOOL IS  
NUT FREE**



Can I please remind all of our parents and carers that we are a nut free school. Please be especially careful when preparing packed lunches. Many chocolate spreads (for example) contain hazelnuts and many of our children are so sensitive that even sitting in the vicinity of another person consuming food containing nuts can cause a reaction. Many thanks for your continued co operation.

## Family Mass at St Joseph's

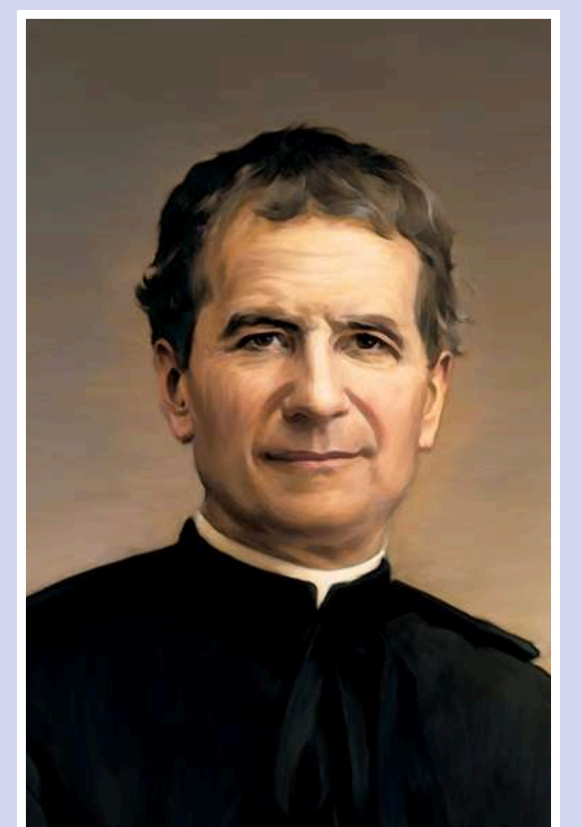
This Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> February) is a very special Mass at St Joseph's church, celebrated on the first Sunday of each month and dedicated to the families of our parish. In school we have been practicing the hymns that will be sung at the Mass. It would be lovely to see as many of our children there as possible. I'm told there will be doughnuts for the children in the Parish Centre afterwards!



## Saint of the week

31<sup>st</sup> January is the feast day of St John Bosco. Remembering our Saints is important because they serve as role models and examples of how to live a life with Christ at the centre.

In Key Stage assemblies the children learnt about the life of John Bosco and how he used his gifts to bring people to God including magic and his care for the poor, especially children. See if the children can remember anything about his story.







## Child led worship



It was so lovely to see our Year 2 children leading collective worship. The children planned and delivered their own worship for the whole class. Well done children. Isn't it lovely to see some of our youngest children taking an active part in the prayer life of the school?

## NSPCC Number day

This Friday (6th) the school will mark the NSPCC's Number Day with a number themed mufti day. The children can wear their own clothes to school. Please try to make outfits number themed. To raise money for the NSPCC we are asking for a small voluntary contribution of £1. There is no pressure to donate, but all contributions are appreciated. Funds raised help support services like Childline and the Speak out Stay safe programme.

**Number  
Day 2026**



## Attendance award!



Well done to Year 6 who were awarded this week's School Attendance Matters award with 97.04% attendance. Great job Year 6! Ducklings were 2<sup>nd</sup> with 95.56% attendance.



## Clothes collection for Ukraine

Thank you to everyone that donated clothes on Monday. Thank you also to our wonderful PTA for organising. Please see our PTA page to see how much we raised.

Catholic Social Teaching reminds us that we should look after those who are less fortunate than ourselves (preferential option for the poor). It is lovely to see our faith in action in such a special way. The clothes collected will now be sent to the Ukraine. Please keep the people of Ukraine in your prayers.







