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## St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**“Lent is a new  
beginning, a path  
leading to the certain  
goal of Easter, Christ’s  
victory over death.”**

*- Pope Francis*

### Year 2 Curriculum Assembly

Parents and carers of our Year 2 children are invited to school on Wednesday to see what Year 2 have been learning about. Children will be eager to share their work with you. The assembly will start as soon after register as possible and usually lasts about an hour. Hopefully, we will see you all there.

## Easter Egg Hunt



On the last day of term, we will be having our whole school Easter Egg Hunt. Any peanut-free chocolate egg

contributions would be very much appreciated. Thank you so much in advance.

### Monies Owing

**As the end of the financial year is looming large, could we please ask that all monies owing to school, Breakfast Club and dinner money payments in the main, are paid by next Friday. Thank you.**

### Message from Telford and Wrekin

#### Over 95% of children in Telford and Wrekin get a preferred secondary school place

On National Offer Day, 1 March 2024, parents and carers found out which secondary school their child has been allocated from September 2024. For the third successive year, over 95% of children in Telford and Wrekin were offered a place at one of their preferred secondary schools.

The council received 2,396 on time applications for secondary schools and offered every applicant a school place.

In total, 2,289 (95.7 per cent) of pupils were offered a place at one of their preferred secondary schools - 1,942 (81.1 per cent) received their first preference, 277 (11.6 per cent) their second preference, 54 (2.3 per cent) their third preference, and 16 (0.7 per cent) received their fourth preference.

Councillor Eileen Callear (Lab) cabinet member for education, employment and visitor economy said:

“We are delighted that this is another year when so many parents and carers (over 95%) have secured places for their children at one of their preferred secondary schools and when every single applicant has received a school place offer.

“This is also credit to our council’s significant investment to expand schools’ capacity across the borough by hundreds of places.

“Over the past ten years, we have rebuilt and refurbished every secondary school in our borough to create more school places. We are committed to drive this investment forward over the coming years as well, so even more youngsters can attend their preferred local secondary school and benefit from modern spaces for growth and learning.”

On 1 March, during the day, the council will be notifying parents and carers by email of their secondary school application outcome.

To view their secondary school offer, parents and carers can also log on the Parent Portal account on the Council’s website: <https://education.telford.gov.uk/Live/SynergyWeb/Parents/default.aspx>

Parents and carers whose children have an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) have already been informed of their offered secondary school.

**Great news!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**





Year 4  
photographs of  
their trip to  
Enginuity and  
their Egyptian  
masks



## The Easter Story for our younger children

Easter is a time to celebrate Jesus.

God sent Jesus to earth because He loves us. While He lived on earth, Jesus did many wonderful things. He made sick people well. He showed them how to be kind to each other and love one another. He taught God's truth to everyone He met, and He forgave the bad things people did to Him and each other. But the best thing Jesus ever did was die on the



cross to save us from our sins.

All His friends, called disciples, loved Jesus and believed He was God's Son. But other people hated Jesus. They didn't like to hear the truth He shared because they liked doing things their own way. They wanted to hurt Jesus and make Him go away.

After Jesus ate supper with His disciples one evening, He went into the garden to pray. The men who didn't like Jesus sent soldiers into the garden to arrest Him. The soldiers hurt Jesus and sent Him to die on the cross.

After Jesus died, they placed Him in a dark cave called a tomb and rolled a heavy stone in front of the cave entrance. Jesus's disciples were very sad that they could not see Jesus anymore.

On the third day after His death, some of His friends went to the tomb and were shocked to find that the stone was rolled away, and the dark cave was empty!

His friends were scared and sad because they didn't know what had happened to Jesus's body. But then an angel appeared and told them that Jesus had risen from the dead! Their fear and sadness turned to excitement and joy. Jesus was alive! And He never died and he still alive today!



## The Easter Story for older children

One night, after Jesus ate supper with His disciples, He took three of them into the garden to pray. Jesus wanted to talk to God because He knew that He must die on the cross soon. Jesus believed that if He prayed, God would help Him be strong and ready for the scary mission ahead. He was right! As He

prayed, God sent an angel to strengthen and prepare His Son for what was to come. Jesus's friends got sleepy and didn't pray with Him as they should have. They were not strong or ready when a group of soldiers suddenly marched into the garden. One of the disciples, named Judas, who was angry with Jesus, had led the soldiers there to arrest Him.

The religious leaders were excited that Judas had made a deal with them to capture Jesus. They were jealous of Jesus and had been looking for a way to stop His speeches and miracles. They paid Judas 30 pieces of silver for leading them to the garden.

Jesus's disciples were terrified when they saw the soldiers. Some of them ran for their lives, and one disciple named Peter tried to fight the guards with a sword. But Jesus

stopped Peter from fighting because He knew that the arrest was part of God's plan. Peter had once claimed to be Jesus's best friend, but when the soldiers came, and he couldn't fight them, Peter changed his mind. In fact, Peter was so worried about being arrested that he lied to everyone and said he'd never even met Jesus before.

