

*'Achieving our best by learning together and serving one another with Christ by our side'*



*Judo Assembly*

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we come to end of the term, I would like to thank all of you so very much for your continued support for the school and for your children and their learning.

We have had a hugely busy and very fruitful term, with lots to celebrate and many opportunities to share our school life and achievements with families. The children have enjoyed a range of school trips and workshops that have enriched their curricular learning and they have wholeheartedly thrown themselves into events such as Wellbeing for Children Week, Science Week, Book Week and our Cultural Week with gusto and independence! Their enthusiasm and energy for learning and for participation in their school and what it stands for is genuinely commendable!

Thank you all for your attendance at Parents' Evenings this week and I hope you had the opportunity to have a meaningful conversation with your child's teacher and were able to look over their achievements and progress in their books.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### MONDAY 13TH APRIL

Years 5 & 6 Boys Football vs  
Town Farm (away)

### TUESDAY 14TH APRIL

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### WEDNESDAY 15TH APRIL

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### THURSDAY 16TH APRIL

Years 5 & 6 Boys Football Competition  
(PSD) @ ~Wraysbury Primary School

### FRIDAY 17TH APRIL

Year 4 Mass  
Years 5 & 6 Girls Football Competition (PSD)  
@ Wraysbury Primary School

Mrs Vander Vloet led a moving and reflective liturgy this morning around the events of Holy Week, with a particular focus on Palm Sunday, with the children re-enacting Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem.

We wish all our families and children a restful and joyous Easter, as we celebrate this most important time in our liturgical year. Enjoy the rest and family time and we will look forward to welcoming you all back after the break.

**Mrs O'Neill, Deputy Headteacher**

## Attendance

This week's **highest attendance** was **3BF** (98.8%), **2BP** (97.7%) and **Badgers** (97.7%). Our school target is now 98%. A huge thank you to all parents for a real push on attendance this week and for ensuring your child is in school for as close to 8.30 am as possible.

**Ms Murphy - Headteacher**

## After School Clubs

Please be aware that there will be **no clubs** during the first week of summer term.

Please ensure you have made the necessary arrangements for your child's collection at the end of the school day. Thank you for your continued support.

**Miss McCormack - School Office**

## MyChildAtSchool App

Please be reminded that during the summer term we will be moving our Clubs, Trips, Breakfast Club and Wraparound Care booking system to MCAS and SCOPAY will become redundant. This is a reminder that if you haven't already please activate your account to avoid any booking issues.

If you haven't yet activated your account you can do so by following these steps:

- [Download the MyChildAtSchool app](#)
- [Click forgotten password and follow instructions](#)
- You may be asked for the school postcode - TW16 6QG
- Please use the email address that you have given us as your first email contact

If you have any issues, please contact [admin@st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk). More information regarding these changes will be communicated after Easter.

**School Office Team**

# Workshops and Trips

Please see below a summary of the workshops and educational trips scheduled so far this year, along with their corresponding payment deadlines. We kindly ask that all payments are made by the stated deadlines to ensure that each event can go ahead as planned.

## Workshops and Trips

- **Reception - Bocketts Farm Trip**
  - Date: 21st April 2026
  - Payment Deadline: 27th March 2026
- **Year 3 - Ancient Egyptians Workshop**
  - Date: 8th May 2026
  - Payment Date: 1st May 2026
- **Year 3 - Roald Dahl Museum**
  - Date: 2nd June 2026
  - Payment Date: 15th May 2026
- **Year 2 - Bracknell Lookout Trip**
  - Date: 5th June 2026
  - Payment Date: 15th May 2026
- **Year 1 - London Zoo**
  - Date: 1st July 2026
  - Payment Deadline: 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026
- **Current Year 5 - PGL Residential Trip**
  - Please refer to the previous letter for the full payment schedule.
  - 2nd Installment Due Date: 27th February 2026

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

**Miss McCormack - School Office**

## Opal Play

A group of children from Year 3 have set up their own lunchtime activity - loom bands. If you enjoy creating loom bands, stop by the Art Room one lunch time to have a go.

If you have an idea for a lunchtime activity that you would like to help lead, please speak to Miss Grady, Miss Frew or Miss Gleave. We are always looking for new ideas!

**Miss Grady - Year 1 Class Teacher and PE Lead**



# Judo Assembly



What an incredible term it's been for Judo! Energy has been high, skills have improved across the board, and the dedication from our students has truly shone through.