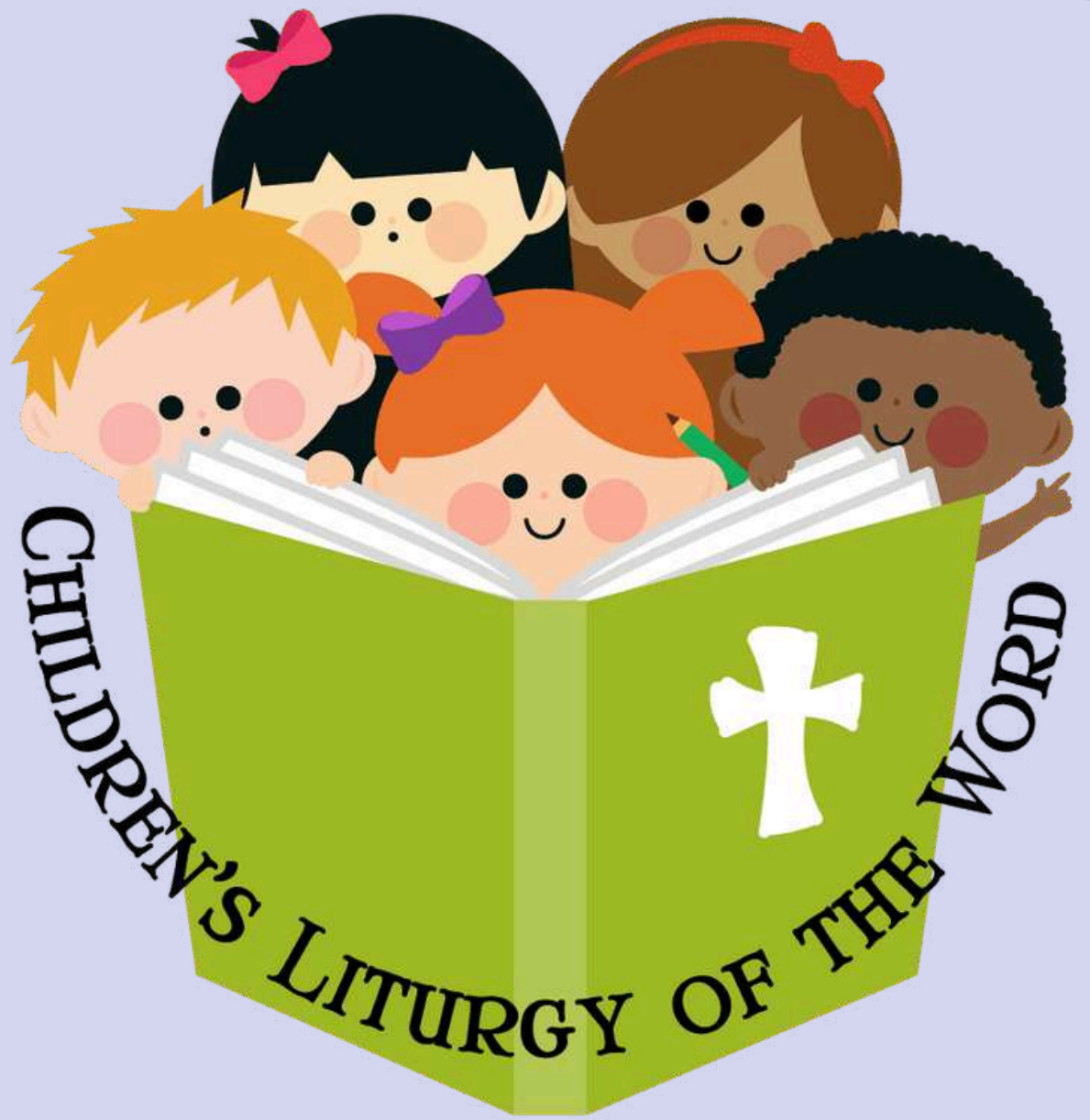
### Parents' Evening

A reminder (in advance) that Parents' Evening will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March from 3.30pm. Further details to follow.



### Plastic bottle appeal

Mrs McCarthy is asking for any empty 500ml plastic bottles you may have. These will be used in science lessons to create torches. Please send in with your children to give to their class teachers. Thanking you in advance.



Our parish will be offering Children's Liturgy of the Word during selected Sunday Masses. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to hear and reflect on the Gospel message at their own level of understanding. During the Liturgy of the Word, children of all ages will be invited to come forward and will be led to a separate space where they will listen to and discuss the Gospel and enjoy a craft or drama activity. We warmly invite you to encourage your children to participate. It will take place in St Joseph's Church, 67 Purewell,, Christchurch, BH23 1EH during mass on the following dates:

- February 1<sup>st</sup> - Family Mass
- February 8<sup>th</sup>

We are grateful for all those who volunteer to run this for the children and are always eager to add to our team. If you are interested in volunteering as a helper or leader, please don't hesitate to contact the parish office or speak to one of our volunteers during the service. Thank you.

Mrs McCarthy





## Walk to school class winners for December



Well done to Year 6 who won the Walk to School class winner of the month award for December. 74% of the children of the class walked, biked or scooted to school at least once during the month. Year 1 were 2<sup>nd</sup> with 66% and Year 5 were 3<sup>rd</sup> with 60%. Well done Year 6. Remember that walking to school has many benefits for us all including improving health and fitness and preventing pollution of the environment. Keep on walking everybody!



## Walk to School Design Competition

Our Walk to School Initiative (WOW) is running a design competition for the badges that each child can earn on a monthly basis. This is our school's opportunity to enter the competition and be in with a chance of winning incredible prizes and have our pupils' designs feature on the 2026/2027 WOW badges! This year's theme is: 'WALK the Senses'.

Competition ends Monday 23rd February 2026 at lunchtime. Entry forms will be coming home with your child soon.

