

## Note from the Head

As this half term draw to a close it is a good opportunity to reflect on all of the hard work of the children who are an absolute credit to the school and their parents. The behaviour in school is very good and the children play outside together with kindness and care. They certainly deserve a restful half term week to relax and recharge ready for our Spring 2 half term which will be incredibly busy as we build up towards the season of Lent. I hope you all have a very peaceful and relaxing break with the children.

## Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'

The theme for this Jubilee Year is Hope. To continue our journey through this Jubilee Year, the children have all been given their own prayer cards and packets of seeds to take home.

We would love for the children to plant them and spread their own seeds of Hope this Spring time! Why not take time as a family and reflect on the words in the Prayer Card by saying a prayer together with your children.



## The Holy Season of Lent

Wednesday 5th March is Ash Wednesday and marks the beginning of the Season of Lent, the forty days of preparation before Easter Sunday. If you do not usually attend Mass, why not pop in one Sunday during Lent? Father Henry is very welcoming and the children thoroughly enjoy their Thursday Mass time with him as it makes them feel joyful and involved with the sermon.

## Robinwood residential

On Monday 24th February there will be a meeting for the parents of children who are going on the Robinwood residential trip. This will be after school in Class 4.

## World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March. This year we have decided to go for a themed approach across the school. This year our theme is 'Witches and Wizards'. Teacher will approach this in different ways with books and texts and we have lots of fun activities planned.

Friday 14th February



## Mass times

Sunday 09.00 am      Mon - Fri 09.00 am  
Saturday 06.30 pm

**16/02/25 6th Sunday in Ordinary time**

***Gospel Reading: Luke 6:17, 20-26***

The readings for this week focus on themes of trust, resurrection, and true happiness. The readings highlight the importance of relying on God and the hope found in Jesus Christ's resurrection.

Jeremiah warns against trusting in human strength and calls for trust in God. True happiness comes from relying on God, not on ourselves. In Luke, Jesus teaches about the blessings of the poor and hungry. He contrasts their future joy with the sorrow of the rich and satisfied. Jesus warns those who are rich, full, and laughing now. Their comfort is temporary, and they need to seek true happiness in God.

The readings remind us that true happiness is found in faith and reliance on God, not in worldly things.

## Approaching the Gospel with children

Jesus talks to the disciples, saying that some of the people will end up happy, while other people will not. It can seem strange to us that it is those who are poor, or hungry, or even those who are sad, that Jesus says will be happiest. And it can seem very strange that Jesus says that those who are rich and happy with lots to eat will end up sad.

Jesus doesn't want us to think that the only way we can be happy is to have lots of money and all the best toys and latest stuff. Jesus loves all people, but he has a special love for people who are poor, hungry, sad or picked on. And he asks us to be the same. We are called to do what we can to help all people in our world to be happy.

## Key questions

What do you think we can do to help people who are poor, hungry, sad, or treated badly by others?

What will you do this week if you see someone who is sad, hungry or hurt?

In December 2024, Archbishop Malcolm McMahon declared the case of John (Jack) Traynor a miracle. Jack was a pilgrim on the archdiocese's first official pilgrimage to Lourdes in 1923 and was dramatically cured of epilepsy, paralysis of the right arm, and paraplegia during the pilgrimage.

It is the 71st official miracle to have happened in Lourdes and the first person from England to be recognised, so it's a historic occasion for the archdiocese.

We have been learning about Jack Traynor in our assemblies and I am sure if you ask your child they will be able to tell you more about him.

The archdiocese want to mark this significant event by asking all primary school students to learn about the story of Jack Traynor and create a prayer card for the Lourdes pilgrimage in 2025.

This is an invitation to play a part in the history of our archdiocese. There will be thousands of copies of the winning prayer card printed, and it will be used by pilgrims visiting Lourdes as well as those at home.

The winning student(s) will receive:

1. Donation to the school's charity of choice
2. Amazon vouchers for the student

The entry needs to be:

- Include unique artwork created by students
- Have parental permission to share on our website and social media - please see form sent home today

The front cover of the prayer card (the opposite side will have this prayer)

Please send entries into school with the permission slip by **Friday 21st March**

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*O Lady of Lourdes*

At the Grotto you led St Bernadette to a profound experience of God's mercy.

As she gazed upon you her heart was renewed and she became the first pilgrim of hope in that sacred place.

Inspired by that encounter, millions of people have made pilgrimage to Lourdes, to seek answer to their prayers and found new life, through your intercession.

As we commemorate one such pilgrim, John Traynor, whose life was dramatically transformed by the wonder of his miraculous cure, we too seek your intercession.

Lady of Lourdes, prayerfully support us on our pilgrimage of life.

With St Bernadette, intercede for us all.

May we be renewed in our faith, hope and love of God.

May our lives so bear witness to the power of the Father's mercy, that we may inspire others to have the courage to turn to the Lord in their need.

*Our Lady of Lourdes - Pray for us  
St Bernadette - Pray for us.*

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**John (Jack) Traynor - 71st Lourdes miracle**

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### KS2 Trip

As part of our Jubilee celebrations the juniors will be going on a trip to visit the Metropolitan Cathedral in Liverpool. There, we will take a tour and learn more about the history, architecture and Art within the building before having lunch and then visiting the World Museum. The trip will take place Wednesday 19th March. Letters will be going out shortly. This trip is being funded by school and there is no cost to yourself.

### TT Rockstars

**These children have the fastest times for answering their times tables!**

**Year 1:** Josh

**Year 2:** Idris

**Year 3:** Eleanor

**Year 4:** Luca

**Year 5:** Harvey



### Our new Gospel value for this month is - Hope

**The following children were awarded certificates by their class teacher for demonstrating Hope this week. Well Done!!**

**EYFS:** Thomas

**Class 2:** Penny and Aubree

**Class 3:** Eva and Skye

**Class 4:** Toby, Paisley, Mia and Jake



### SATs Bootcamp.

To help our Year 6 pupils revise and prepare for their upcoming exams we have subscribed to this online resource. The following children are top of the leader board for their points earned in the SATs Bootcamp challenge!

**Matthew, Penny, Olivia**



### Dates for your Diary

Mon 24th Feb - Return to school for New half term

Mon 24th Feb Class 4 to Blackpool Tower

Mon 24th Feb RobinWood meeting for parents

Thurs 27th Feb - Class 3 at Mass

Wed 5th Mar - Ash Wednesday

Thurs 6th Mar - World Book Day \*Theme to be decided\*\*

Fri 7th Mar - Class 4 residential to Robinwood

Thurs 13th Mar - Class 2 at Mass

Thurs 13th Mar - Maths Day

Weds 19th Mar KS2 Cathedral visit

Thurs 20th Mar - Class 4 at Mass

### Dates for your Diary

Thurs 20th Mar - Class 4 at Forest School

Thurs 20th Mar - KS1 trip to Martin Mere

Fri 21st March Dress down day for Easter Egg

Wed 26th Mar - Mothers Day gift stall

Wed 26th Mar - Class 4 at Forest School

Wed 26th Mar - Parents evening

Thurs 27th Mar - Class 3 at Mass

Thurs 27th Mar - Mother's Day assembly 2:30 - all invited

Mon 31st Mar- Y6 Good Shepherd stalls

Tues 1st April - Easter Bonnet parade 2:30

Wed 2nd April - Easter Bingo 3:30

Thurs 3rd April - Whole school achievement assembly 2:30

Fri 4th April - School close for Easter at 1:15