A huge highlight this term was grading—everyone rose to the challenge and successfully earned their next belts. It's fantastic to see such progress and commitment, and a clear sign that Judo is thriving here at the school.

A big congratulations to all students for their hard work and effort, and a special shoutout to our standout award winners:

- Top Judoka: **Alice M (5B)**
- Most Improved: **Francesco C (1G)**
- Spirit of Judo: **Oscar W (3V)**

Well done to everyone involved. Keep up the great work and let's carry this momentum into next term!

**Aaron Turner - Judo Coach**

# Computing Workshop



On Wednesday, 4 of our Year 5 children visited St Michael's Catholic Primary School and took part in a computing workshop.

The children were able to take part in a range of activities that included converting binary code to text (binary translating), designing a 3D key ring that will be printed from a 3D printer, using micro bits in a magic 8 ball and creating a maze from multilink cubes and programming BeeBots to navigate the maze.

**Miss Palmer - Reception Class Teacher and KS1 Lead**

# Lent Appeal

Thank you to all the parents and families that donated towards our Lent Appeal.

Your contributions to the three charities will really help change peoples lives. The children thoroughly enjoyed choosing a charity of their choice to donate to and to live out the Catholic values of **Option for the Poor** and **Community and Participation**. It also gave the children an important opportunity to help those in our wider community.

The monies raised were:

- [CAFOD](#) - £595
- [Catholic Children's Society](#) - £580
- [The Passage](#) - £560

**Mrs Vander Vloet -  
Year 3 Class Teacher and Prayer & Liturgy Lead**



## Year 4 Swimming Lessons

**This notice for Year 4 parents only.**

Please be advised of the following swimming lessons for Year 4 that will take place in the summer term:

- Friday 24th April
- Friday 1st May
- Friday 8th May
- Friday 15th May
- Friday 22nd May
- Friday 5th June
- Friday 12th June
- Friday 19th June
- Friday 26th June
- Friday 3rd July

**Note:** Please ensure that children have their swimming costumes and a towel with them on these dates.

Payments can be made via SCOPAY after the Easter holidays.

**Mr Penson and Miss Partington - Year 4 Class Teachers**

# Children's Book Project



During Book Week, we collected a fantastic range of book donations and last week the Children's Book Project came into school to pick them up. They were incredibly grateful for everyone's generosity and have shared a thank-you message below.

*"From the entire team at The Children's Book Project, we send our thanks for your incredible support in hosting a Book Drive for us. Your community has demonstrated the power of giving and we hope enjoyed the process of selecting books they've grown out of to give to others."*

*"Thanks to your support, we can provide books to so many more children with few, or in some cases, no books of their own. Each book donated will be gifted onwards in the near future with an invitation to that child to go on an adventure and become lost in a book they can own and love. They will be distributed via schools and prisons and will help each setting to foster a real sense of themselves as a reading community. Many of them celebrate their book gifting events on social media. We'd love you to follow us on Twitter and Instagram to see these posts."*

*"Attached to this email is a certificate of thanks, which you may be able to share internally. We have also created a short thank you video. When you share these, please pass on our thanks again to everyone for their support. It's really appreciated."*

*"If you'd like to support us even further, we'd love for you to explore the fundraising opportunities on our website. From challenge events to bake sales and sponsored reads, every contribution helps us reach more children and make an even greater impact."*

**- Veronica Ruddle**

**Miss Brown - Year 5 Class Teacher**

## Opal Play Certificates

The following children have been awarded an OPAL play certificate during our Friday Celebration Assembly.

### Golden Broom Award

- KS1 - Skylar W
- KS2 - Lydia B L

### Golden Welly Award

- KS1 - Daithi B
- KS2 - Ariana L-C

**Miss Frew - Assistant Headteacher**



# Headteacher Awards

Each week our pupils are recognised for following our school values. This week's value was **Honest Hannah**. During our Celebration Assembly today the following children were awarded a Headteacher Award:

