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Our School Value this term is Curiosity

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Our Values in Action

Fantastic Fundraising Success!

We are thrilled to share the incredible fundraising efforts of our children over the past term. Their dedication and enthusiasm have helped raise an amazing £301 for Readathon, where they went above and beyond with their reading throughout January.

More recently, the children took on the Great Athletes Event, led by former athlete Jack Rutter, showing fantastic energy and determination in their Fun Fitness Circuits. Thanks to their efforts – and the generosity of family and friends – they raised a remarkable £911!

A huge thank you to all parents, carers, and supporters who sponsored and encouraged our children. Your kindness and generosity make a real difference!

And our very own, Amelia Sutton in Year 5 has raised £50 by walking 1 kilometre a day throughout the whole of February. Her fundraising is helping Dementia UK's specialist Admiral Nurses support more families facing dementia – we are so proud of you, Amelia.

Spotlight On...Year 5

On Tuesday, Year 5 went to Cadbury World in Birmingham to learn about the Maya people. We had fun in the playground whilst we waited for our entry (we were early!) In our workshop, some children wore Maya masks or dressed up, wearing traditional headdresses or a worker's tunic. We played a Pok-a-Tok (ish) game. Only Jack scored a goal. Maya had a 365 day calendar which was advanced for that time. We learnt that naughty children were poked with cactus spines, or held over a fire of burning chili peppers, to make them behave. The Maya believed that their gods created them from corn, after efforts to create people from mud and wood failed. The wood people turned into monkeys! We learnt about how chocolate was made. The first Maya chocolate drink was made from cocoa beans, water, honey and crushed beetles. Not surprisingly, we didn't drink any of that. Instead, we had a cup of melted dairy milk, with sprinkles, and the rest of the tour consisted of promotional material for Cadbury. Mr Batchelor has promised to search out the drum-playing gorilla since that particular reference was lost on us youngsters!

A special note of thanks is due to the adults that accompanied us and who made the day both safe and fun.

Dictated by the children of Year 5



House point winners

Last week: **Glastonbury**

This week: **Glastonbury**

PE Days Next Term

Monday & Friday: Year 3 & 6

Tuesday: Year 5

Tuesday & Friday: Year 2

Wednesday & Friday: Reception,
Year 1

Thursday & Friday: Year 4

Friday: Whole School

Forest School

Friday 28th March - Year 4 & Year 6

Friday 4th April – Year 3 & Year 5

Important Dates

03 April

Y2 trip to Robinswood Hill

07 - 11 April

Holy Week & Y6 Mock SATs

10 April

Interhouse Choir competition

11 April

Term ends



Good To Know...

Can you help? - Reception class are looking for donations in preparation for their summer term learning. If you have any child suitcases at home – hand luggage size, with or without wheels (not Trunki) – please bring them in to Miss Perkin. Thank you for your support.

Community Links

A message from our Parish Administrator

CHURCH PARKING: The Church Car Park is a **PRIVATE** Car Park for **CHURCH USE ONLY**.

We try to help parents with 3 or more children at the Rosary School by issuing permits for limited time parking for drop off or pick up from school.

Anyone Parking at the Church to drop off or pick up Children from the Rosary School **MUST** have applied to the Church Office for a Parking Permit. Their permit **MUST BE CLEARLY DISPLAYED** in the front window of the vehicle.

Permits are issued from September 2024 to July 2025. Once the 14 spaces have been allocated (usually by Sept 1st 2024) **ALL PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED** and applications received after August 1st in any school year will not be considered until the following school year ie: next applications will now be August 2025.

Parents are also asked to refrain from bad language or from aggressive behaviour and loud music playing whilst using our private car park.

LWCET update - Some useful statistics about attendance and school results:

The department for education has just released a piece of research that shows the clear link between attendance at school and academic results at Y6 SATs stage and GCSE stage. This has come from analysing all of the data from children in our schools over the last 2 years.

The research shows that:

At Key Stage 2 (Year 3-6), using the results that children get at the end of Year 6:

- Pupils with 95-100% attendance are 1.3 times more likely to meet the expected standards in English and maths.
- Missing 10 days in Year 6 decreases the likelihood of achieving expected standards by about 25%.

At Key Stage 4 (GCSEs):

- Pupils with 95-100% attendance are 1.9 times more likely to achieve a Grade 5 in English and Maths compared to those with 90-95% attendance.
- Notably, moving from a 90-95% attendance band to a 95-100% band yields the most significant improvement in outcomes.