## Year 6 RE work

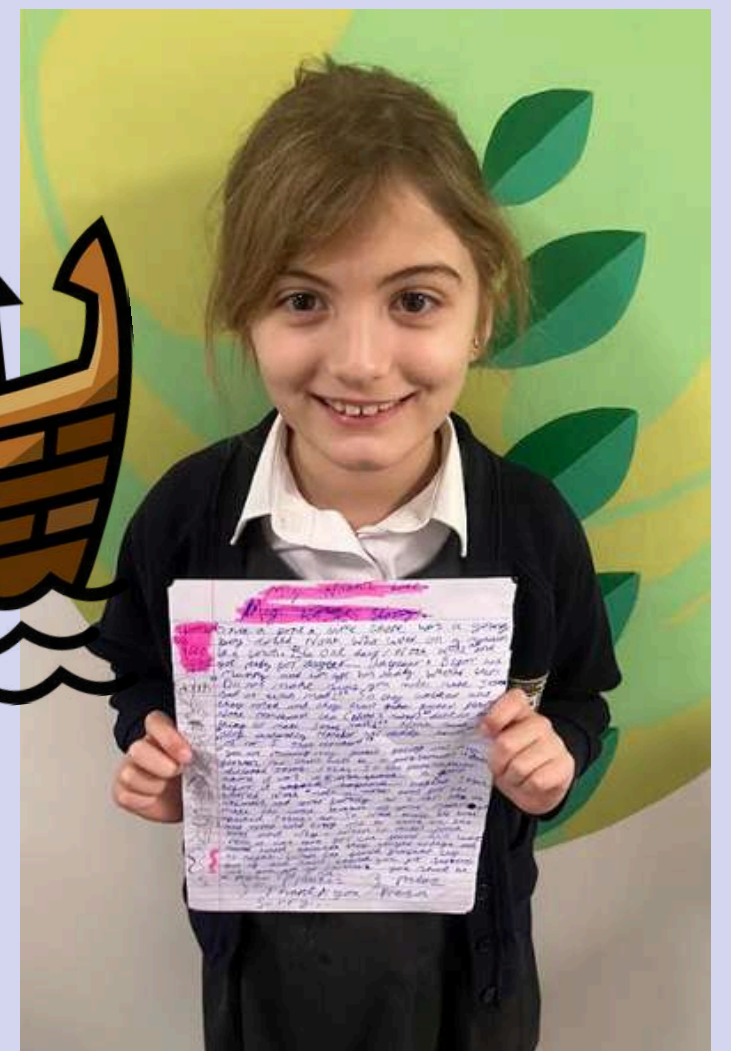
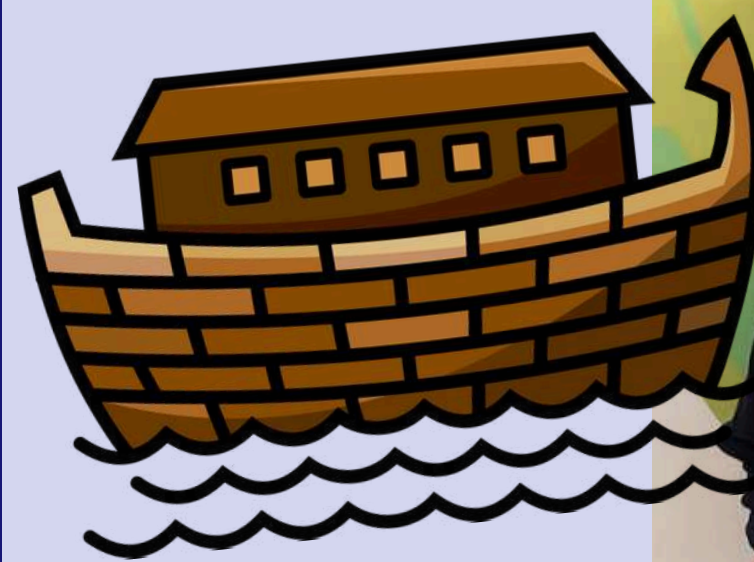
Year 6 were learning about The Great Commission - the words that Jesus gave to his apostles just before he ascended into heaven. He told his apostles to go and make disciples of all nations and spread the word of God. Year 6 had to imagine they were one of the apostles and they were going out spreading the word of God, telling people all about Jesus. Scan the QR Code to hear Isaac B, Iris and Alfie's impassioned speech.

Miss Thomas



## Clever Cleo!

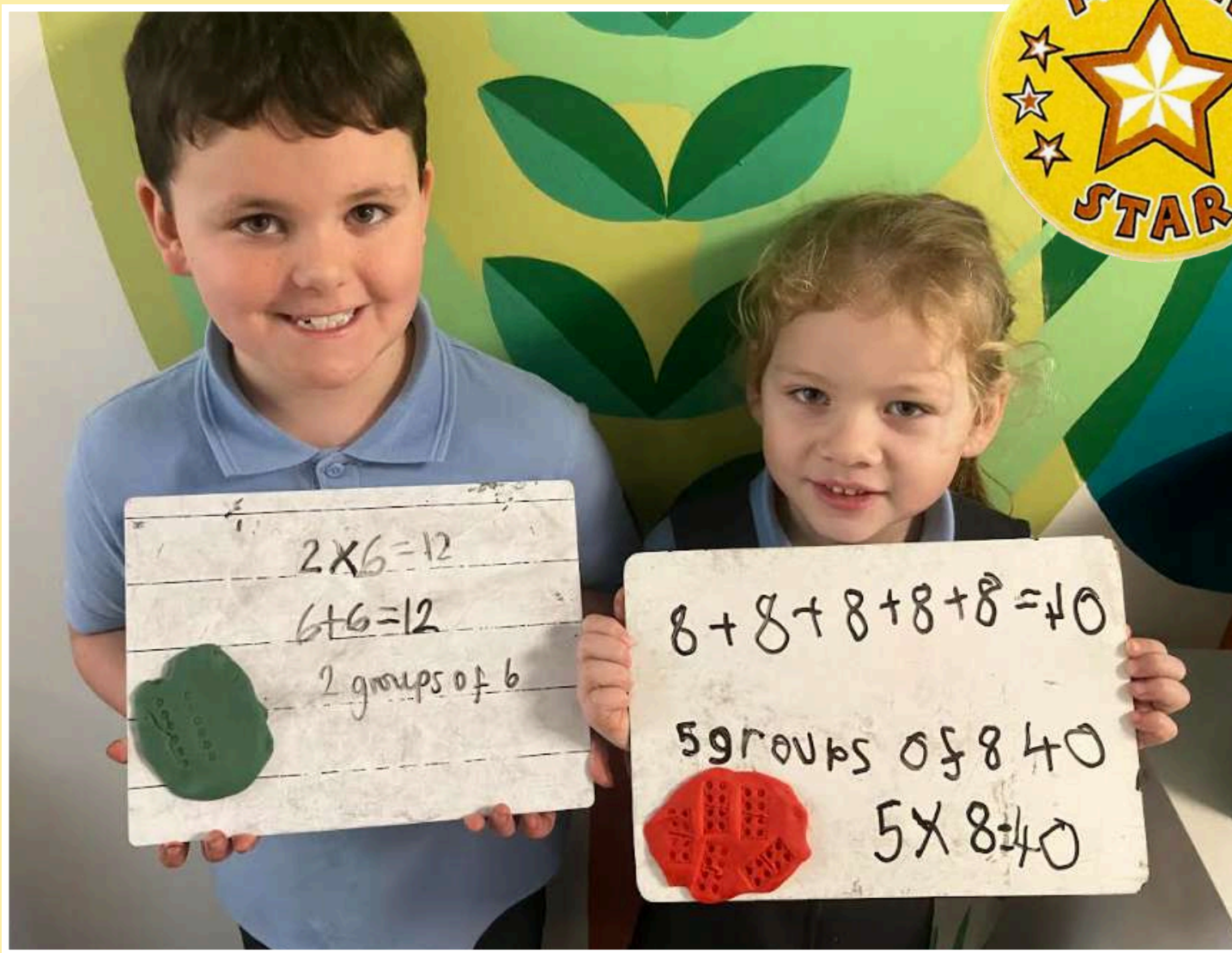
I had the most lovely of visits from Cleo in Year 4 who came to see me with her amazing interpretation of the story of Noah's Ark. She completed this in her own time. Once again, I am so impressed to see our children so motivated by their learning that they continue out of lesson time. Thank you for making my day Cleo!







