



# Rosary Catholic Primary School Stroud

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*Our School Value this term is ASPIRATION*

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## Our Values in Action

Since we returned from the Christmas break, our children have been diving into the joy of reading as part of our **Readathon** event! Last week, we launched things with a fun-filled **Drop Everything and Read** sessions, where the whole school paused to get lost in their favourite books. This week, we've been taking it a step further with **paired reading** between year groups.

It's been so lovely to see children sharing their favourite stories and books with one another, building friendships, and enjoying the magic of listening to stories read by a new voice. Activities like these encourage not only a love of reading but also confidence in speaking, improved literacy skills, and a deeper sense of connection with others.

As part of Readathon, our school is also raising money for a fantastic cause – helping to bring books, stories, and smiles to children in hospitals. So, if you are yet to get your sponsor card filled, put it on your 'to do' list for this weekend. This event links beautifully to our school values of **love** and **inclusivity**, reminding us how reading can unite us, inspire us, and help us show care for others.

We're so proud of the children's enthusiasm for reading and their support for this wonderful initiative. Thank you for your ongoing encouragement and support at home – every page they read makes a difference!



## A moment with...our Well-Being Champions

We were delighted to welcome visitors from other schools who attended a Mental Health Lead course with Mrs Matarazzo. They came to see the fantastic work we do here at The Rosary Catholic Primary School to support the mental health and well-being of our pupils.

During their visit, they had the opportunity to meet our wonderful Well-being Champions from Years 5 and 6, who shared their insights and experiences of supporting others. They were also impressed by the small group interventions we run, including *Emotion Explorers* and *Mankind*, which play a key role in nurturing emotional well-being within our school community.

We're thrilled to have inspired others and are proud to offer further support and training to help them set up similar initiatives in their own schools.

## Community Links

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the Five Valley's St Vincent de Paul group at our local parish for their incredible generosity and kindness in December. They lovingly prepared and delivered food hampers for five of our families, bringing much-needed support and joy during the festive season. Your thoughtfulness has made a real difference in our school community, and we are truly grateful for your continued care and compassion. The Five Valley's SVP group will be working with our own Mini Vinnies here in school over the next few months, hopefully sharing good ideas and good practice about how we can help the most vulnerable in our local community so watch this space!

## House point winners

Last week: **Walsingham**

This week: **Fatima**

## PE Days Next Term

Monday & Friday: Year 3 & 6

Tuesday: Year 5 swimming

Tuesday & Friday: Year 2

Wednesday & Friday: Reception,  
Year 1

Thursday & Friday: Year 4

Friday: Year 5

## Forest School Next Week

Year 3 & Year 5

## Important Dates

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2.30pm

Y4 Class Mass in school

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Children's Mental Health and  
wellbeing week

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Flat Stan – First Aid training for KS2

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February

Interhouse Art Competition Week

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Lourdes Feast Day – children in  
Lourdes to wear Blue

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

February 3.40-6.30pm

Parents Evening

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Last day of this half term

### Spotlight On...Year 3

Our Year 3 class has been enjoying some fantastic regular extra-curricular activities! Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust have been visiting weekly since November to inspire the children with nature-themed learning, and Gloucester Academy of Music are also now coming in each week. This week, the children were treated to a wonderful live performance featuring the flute and guitar. Excitingly, residents of Resthaven Care Home will be joining the children for these music sessions in the future, creating a special opportunity to share the joy of music across generations!



### LWCET update

We are looking for enthusiastic and committed parents to join our Local Governing Committee as Parent Governors. This is a fantastic opportunity to help shape the future of our school and contribute to its continued success.

As a Parent Governor, you will:

- **Represent the views of parents** and act as a vital link between the school and its community.
- **Support the leadership team** in making important decisions about the school's direction and development.
- **Bring your unique skills and insights** to enhance the education and well-being of all pupils.

