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Good afternoon,

This morning, the Year 5 children led our Lenten Mass beautifully. It was a truly lovely way to begin the day. As we continue on our Lenten journey, we are reminded of the importance of reflection, prayer, and small acts of kindness.

### World Book Day

We have enjoyed a fantastic world book day together! Across the school the classes paired up to share a story together. Year 6 enjoyed stories with Reception and Year 1, and Year 5 shared stories with Year 3. It was a cosy morning sharing the joy of reading and listening to our favourite stories. In the afternoon we thought about the 'Rights of a Reader' using Quentin Blake's illustration. We then made our own version of our reading rights. It promoted lots of discussion about reading. We spent some time looking at the fantastic selection of books on offer to buy with our World Book Day vouchers and are very excited to go and spend our World Book Day Vouchers!



In KS1 we enjoyed "Lost and Found" by Oliver Jeffers and in the afternoon completed a carousel of activities based on the book which included: creating a book cover, crafting a penguin, packing a suitcase for a trip to the South Pole and creating puppets to retell the story.

### Book Fair

It was lovely to see so many children and their families sharing their love of books together. Thank you to all the parents and carers who made purchases—your support makes a real difference.

A percentage of all profits is returned to the school, helping us to buy new resources and further enrich our class libraries. We truly appreciate your contribution!

Drop off – adults take EY, Y1 and Y2 to the door – see Marie

May we remind parents that all Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children must be dropped off at the classroom doors by an adult. Children in Years 3 to 6 may be dropped off in the school grounds and parents / adults may watch them until they enter the building. The school site has several gates and staff are not available to watch all the potential exits so it is essential that parents either take their child to the classroom or watch them enter the building. Year 6 children with parental consent may continue to travel to school independently.

### Reminder

Please can we remind all parents and carers of the procedure for reporting your child's absence.

If your child is going to be absent, you must contact the school office before 9:00am on the first day of their absence and state why your child is absent.

This helps us ensure all children are safe and accounted for.

Your child's attendance is important, and regular attendance supports their learning, wellbeing, and progress.

Please support us by recognising the importance of good attendance and following the correct reporting procedures. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

### Safeguarding

This month's safeguarding newsletter focuses on YouTube — a hugely popular platform used by many children across the school.

The guide provides practical advice and simple steps you can take to help keep your child safe while using YouTube at home.

This edition also highlights the growing influence of AI (Artificial intelligence). The newsletter explains what parents should be aware of, and how to support children in navigating online spaces shaped increasingly by artificial intelligence.

### Easter raffle

Thank you for your kind donations for our Easter Raffle. We are still taking donations to make our Easter Hampers as big as possible! It will be great to see which year group has the largest hamper! As a reminder, the colour theme is as follows:

Nursery and Reception	Purple chocolate / edible treat items
Year 1	Blue chocolate / edible treat items
Year 2	Orange chocolate / edible treat items

Year 3	Purple chocolate / edible treat items
Year 4	Red chocolate / edible treat items
Year 5	Orange chocolate / edible treat items
Year 6	Blue chocolate / edible treat items

The last date for collection of our hamper items is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

St Joseph's Penny

Thank you to the parents and children who have already brought their collection boxes back. You can return your boxes any time up to our Easter break.

Sacramental programme

We would like to remind parents that there is a meeting after Mass on Sunday for our Sacramental children.

**Don't forget - Follow us!**

We're excited to share that our school now has a new Facebook page and also an Instagram pages!

Follow us to keep up to date with news, events, and celebrations from our school community.

✦ **Facebook:** StAnns RC PrimarySchool

✦ **Instagram:** st.anns.rc.primary.school

We'd love for you to join us online and share in all the wonderful things happening at school!

Next week:

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Lenten Mass Led by Year 4. 9.15am Mother's Day Assembly 2pm for Reception parents. Coffee and Cakes served in the hall afterwards