## Maths stars of the week



Well done to Hilda and Freddie in Year 2 who were sent to see me by Mrs Ambrose with their amazing maths work. Year 2 have been learning about multiplication and repeated addition and the relationship between the two. It was lovely to see how they had used playdoh to make imprints of their calculations. They noticed that 5 groups of 8 can also be 10 groups of 4! Well done both of you!



Robyn and Aoife were sent to see me by Mr Cook to show me their fraction work and because they had worked so hard all week in class. When I look at the smiles on their faces I can't help but think what a joy and privilege it is to work in schools and to see how happy our children are to learn.

## Elmer the elephant craft



Dylan and Loic in Ducklings really brightened up my day with their Elmer the elephant craft creations. They were able to tell me the entire story and explained that they re-used old milk bottles to make their elephants. Well done boys!

## Rocksteady rock stars!

Well done to our Rocksteady pupils who are learning fantastic Band, Performance and Instrument skills while growing in confidence on their music journey. This week they achieved some wonderful goals:

- Lillie has started a new skill on the drums - crossing hands to play the 'hi hat cymbals'.
- Amiyah-Rae started playing a 'right left right left' drum fill on the snare drum, in time with the band.
- Eliza and Zailly have learned to play two-note chord "inversions" on the keyboard.
- Amber has obtained an Ofqual regulated qualification from Rocksteady and Trinity College London for their skills obtained in band lessons.

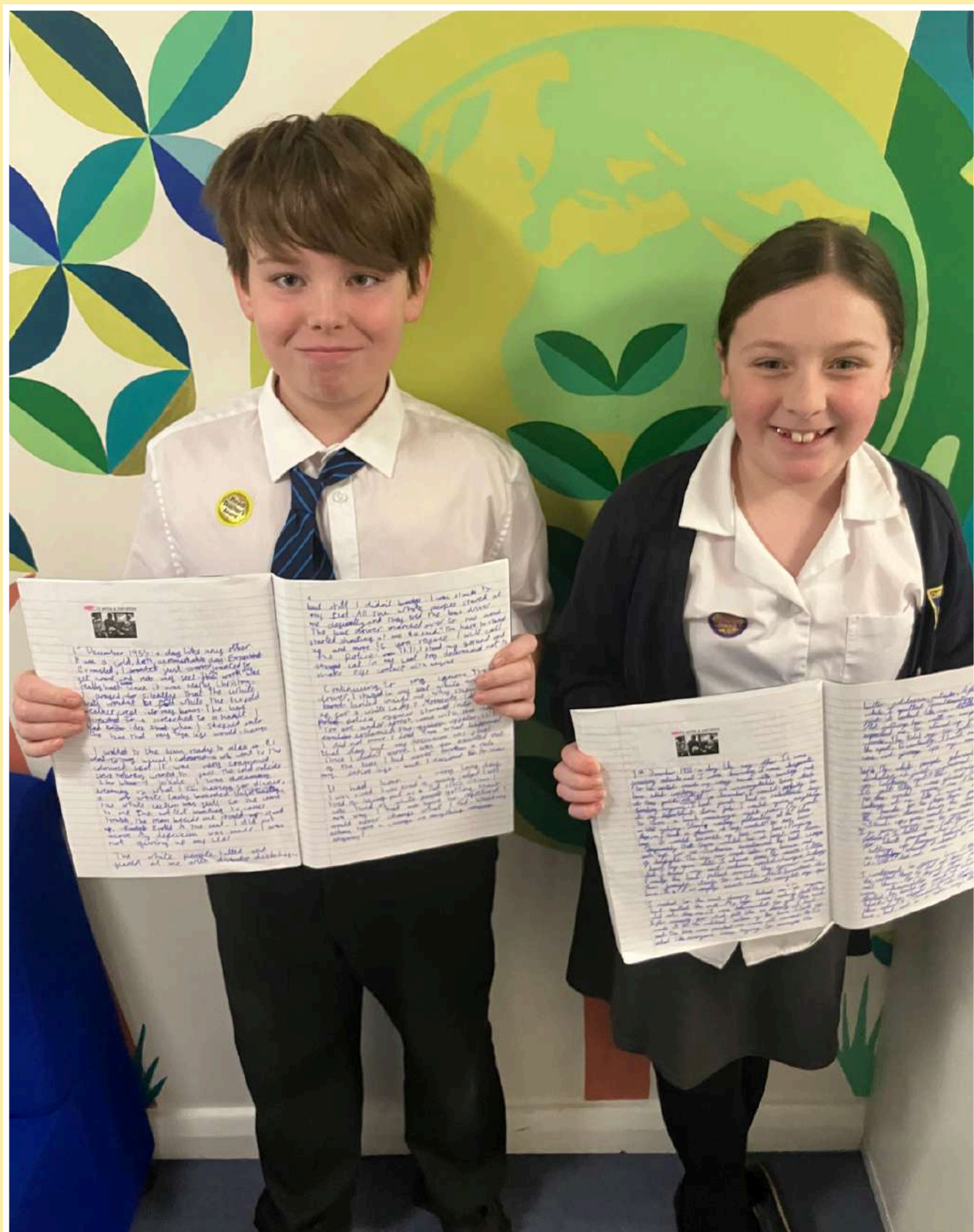
Well done everyone!







