

## Value of the month – – Forgiveness

### Dear Parents and Carers

#### Disco

The Year 5 & 6 disco was a huge hit with the children! Everyone had a fantastic time dancing the night away. Our thanks go to the PTA for organizing this wonderful event. We look forward to seeing the rest of the children at their discos:

**5:00 PM – 6:15 PM: Year 1 & 2**

**6:45 PM – 8:00 PM: Year 3 & 4.**



#### Fizzy Maths Day

A group of Year 5 pupils had the opportunity to attend Fizzy Maths at Caterham school on Thursday. We came first in the maths competition and were given the opportunity to problem solve lots of collaborative maths questions.



#### Sports Fixtures

##### Football & Netball vs. St. John's

On Tuesday, our Y6 Football and Netball teams played matches against St. John's. The football match proved to be a challenging game with the pitch conditions and markings affecting play but the team pulled together and secured a well-earned 1-0 win. The netball team turned up and put on a hugely impressive performance in both attack and defence, winning their match 16-0! Massive congratulations to both teams - we look forward to the next games.



##### Cross-Country Cup at Warlingham School

On Thursday children from KS2 competed in the Cross-Country Cups held at Warlingham school. It was a tough race with the sunlight and heat bearing down on the runners. Our Y3/4 team finished in second place in the event - huge congratulations to those who took part in their first race. Our Y5/6 team were the defending champions from the previous year so looked to retain their title, and they did just that, running incredibly well against some tough competition. Special mentions go out to Tommy who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in his race and to Finley and Lara who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in theirs. We hope to get the hattrick next year!

#### Cake Sale

A big thank you to Orlaith and Tommy from Year 6 For organising the cake sale, which was a huge success! We appreciate the support from parents, carers, and children for baking, buying and contributing. All proceeds will go towards purchasing new playground equipment.



#### Holy Week

We are really pleased to be able to invite you this year to our "Holy Week Reflections". Each day before the Easter Holidays different year groups will be leading us in reflections of the last week of Jesus' life. You are invited to come and join us on the day that you child's year group is leading. We look forward to many of you joining us. Please see key dates in the calendar below.



Best wishes for a lovely weekend.  
Mrs McGrath and Staff

## Calendar Dates

28 <sup>th</sup> March	Beginning Lenten Reflections <b>Reception / Year 1</b> - Palm Sunday Parents invited <b>9.10am</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Disco 5pm-6:15pm Yr 1 &amp; 2</b> <b>6:45pm – 8pm Yr 3 &amp; 4</b>
31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Year 2-</b> Jesus in the temple-Parents invited <b>9:10am</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> April	<b>Year 3-</b> Washing of the feet-Parents invited <b>9.10am</b> <b>Year 4-</b> The Last Supper-Parents invited <b>2:45pm</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	<b>Year 5-</b> The betrayal and The last supper -Parents invited <b>9.10am</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>Year 6-</b> Station of the cross-Parents invited <b>9:10 am</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> April	School Finishes For The Easter Break <b>@1pm</b>
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	School Reopens <b>@ 9am</b>
9 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Year 5</b> Trip to Gatton Park
15 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Year 4</b> Trip to High Ashurst <b>Year 3</b> Trip to Frylands Wood
26 <sup>th</sup> May – 30 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Half Term Break</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	School Reopens <b>@9am</b>

## Absence Procedures

In August 2024 the DFE published new guidance with regard to attendance in schools, 'Working together to improve school attendance'. The Children's Commissioner for England has put together a document outlining why attending school regularly is so important for children and parents' responsibilities. If children are taken out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), Please see grid below.

Absence Category	0 - 21 Days	22 -28 Days	More than 28 Days
First Absence since 19 August 2024	£80	£160	Prosecution
Second Absence (within 3 years of first Penalty Issue date)	£160	£160	Prosecution
Third Absence (within 3 years of first Penalty Issue date)	N/A	N/A	Prosecution

## ROTARY EASTER BUNNY FUN RUN



**SUNDAY 13<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

1 km Fun Run starts 10.00 a.m.  
5Km Race starts at 10.30 a.m.

All finishers will receive an Easter Egg  
Prizes for 'Best Dressed Bunnies'



**Queens Park  
Caterham-on-the-Hill**

Registration Fee and a Signed Form are required for each runner

**£5.00** 1km Fun Run | **£7.00** 5km Race

**DOUBLE ON THE DAY**

Enter Online [caterhamrotary.org.uk/event](http://caterhamrotary.org.uk/event)

Or by mail: **Rotary Runs**, 11a Queens Park Road, Caterham, Surrey CR3 5RB





### School Disco

**Please remember to book your tickets for the school disco – these are available on the PTA events website.**

The remaining discos for Yrs 1-4 will be taking place next Friday

#### School Discos for Y1-Y4

The school discos for Yrs 1-4 will be going ahead as follows, please note these are 'drop and go' so parents are not able to stay with the children.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March – 5pm-6:15pm Yr 1 & 2  
6:45pm – 8pm Yr 3 & 4**

Disco tickets are available to book here:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/stfrancisschool/>

#### Summer Fayre – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

The school Summer Fayre will be taking place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July this year. There will be a planning meeting arranged shortly to begin to make arrangements for the fayre – for those that can't make it in person you will be able to attend via Zoom. A date for the planning meeting will be sent out once confirmed.

#### Save the Date!!!

5<sup>th</sup> July 2025 – PTA Survival Social – Venue and time TBC – the PTA would like to invite any parent that wants to come and have a drink with us to join us

4<sup>th</sup> October 2025 – Something exciting is coming!!! ... Please save this date

Thank you! PTA

Last week's riddle: What can't talk but will reply when spoken to? Answer: An Echo

This week's riddle: The more of this there is, the less you see... What is it?