

Friday 17th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic term we have had!

Young Carers Action Day

We celebrated the amazing work our Young Carers do at home with their families on Young Carers Action Day. Some of them spoke in our Key Stage assemblies about what a Young Carer was and what they do at home. We thanked them with a special treat in the afternoon. If you think your child is a Young Carer because they help look after their siblings who may have a medical need or SEND or any adults in the household, please get in touch with Mrs Webster, our Learning Mentor. Your child could join our Young Carer's group who meet weekly.

Neurodiversity Week

We also celebrated Neurodiversity week to challenge stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. We had lessons about a variety of neurodivergences to educate our children. This promoted understanding and awareness. For more information and support for parents with neurodivergent and SEND children please visit our new SEND section of our website.

<https://www.st-johnbosco.manchester.sch.uk/page/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/52860>

Chicks

Our children experienced the miracle of new life with nine out of ten of our eggs hatching into beautiful fluffy chicks. The children loved watching them hatch and grow in the two weeks we had them!

Reconciliation

Father clement came and led KS2 children in the sacrament of reconciliation this term. The hall was set up to be a place of calm and serenity with a space for confession and a space for reflection and prayer. The children confessed their sins to Father Clement and he forgave them in Jesus' name.

Great British Spring Clean 2025

The Laudato Si team and the Mental Health Ambassadors joined our local community to take part in the Great British Spring clean. We went to Boggart Hole Clough and helped to clean up

the part with lots of other volunteers. We had a great time and we wrote a beautiful nature poem with a poet while we were there too!

St Joseph's Penny Boxes

Thank you to all the children and families who returned their St Joseph Penny boxes with their money collections in. It was very kind and generous of you.

St Joseph's Penny appeal is run by Caritas Salford during Lent and your donations and prayers will make a real difference to the lives of the local people in Greater Manchester and Lancashire that they support – people in our local communities facing poverty, disadvantage, homelessness and isolation. Click the link below to find out more.

We will let you know how much we raised after half term.

<https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/st-josephs-penny/>

St Vincent De Paul

Another charity that is close to St John Bosco RC School's heart! We have a close relationship with our local SVP charity community group and our Mini Vinnie's group in school does all they can to support them. SVP have supported many of our families financially and we wanted to give something back. Our Mini Vinnie's organised our recent non-uniform day to raise money for the charity. It was a huge success and we raised £176! Some of our Mini Vinnie's visited the SVP shop in Blackley and donated some items to the shop. They had a great time learning about the charity and seeing how the shop works. Find out more about SVP by clicking the links below.

We have recently got an SVP 'Kindness' Bear who will start visiting children's homes who have been awarded the bear for being especially kind in school. The bear will have a book to bring home so your child can write the different acts of kindness they do.

<https://svp.org.uk/>

<https://mcarmel-jbosco.co.uk/groups/our-lady-of-mount-carmel/st-vincent-de-paul>

Caritas Ambassadors

Kath and a couple of other visitors from Caritas visited school to work and do some training with our Caritas Ambassadors. They were really impressed with how our children presented themselves, how proud they were of our school and how knowledgeable they were about our faith.

Coffee morning with the school nurses

Thank you to the parents who joined us for the coffee morning where we had three school nurses available for asking questions about any medical and health needs. They also supplied a huge amount of information booklets and leaflets. It was a really useful morning and we are hoping to have another one before the end of the school year.

Basketball Tournament

Well done to the Year 5 pupils who participated in their first ever basketball competition at St Matthew's with some other local schools. They played with drive and determination and we were extremely proud of them!

Mother's day

Thank you to the PTA who helped prepare the Mother's day presents this year. It was extremely popular and we made around £250 from the event.

Lent

Lent has been a lovely prayerful time in our school, providing an opportunity for our children to deepen their spiritual practices and reflect on their faith.

Our Lentern bags have been visiting everyone's homes and some beautiful, thoughtful prayers have been written and shared.

The children have all carried out 'Stations of the cross' prayer services that they planned and led in their classes.

Our Prayer garden is now finished and is looking beautiful, the cherry blossom hanging over it has made it particularly lovely! A big thank you to Margaret and the Gardening Club for creating and working so hard on it. Father blessed it with Holy water and said a prayer after Mass on Tuesday. It really is a calm and reflective space that we can use when we want to prayer or have a few moments of stillness.

Thank you to the Nursey and Reception parents who joined us for our Easter Mass with Father on Tuesday.

Thank you to all the parents and families who donated Easter eggs for the Easter egg raffle and then bought tickets. It was very kind of you and a very successful way of the PTA raising more money for our children.

The children and parents surpassed themselves again with their creativity for the Easter bonnets and Easter gardens that you entered into our competitions. We had some amazing designs and it was so hard to choose the winners. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Finally, Year 3 and 4 did a fantastic performance of 'Resurrection Rocks'. It was a brilliant play depicting the events Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection. The children acted, sang and performed amazingly well. We were so proud of them and their parents loved it.

Easy Fundraising

Did you know that St John Bosco Primary are registered with Easyfundraising? This is an organisation that raises money for good causes. Easyfundraising partners with over 7,500 brands who will donate part of what you spend to a cause of your choice. This means you can raise money for us every time you get clothes, groceries, takeaways, insurance, school supplies or anything else you might be buying online anyway. It won't cost you any extra! The cost is covered by the brand you are buying from. Please scan the QR code below and get raising money for us! Thank you.



Financial worries

If you are worried about your finances and struggling to make ends meet, please make an appointment to see Mrs Webster who will be able to signpost you to various charities or ways of supporting you.

Instagram- Don't forget to follow us on Instagram to see all the amazing things your child does in school and all the events and learning that has taken place this half term.



Don't forget we are back in school on Monday 28th April at 8.45am to start off our Summer term.

Thank you for your continuing support!

Have a happy and peaceful Easter,

Love and prayers,

Mrs Pearson