## Writers of the week



Well done to Isaac and Eliza and who came to see Mr Doherty with their wonderful writing. The children have been learning about Rosa Parks and had to retell the events of 1955 when Rosa refused to give up her seat to a white person on a bus.

Rosa Parks' refusal to yield her seat is a powerful example of upholding the Dignity of the Human Person, the foundational principle of Catholic Social Teaching. Her actions were rooted in the conviction that being created in the Image of God bestows a dignity that no law can diminish.

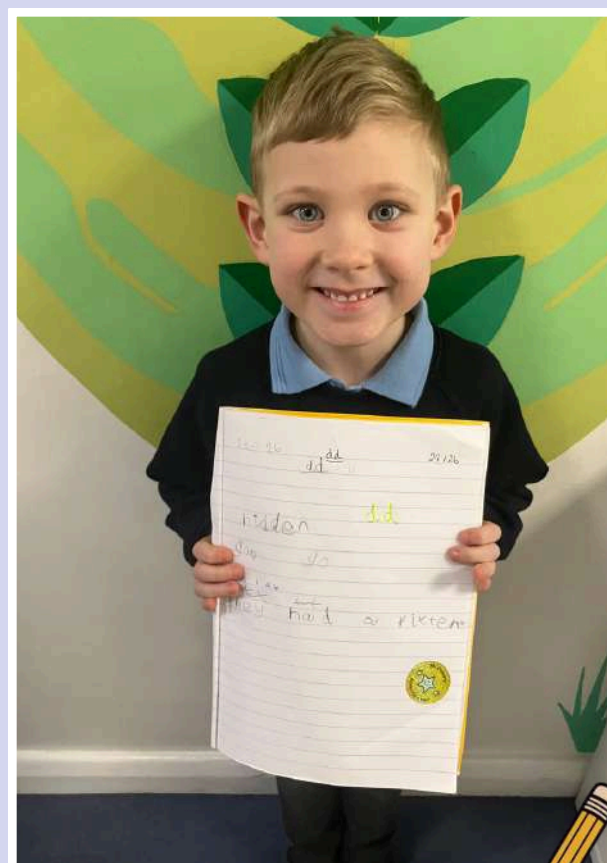


## Readers of the week!



Well done to Elliot and Avarie in Year 1 who came to see Mr Doherty because of their outstanding progress in reading. You should be so proud of yourselves children. It was a delight to see how your confidence is growing and how you loved talking about what you had read. There are many little ways to enlarge our children's world. A love of books is the best of all.

## Well done Dominic!



Well done to Dominic in Year 1 who came to see Mr Doherty because of his outstanding progress with handwriting. You should be so proud Dominic and fully deserve a Mr Doherty gold sticker!







## SCHOOL LIFE



### Year 3 volcanoes

I dropped into Year 3 this morning and found the children making these wonderful volcanoes in class. This is a design project linked to the children's current Geography topic on extreme nature. Next week they are planning to explode them! It is lovely to see our children immersed in the topics they are learning about and having the opportunity to do such creative activities. Thank you Mrs Whyte and the Year 3 team for planning and preparing such engaging lessons.



