



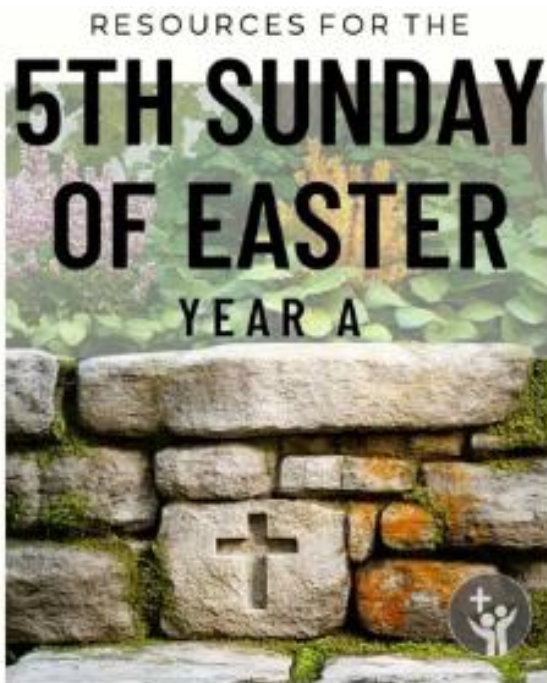
We have enjoyed a fortnight which has been a real hive of hard work as classes across the school prepare for different assessments – from phonics screening in year, end of key stage assessments in year 2 and 6 to the multiplication check in year 4 the children (and the adults!) are all working exceptionally hard.

I am incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, resilience and kindness our pupils continue have been showing and grateful for the ongoing support from our families and wider community. Thank you for working in partnership with us to make our school such a positive and purposeful place to learn.

As always please have a look at the upcoming dates for your diary which can be found [here](#).

Have a super weekend and enjoy the bank holiday!
Mrs McBrown

Sunday 3rd May – 5th Sunday of Easter



Trusting the Way of Jesus!

The 5th Sunday of Easter Year A brings words of comfort and hope from Jesus. He tells His friends not to be afraid. He reminds them that He is the way, the truth, and the life. These words point us to the promise of being with Him forever.

The first reading shows the early Church learning how to care for its people. Leaders are chosen to serve so that the apostles can keep teaching and praying. This shows the value of working together and using our gifts for the good of others.

The second reading calls us living stones, built on Christ the cornerstone. We belong to God and are called to share His light. The Gospel ties it all together, showing us the path to the Father through Jesus. On the 5th Sunday of Easter Year A, we remember that following Him leads us home.

Dear Jesus,

You are the way, the truth, and the life. Help us to follow you every day and to trust you even when we feel unsure. Show us how to be loving and kind, so others can see your light in us. Teach us that you are always with us and that there is a special place for us with you. Thank you for loving us so much. Help us to stay close to you always.

Amen.

Year 3 Class Liturgy

Year 3 delivered a wonderful liturgy based on the Road to Emmaus from Luke's Gospel. The children reflected thoughtfully and confidently on how this story links to the early Church, as well as the important message that belief goes beyond physical sight. They also shared their beautiful singing with parents, which made the celebration even more special. It was lovely to see so many families joining us and celebrating the children's hard work. Well done to Year 3 and thank you to Mrs Kaur for preparing the children so well. - *Mr. Lovell*

Inspired by Christ, Working Together, Achieving Our Best

PTA EGM

Last week the PTA met to discuss and confirm their move from a PTA to a PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association). As our current PTA step down, key positions were elected as follows:

Chair	Olivia Heyburn
Vice Chair	Keely Dobson
Treasurer	Carla Archer
Secretary	Tonya Pelendrides-Kerin
Volunteers Coordinator	Kenna Heale

The PTFA, as always, is open to all members of our community so please talk to each other and consider how you can join in and help out!

A huge thank you to Laura Kennard, Becky Hennessey, Princess Otigba, Vickie Phillips, Ann Hawkins and Mrs. Tapatau for their amazing work this year – they will be missed!

Imam Imran Kotwal visit

This week, we welcomed Imam Kotwal who visited St Joseph's to support the children's learning about Islam. The children met with Imran in an assembly where he shared key aspects of the Muslim faith and then years 3 and 4 were able to take their learning deeper with bespoke workshops. The children were fascinated with their new learning and were able to draw parallels and make connections with Catholicism.



Looking Ahead... summer term	
Monday 4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY – School is closed.
Tuesday 5 th May	Y5 Class Liturgy
Thursday 7 th May	Whole class photos
Friday 8 th May	Y1 and 5 at Mass
Week beginning 11 th May	KS2 SATs <i>Our PTA have organised a SATS breakfast for all children sitting their SATS.</i>
Friday 15 th May	Y4 at Mass.

Please remember to check the school website [here](#) for further dates and details.