The soldiers took Jesus to the Roman governor named Pontius Pilate. After talking with Jesus, the governor wanted to set him free because he realized that no crime had been committed. But the evil religious leaders tricked the governor into believing that Jesus deserved to die on the cross. Soon hundreds of people in the crowd were screaming, "Crucify him," which meant they wanted Jesus to die on the cross too.

Jesus left with the guards, who beat Him up, spit on Him, and made fun of Him. The soldiers made a crown out of sharp thorns and pressed it into Jesus's head, then forced Him to drag His heavy cross all the way up a hill called Calvary.

They nailed Jesus's hands and feet to the wooden cross and stood it up on the hill. Jesus had done nothing to deserve this painful punishment, and He could have called thousands of angels to come and save Him. But He didn't. Jesus knew that His death was the only thing that could save us. This was God's rescue plan for sinners like you and me, and Peter, and even the hateful guards who hurt Jesus.

After hours of suffering, Jesus said, "It is finished," and died. At that moment, the earth shook, and the sun stopped shining. Jesus let the soldiers hurt and kill Him because He loves us.

They placed Jesus's body in a big cave called a tomb and rolled a heavy stone in front of the cave entrance. Jesus's disciples were very sad. They were also afraid that the same religious leaders who had hurt Jesus might try to hurt them too, so they hid together.

Three days after His death, several of Jesus's followers who were women went to the tomb and were shocked to discover that the stone had been rolled away from the cave and it was empty. Not knowing what had happened to Jesus's body, the women were scared and sad. But then an angel appeared before them and told them Jesus had risen from the dead!

Their fear and sadness turned to excitement and joy as they rushed to tell the disciples the good news. When they saw Jesus with their own eyes, they fell at His feet and worshipped Him. Their Lord was alive! And He never died again. He still lives today.

# World Book Day Celebrations

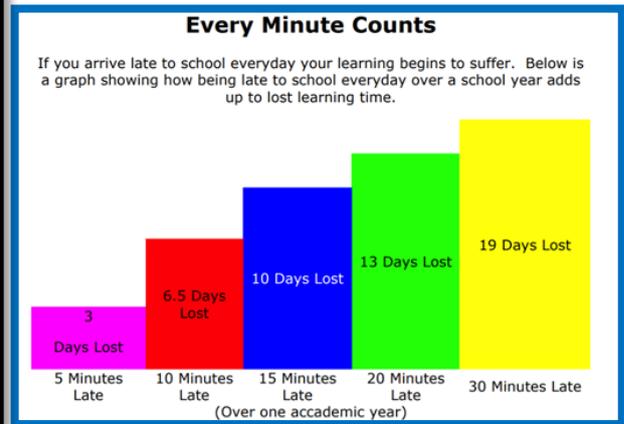
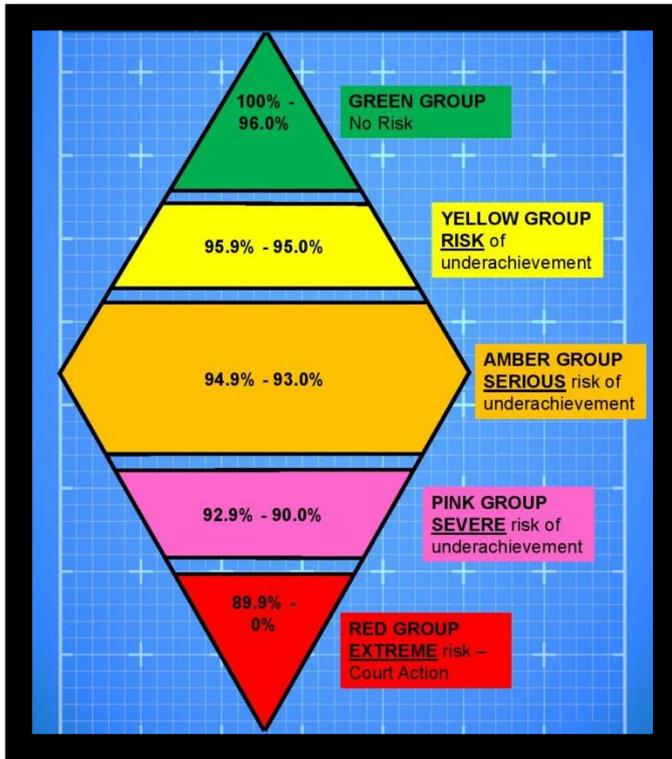




Sharing  
our work



## Attendance Check



Our school's menu can be viewed here:

[https://www.telford.gov.uk/downloads/file/388/st\\_marys\\_primary\\_school\\_menu](https://www.telford.gov.uk/downloads/file/388/st_marys_primary_school_menu)



13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Curriculum Assembly for Parents 8.45am
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Stone Age Trip
20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Shropshire Hills Trip
21 <sup>st</sup> March	School Photographs
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Whole School Easter Egg Hunt Whole School Easter Bonnet Parade
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 6 Curriculum Assembly for Parents 8.45am
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 Curriculum Assembly for Parents 8.45am
16 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception Curriculum Assembly for Parents 8.45am