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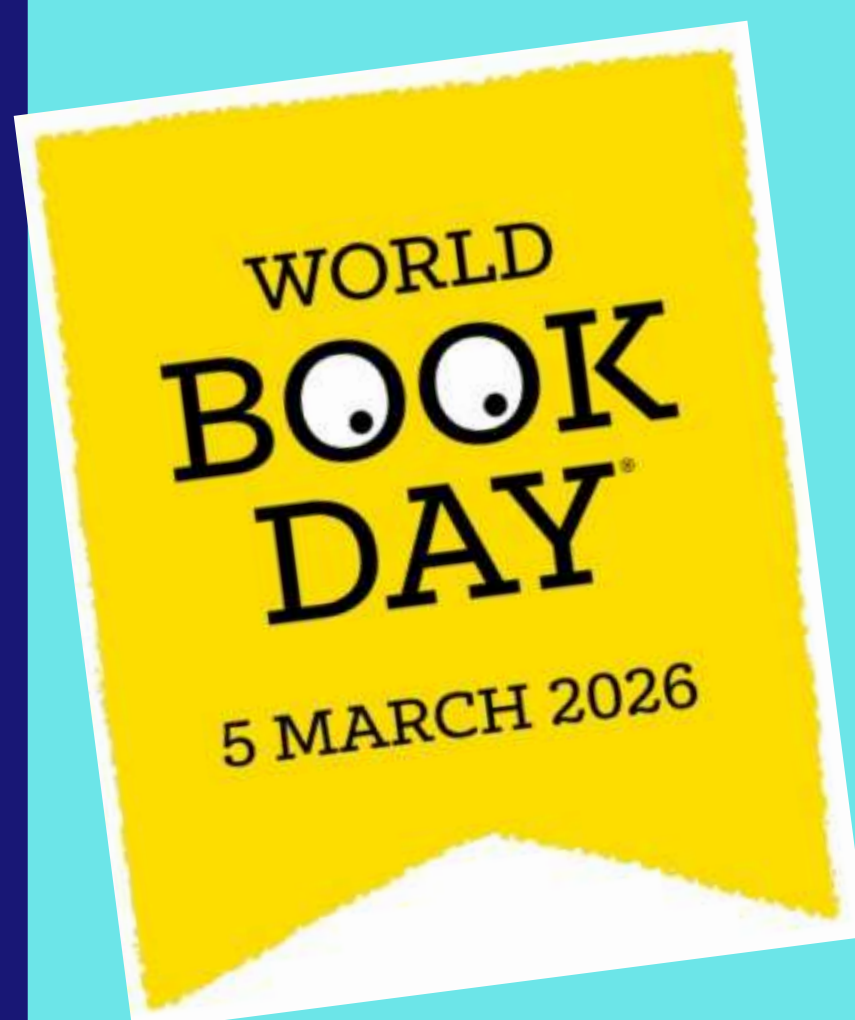
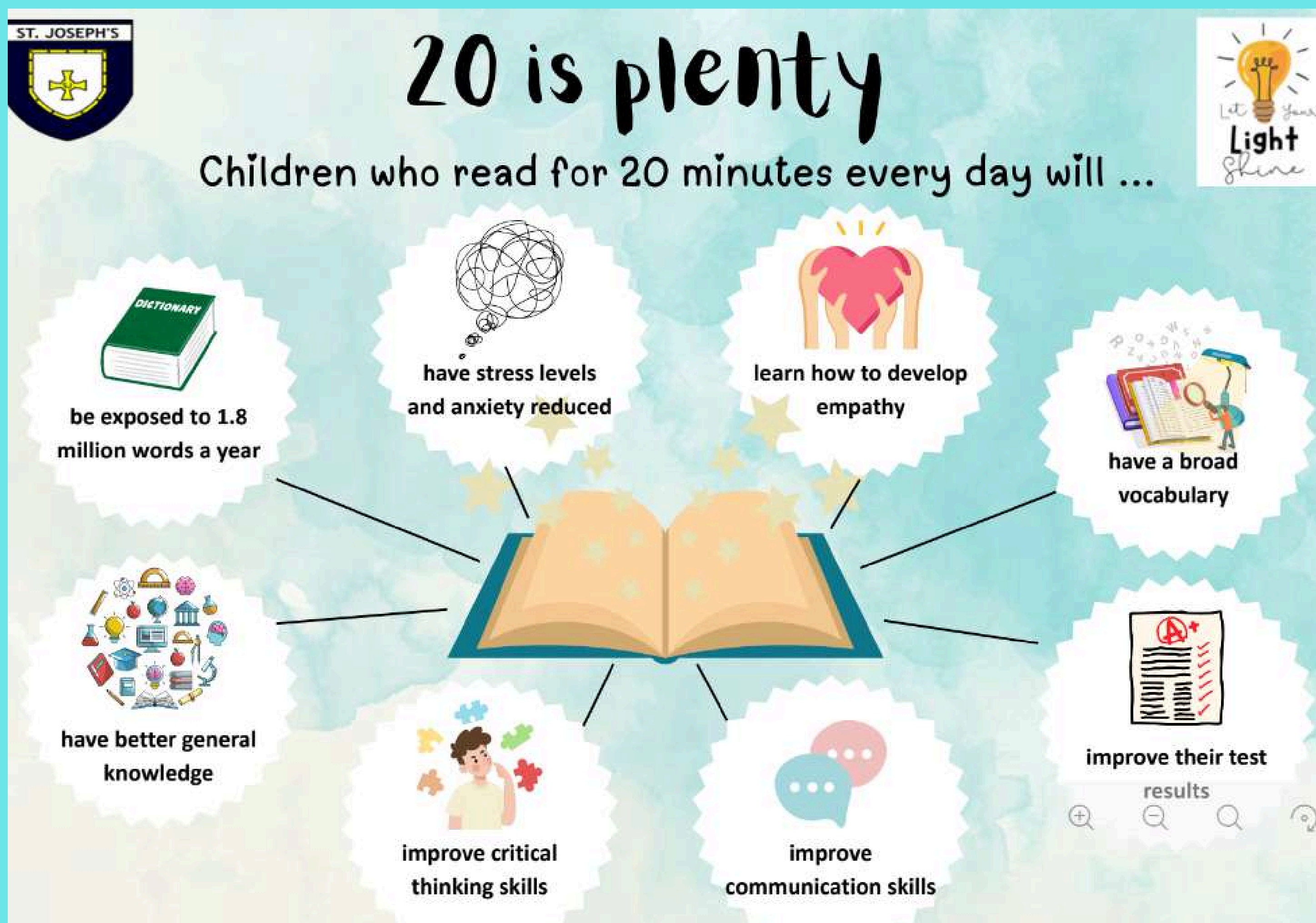


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### Reading

As you may be aware St Joseph's is the top school in BCP for greater depth in reading in 2025. This only happens if we continue to encourage every one of our children to read for at least 20 minutes a day. 20 is plenty! Please do your very best to support your children so they can continue to flourish. Below are some of the benefits from reading for just 20 minutes a day:



### Celebrating World Book Day

World Book Day is on **Thursday 5th March**. This year, we would like children to dress up as a book character and be able to tell the children in their class who they have dressed up as. Last year, our book swap was extremely successful, so we will be doing the same this year. We will also be inviting parents in to read with their children in the afternoon. Please put this date in your diary. More information will come out in the next couple of weeks.

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# SPEECH AND LANGUAGE WORKSHOP



We are extremely fortunate that our Link Speech and Language Therapist Georgia Bray is coming in to lead a workshop for parents on Monday 9th February from 9 - 9.45am. You will get up to date information about how the service works, a deeper understanding of language difficulties and how they show up at home and school. She also has lots of top tips to help you at home. This is open to all parents but we strongly encourage those whose children are currently working with the team of therapists attend. Mrs Sparks our SENDCO, will see you there.



YOU'RE INVITED!

## MEET OUR SPEECH & LANGUAGE THERAPIST

**WHEN?**

MONDAY 9<sup>th</sup>  
FEBRUARY

**WHERE?**

ST JOSEPH'S  
SCHOOL HALL

**TIME?**

9-9.45AM

**WHY?**

TO LEARN MORE  
ABOUT HOW THE  
SERVICE WORKS  
AND TOP TIPS TO  
HELP YOU AT HOME

EVERYONE  
WELCOME

IF YOU WOULD LIKE  
TO ATTEND, PLEASE  
CONTACT THE  
SCHOOL OFFICE TO  
BOOK YOUR PLACE.