We know that you probably get fed up of us constantly reminding you about being in school and on time.....but this is the reason why! We make no apologies for the nagging because it makes a huge difference to your child/ren. Thank you for your support - we know you want the best for your child/ren too.

Good To Know...

As you may have heard from our recent interviews on Radio Gloucestershire, we will be opening our **Breakfast Club** up to the whole school from Monday 28th April. There will be two options if you would like to attend. Booking a place from **7.30am** will cost of **£5** per day, or booking a place from **8.20am** without cost to you, as long as your child attends the space booked. Places **must be booked in advance** to ensure we have staff to supervise children, as well as breakfast options for all. Forms will be going home next week – so keep an eye out.



Fun Science
EASTER SCIENCE FUN!
HOLIDAY CLUB FOR AGES 4-11
CHELTENHAM: 14-15 APRIL
STROUD: 24-25 APRIL
CHELTENHAM Science Festival
AS SEEN AT...
TINYURL.COM/EGGSCI25
FOR INFO AND TO BOOK NOW!



MOTHER'S DAY CRAFT SESSION
Create your mum, step-mum, nan, grandma or whoever your female figure is in your life, some lovely Mothers Day gifts
Friday 28th March
(in school time)
£2 per child
Pay in advance via ParentPay



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Spring Term- Important Dates

Calendar Dates for Spring Term 2025 After School Clubs will end w/c 31st March apart from Rugby club (Thursday)		
Date	Time	Event
		HALF TERM
04.03.2025	10am	Ash Wednesday – KS2 Mass in Church
05.03.2025	11:20am	Ash Wednesday – KS1 Liturgy
06.03.2025		World Book Day
07.03.2025	9am – 12pm	KS2 Girls Football @ Oldends Lane
10.03.2025		Science Week begins
12 & 13.03.2025		Life Education visit in school
12.03.2025	12pm – 3pm	ProStars Athletics with Year R, Year 1 and Year 4
12.03.2025	2pm - 3pm	Father Gary visiting Year 4 and Year 5
18.03.2025		Y5 trip to Cadbury World
19.03.2025	10.30am	Reconciliation service in School hall
20.03.2025		ProStars Athletics Fishing experience workshop with every class
03.04.2025		Y2 trip to Robinswood Hill
07.04.2025		Holy Week
07.04.2025		Y6 Mock SATs
10.04.2025	Morning	Interhouse Choir
10.04.2025	2.45pm	Dance Moves show (parents of dancers invited)
11.04.2025	3.20pm	School finishes for Easter holiday
		EASTER HOLIDAYS



Little acts, great love, big difference



St Catharine's
Chipping Campden



St Joseph's
Nympsfield



Catholic School of St Gregory
The Great, Cheltenham



St Peter's
Gloucester



The Rosary
Stroud



St Thomas More
Cheltenham

All schools are different but we are really lucky that all of the schools in the Little Way Catholic Educational Trust have something really important in common. All of the leaders in our Trust have taken on the mission to run our schools with Catholic Social Teaching principles at the heart of everything they do and every decision they make.

We live our lives, within our schools, aligned to Catholic Social Teaching principles.

They are:

- Solidarity—Working together as a team
- Stewardship of Creation—protecting God's world
- Participation—making sure we play our part
- Subsidiarity—Decision making by those that the decision affects most
- The Common Good—considering the needs of everyone
- Human Dignity—Human life is precious
- Option for the poor and vulnerable
- Rights and responsibilities

These are very big words and can sometimes sound complicated but in our Catholic schools, we feel proud to be able to teach the children why all of these principles are important to the way we live our lives. By doing this, we are helping our children to stand up for what is right and challenge social injustice in our own communities, our towns, nationally and globally.

We are excited to share more with you about each of these principles over the coming months and we aim to help you as adults to understand them better so that you can also feel better informed to be able to make decisions that challenge injustice in our society and live your life following these principles.

Consider the Needs of Everyone



The Common Good

If each child and their family learn more about these, together we will empower each other in many little acts with great love to make a big difference to so many people in our world. Are you ready to take on the mission? Your child already is!

Human Life is Precious



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Human Dignity

Rights and Responsibilities



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Rights and Responsibilities

Working Together as a Team



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Solidarity

Taking Part



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Participation

Put Others Before Yourself



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Subsidiarity

Care and Protection of God's Creation



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Stewardship of Creation

Care of the Poor and Helpless



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Option for the Poor and Vulnerable