



## Notices

- **Snow**

Please keep an eye on your emails for updates on school closures.

- **Lent**

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, 17th February during half term. Keep an eye out for Lenten activities.

- **Active Rutland**

Make sure you keep an eye on the [Active Rutland website](#) and their social media for ideas on how to keep active. Everyone in the family can get involved!



### Prayer of the week

#### The Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
Where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master,  
Grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love.

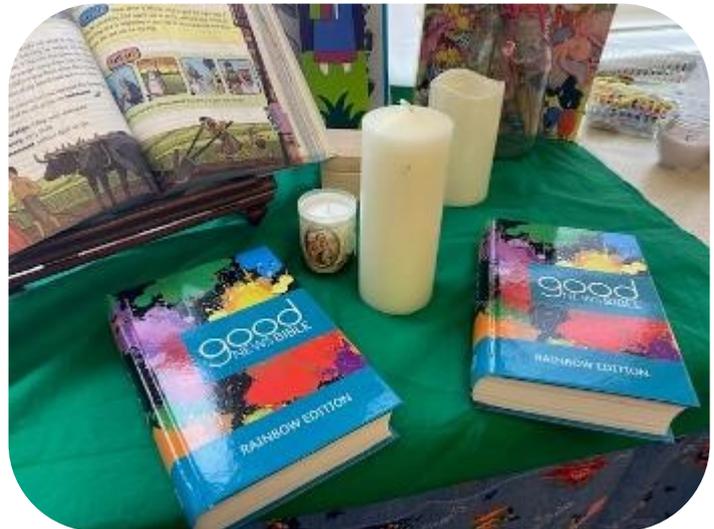
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

### Statement of the week

**'I have self control and always try to do the right thing'**

Please take time to discuss this statement at home with your child.



### New Bibles and candles

A huge thank you to St Josephs for giving us 30 new Bibles, St Joseph candles for each class and a new altar candle for Year 4.

### Root and Branch Out

Take a look at Root and Branch Out's youtube page for useful videos and some stories



<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu7FSkdgbZNfn4Muk5SRFDQ>

## Message from Mrs Chambers

I hope you and your families are well. One more week to go before you all get a well deserved rest and break from remote learning. It has been a roller coaster of a half term and I wanted to say thank you once again for all your hard work, resilience and positivity in such challenging circumstances.

Let's keep hoping and praying that we will all be reunited sooner rather than later. School will be closed to all children over half term to ensure that all staff get a rest and break too.

Term 4 is a short term, 5 and a half weeks as we finish the day before Maundy Thursday (Wed 31<sup>st</sup> March).

Lent will begin on Wed 17<sup>th</sup> February in half term and we will be supporting all our children and families through the journey of Lent, more information about Lenten activities will come out at the beginning of the new term.

I do hope that everyone has an enjoyable half term although I realise the range of activities available to families is limited.

Hopefully we can all look forward to warmer days, brighter skies and more normality in the weeks to come.

Mrs Chambers



## Birthdays



Happy Birthday to the children who have had birthdays recently

EYFS—**Simba**

Look out for Head Teacher Awards on Class Dojo!

## Maths Challenge

Well done to Riley, Elisa, Isobel and Florence who took part in two Maths Challenges this week. In the UKMT follow up challenge Florence achieved a Gold Award, Elisa and Isobel achieved a Silver award and Riley achieved a Bronze award.

A fantastic effort all round. We won't get the results of the second challenge until after half term, but we have no doubt the children will have done really well.

## Live streamed Holy Mass

As we are unable to attend Mass at the moment, you can access a live streamed Holy Mass. Click on the link below for more information.

<http://www.stjosephs-oakham.org/>

You can also keep up to date with the Parish news [here](#)

## Bible Story Assembly



Reverend Rush, from the Market Overton Free Church, has released a new Bible Story assembly. This one is about the second Miracle of Jesus in Galilee. You can view the video here .

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9G4ueMf-T4&feature=youtu.be>

## Y4, 5 and Y6

Year 4, 5 and 6 have had another amazing week of learning! As part of Children's Mental Health Week, Y4 and 5 designed t-shirts showing their feelings on the outside.

**Year 5**— Y5 have finished writing excellent news reports on the Death of The Highwayman, which they then presented as podcasts or news videos. In school, the children participated in the RSPB garden bird watch. The children also had an amazing introduction to Slam Poetry when they welcomed Chris Martin, esteemed local poet and dad! He performed some of his own poems, and inspired the children to write their own, based on their observations and experiences. The children will perform their own poems at a class Slam event, judged by Mrs Chambers and Mr Martin. Watch this space!

**Year 4**—Harvey and Lucy went on an invertebrate hunt and used a classification key to identify the living things. In geography, Y4 have been learning about human and physical features. Lukas and Ali have shown great creativity with their buildings of Clifton Suspension bridge and Richmond Castle. Phoebe has achieved target 2 of the Rutland Round Challenge, well done Phoebe! Rosa and Sofia were creative with their feelings t-shirt activity on Inside out day.

**Year 6**— Jaidan and Serafina created some great timelines of significant events in the Falkland Islands. Poppy wrote a fantastic RE letter in the style of St Paul.



1. 1817: Argentina becomes independent from the Spanish Empire.
2. 1833: Falkland Islands become a British Colony and Naval Base.
3. 1976: Military Junta [dictatorship] takes control of Argentina.
4. 1981: British Naval Presence removed from South Atlantic.
5. April 2nd 1982: Argentina forces invade the Falklands.
6. April 5th 1982: British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher dispatches British task force.
7. May 2nd 1982: Sinking of general Belgrano (large Argentina battleship).
8. May 4th 1982: HMS Sheffield sunk by Exocet Missile.
9. May 21st 1982: British forces land at San Carlos water.
10. June 14th 1982: Argentina forecast surrender at port Stanley.



Students of year 2.

During my years at English Martyrs, I have learnt to my standard ability, however, learning is not just about the key subjects, it is also about personal life skills. Everyday we learn how to be an outstanding role model, so I would like to share some useful advice with you.

Firstly, I believe it's essential to work beyond your goals. In order to be the best you possibly can. Be ambitious and commit to your agreed target. If you do this with pride you will achieve great things.

Secondly, as Jesus says in the Bible, "Love thy neighbour". If you cherish one another, it will be a happy environment for everyone to build their friendship in.

Always stay positive and grow towards your achievable goals.