CALL THE SCHOOL OFFICE: 01202 485976

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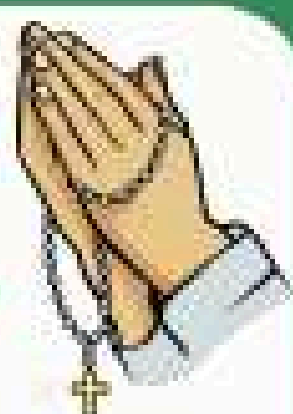


Please find the family prayer sheet for February below. This is a lovely resource to share with your families and friends.

# Families of Faith

† February †

## Prayer Corner



Dear Jesus,

Thank you for this new day,  
For our family, our friends, and all  
the love around us.

Thank you for the saints we  
remember this month,  
Who teach us to pray, be brave,  
and care for others.

Help us to be kind, share our gifts,  
And shine your light wherever we  
go.  
Amen

## Saints to Inspire



**14 February - St Cyril**

St. Cyril and his brother St. Methodius helped teach the Slavic people about God and made the first Slavic alphabet called Glagolitic. They also translated the Bible so people could read it in their own language. Today, St. Cyril is remembered for helping people learn to read and for creating the Cyrillic alphabet.



**10 February - St Scholastica**

St. Scholastica, twin sister of St. Benedict, devoted her life to God and led a community of women. She is remembered for her deep faith and prayer, including a famous story where God sent a storm so she could spend more time with her brother.

## Good News from the Gospel



**Week 1 - Matthew 5:1-12**

We listen to the Beatitudes. How can you be a peacemaker?  
How can you promote peace at home or at school?

**Week 2 - Matthew 5:13-16**

We think about how salt brings out the best things. What good deeds can you do today? How can you bring light to the world?

**Week 3 - Matthew 5: 17-37**

Teaches us about following laws and commandments. What would you like to say sorry for? How can you show you are sorry?

**Week 4 - Matthew 4: 1-11**

We have begun Lent and hear about Jesus being tempted in the desert. What are you giving up for Lent?

## National Inventors' Day 11<sup>th</sup> February

Research an inventor. Find out more about what they created

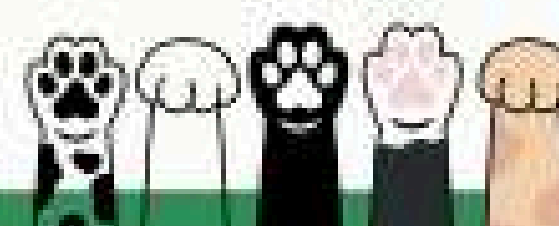


## National Random Acts of Kindness Day 11<sup>th</sup> February

Offer words of encouragement or make a donation to a local cause

## National Love Your Pet Day 20<sup>th</sup> February

Our relationship with our pets are part of our call to Stewardship. Genesis 1:25







Tickets on sale this week, **Thurs 29<sup>th</sup> Jan** and **Fri 30<sup>th</sup> Jan** on the playground after school.

## CHARITY FUNDRAISING THANK YOU!



**We raised £43.83 for the school and the clothes will help families in Ukraine!**

Thank you to everyone who donated. Our next collection will be **14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2026**

## We still need a PTA Treasurer!

Want to be our next PTA treasurer? With a clear head for numbers, you will control the PTA funds in line with the committee's decisions, as well as charity law. You will also make sure upcoming events are affordable and profitable, and report financial information to the rest of the team. For more information or to come in for a chat, please contact the school office on 01202 485976 or please email on [admin@stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:admin@stjosephs.dorset.sch.uk)

### The treasurer's responsibilities:

- Manages the day-to-day finances.
- Keeps a detailed record of the PTA's financial activity.
- Reports on the finances at meetings in a clear, concise way.
- Banks the takings from events and fundraisers..
- Arranges floats for events.

- Ensures money is kept safely before and during events
- Makes Gift Aid claims.
- Implements procedures for making payments and claiming expenses.
- Completes the Charity Commission annual return.
- Arranges audits for accounts.
- Reports at the AGM.
- Prepares the financial report.

### Suits people who are...

- Confident at handling money and budgets.
- Good with numbers.
- Methodical.

If you are interested in this role please contact the school office.



## Easyfundraising

Did you know that you can raise funds for our school everytime you shop online? It's easy to join and every time you shop online you raise donations for our school at no extra cost to you! We have already raised £1,869.14 with 101 supporters. If you haven't already signed up it's easy to join - please follow this link and check out the latest deals: [Easyfundraising](#)

## Pre-loved uniform

Just a reminder that we have our very own second hand uniform shop on the Uniformd platform where we sell good quality pre-owned uniform with all funds raised going directly back to the school.

To view our catalogue of clothes and to purchase, please visit the Uniformd shop here: [Uniformd](#)

## ST. JOSEPH'S HORSE RACE NIGHT



Tickets will be on sale on Mon 2nd Feb and Thurs 5th Feb on the playground after school.