No previous experience is needed—just a passion for making a positive impact. Training and support are provided to help you feel confident in your role.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the school office or speak with a current governor. Join us in helping Rosary Catholic Primary School thrive!

**Applications close 12pm Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January.** We look forward to hearing from you!

### Good To Know...

#### **iSing POP is returning to the Rosary!**

We're so excited to let you know that the PTFA and school have booked **iSing POP** to come and work with our children this July! iSing POP is a renowned singing and performing project that empowers children, parents, schools, churches, and communities to find their voice and know they are loved.

Over the sessions, the children will learn some amazing songs, and it will all come together in a special concert for families. Make sure to save the date: **Wednesday 9th July at 6 pm**. It's a wonderful opportunity to witness the joy and confidence that music brings to our children. You won't want to miss it!

The iSing Pop team are now releasing online a Friday night 'bed-time story!'

"Snug stories" – as they are called - are available from 6:00 each Friday and can be found on their website <https://www.isingpop.org/fun-activities> and YouTube channel.

#### **Can you help?**

As you may have seen, staff regularly 'decorate' their classroom doors thematically to match a class topic or learning focus. As the doors are used, these displays are worn down. Might anyone know of free (or very cheap) Perspex sheeting we could use to protect the doors? Thank you.

Finally, we are looking to improve our indoor learning environment and paint a few areas within the school. If you know or could recommend any painters or decorators that may be interested in this project, please contact Mrs Mace, our school office manager.



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## Spring Term- Important Dates

| <b>Calendar Dates for Spring Term 2025</b><br><b>After School Clubs will begin w/c 13<sup>th</sup> January through to w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b> |                 |                                                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Date</b>                                                                                                                                           | <b>Time</b>     | <b>Event</b>                                         |
| 06.01.2025                                                                                                                                            |                 | Inset Day                                            |
| 07.01.2025                                                                                                                                            | 8:40am          | Back to School                                       |
| 09.01.2025                                                                                                                                            | 10am            | Start of term mass in the Church – whole school      |
| 13.01.2025                                                                                                                                            | 9am – 12pm      | Art Workshops for Y4 & Y5                            |
| 16.01.2025                                                                                                                                            | 9am – 10am      | Y4 Clarinet Lessons start                            |
| 17.01.2025                                                                                                                                            |                 | Y3 trip to Corinium Museum                           |
| 24.01.2025                                                                                                                                            | 9am – 11:30am   | KS1 multi-skills festival (Y1/Y2) @ Archway School   |
| 30.01.2025                                                                                                                                            | 2:30pm          | Y4 Class Mass in school                              |
| 03.02.2025                                                                                                                                            |                 | Children's Mental Health and wellbeing week          |
| 06.02.2025                                                                                                                                            |                 | Flat Stan – First Aid training for KS2               |
| 10.02.2025                                                                                                                                            |                 | Interhouse Art Competition Week                      |
| 11.02.2025                                                                                                                                            |                 | Lourdes Feast Day – children in Lourdes to wear Blue |
| 11.02.2025 &<br>12.02.2025                                                                                                                            | 3:30pm – 6:30pm | Parents Evening                                      |
|                                                                                                                                                       |                 | <b>HALF TERM</b>                                     |
| 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                                       |
| 10.03.2025                                                                                                                                            |                 | Science Week including life education bus            |
| 12.03.2025                                                                                                                                            | 9am – 1pm       | KS2 Quick-sticks Hockey @ Stratford Park Astro       |
| 18.03.2025                                                                                                                                            |                 | Y5 trip to Cadbury World                             |
| 03.04.2025                                                                                                                                            |                 | Y2 trip to Robinswood Hill                           |
| 03.04.2025                                                                                                                                            |                 | Interhouse Choir                                     |
| 07.04.2025                                                                                                                                            |                 | Holy Week                                            |
| 07.04.2025                                                                                                                                            |                 | Y6 Mock SATs                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                       |                 | <b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>                               |