**Grab your tickets for £8 and join the action!**

**Pizza included in ticket price. Bring your own drinks.**

**Doors open at 6:30pm with the first race starting at 7pm**

**Tickets available before & after school.**

**Feel the Rush – The Race is On!**

# SAVE THE DATE

**PTA SUMMER FAYRE**  
**FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY 2026**  
**4-7PM**



**Next PTA  
meeting:  
24th Feb, 6pm**





# SCHOOL LIFE



## Important Dates for your diary

EVENT	DATE
Family Mass at St Joseph's Church	Sunday 1st February
Eco Coding Adventure for Years 1-4	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February
Step Into Sport Festival at The Grange Y3,4,5,6	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February
NCPCC National Number Day	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February
Scholastic Book Fair	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
Gymnastics Festival at The Grange Y3/4	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February
Netball Tournament at The Grange Y3/4	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
Imaginative Prayer for Year 6	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
Year 2 Space Camp	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February - overnight
February Half Term	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February
Football Development Tournament Y4	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February
Live and Inspired Music Performance	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March
Shooting Stars Festival at The Grange 2,3,4	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March
PTA Race Night Fundraiser	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March
Imaginative Prayer for Y6	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March
Netball Tournament at Twynham Primary Y5/6	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March
Class Photographs with Fraser Portraits	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March
Parents' Evening	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March
Cross Country at The Grange Y3,4,5,6	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March
Parents' Evening	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
St Joseph's Feast Day	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Mass to celebrate St Joseph's Feast Day	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
Netball Tournament at Twynham Primary Y5/6	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March
KS2 Mass at St Josephs at 10am	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
Last day of term - finish at 1.30pm	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
Back to School for Summer Term	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April
Imaginative Prayer for Year 6	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April
KS2 Science Fair	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April
Dr Bike	Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April

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# COMMUNITY

## Watermans Park February Programme

Meeting point: at the park entrance



THE PARKS  
FOUNDATION

### GreenFingers - Christchurch Group

Fri 13 & 27 February | 10.30am - 12.30pm

Join our friendly volunteer group to get involved in practical conservation in your local park.

Our sessions involve mixed tasks to improve and enhance the space for people and wildlife. No experience needed, all tools and equipment provided.

Our session on Friday 13 February will take place at Mudeford Woods. We'll meet in front of the community centre (BH23 4TR).

**Volunteering**



IN PARTNERSHIP



Sovereign  
Network  
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Scan for park  
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Get in touch with our team member, Will, on: [will@parksfoundation.org.uk](mailto:will@parksfoundation.org.uk) or: 07723 289747

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## Mudeford Woods February Programme

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A few events happening in and around Bournemouth

- **Jan 31st, 2-4pm**  
Winter Flowers Clay Craft at Kingfisher Barn. Fun flower-themed clay craft session.
- **Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am-12pm**  
Nature Tots at Alexandra Park. Fun, free nature activities for 2-4yr olds.
- **Feb 5<sup>th</sup>, 3.15-4.15pm**  
Peas in a Pod at Alexandra Park. Decorate a terracotta pot, then plant pea seeds to take home.
- **Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, 2-4pm**  
Orchid Clay Craft at Kingfisher Barn. Fun orchid-themed clay craft session.
- **Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am-12.30pm**  
Greenfingers - Christchurch Group at Mudeford Woods. Volunteering conservation work in the park for all abilities.

For more details and events please visit:  
<https://parksfoundation.org.uk/events/>

### Neurodivergent Brains & Bodies: How Hormones Impact ADHD

FREE  
WEBINAR

Join a free webinar with Kerry Mulgrew, Occupational Therapist, as she shares practical, evidence-based strategies to understand the links, spot patterns, and discover practical strategies to support your child's wellbeing through hormonal changes. Date: Wednesday 11th February, Time: 10am - 11am. To register your free place please click here: [Webinar: Neurodivergent Brains & Bodies: How Hormones Impact ADHD](#)

**Vitality BCity RUN**

**SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 2026**  
FREE T-SHIRT AND MEDAL FOR ALL RUNNERS!

**1K KIDS FUN RUN - £8.00**

**5K RUN - £12.00**  
(ALL RACES ARE PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY. NO ON THE DAY SIGNUPS)

FOR THE MUMS & DADS THERE'S A 10K OR A HALF MARATHON OPTION TOO!

**SCAN HERE TO SIGN UP**

BCP Council, HOTRADIO, BCPLISURE, forest holme hospice, Bournemouth Foodbank, HEALTHBUS, mind Dorset

All entries are pre-registration only, no on the day signups. Entries close on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March or sooner if sold out, so we encourage everyone to sign-up as soon as possible.

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# COMMUNITY

## Help with your energy bills

Gas & Electric: Unity in Community will be providing vouchers to help towards paying for gas and electricity. To qualify you must pay for your energy through a prepayment meter and have not received energy vouchers from Unity in Community within the past 12 months. This is in response to the ongoing cost of living crisis and beneficiaries can be working, unemployed, self-employed or retired. For more information and to register, call 01482 420836, Monday to Friday, 9am – 3pm – if busy, please keep trying.



## WhatsApp Support Service

We believe everyone should have someone to turn to for support.

If you are worried about your children or your family life, message us on WhatsApp

07441 444125

[www.familylives.org.uk](http://www.familylives.org.uk)



## ParentLine 5-19

A confidential text messaging service in Dorset for parents and carers of children aged 5-19.

**07312 263131**

Available school term time only

**NHS**  
Dorset HealthCare  
University  
NHS Foundation Trust

ChatHealth



## Somerford ARC Community Centre

### SEND Parent Carer Drop-in

**FREE FACE TO FACE SUPPORT AND ADVICE**  
**FREE BREAKFAST INCLUDED**

20 Southey Road, Christchurch, BH23 3EH

**Thursday 5th February 9.30am- 11.30am**



Providing information, advice and support to children and young people with SEND and their parent carers. We provide information, advice and support on matters relating to education, health and social care for SEND



Empowers and supports parents/carers of children and adults of any age with any disability, diagnosed or not. Our vision is for all parents/carers to access the help they need for a more fulfilled life.



The Grange School SENDCO



Parent Carers Together is the independent parent carer forum for Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole. It amplifies families' voices, co-produces with BCP Council and NHS Dorset, and influences SEND services locally and nationally through the National Network of Parent Carer Forums.



**JOINING US THIS MONTH FROM BCP:**

**BCP CO PRODUCTION AND ENGAGEMENT LEAD**

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