## Reception:

- Hedgehogs - Finley A
- Badgers - Carter S

## Year 1:

- 1OS - Seren E
- 1G - Otylie Y

## Year 2:

- 2C - Oscar S
- 2BP - Viyaan P

## Year 3:

- 3V - Carmen T-S
- 3BF - Nathan L-S

## Year 4:

- 4P - Cloe S
- 4AP - Kiana A

## Year 5:

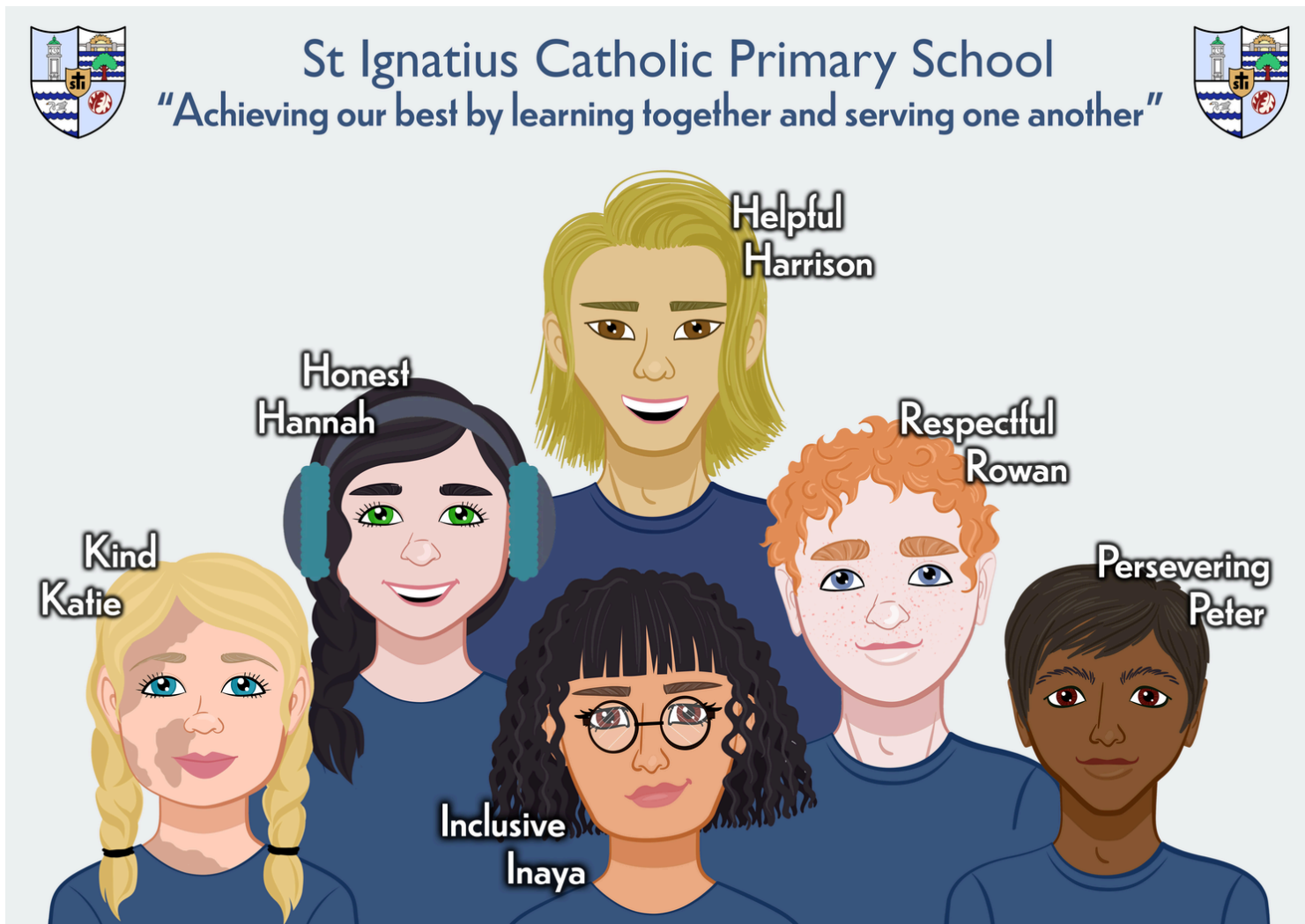
- 5W - Ralph K
- 5B - Izabella G

## Year 6:

- 6N - Angelina R-K
- 6S - Jemima S-C

I am so very proud of each and every one of you!

**Ms Murphy - Headteacher**



# PE Notices

## Years 5 & 6 Boys A Team Football

The following fixtures have been arranged:



- **Monday 13th April** (away vs Town Farm)
- **Thursday 16th April** - PSD Tournament at Wraysbury Primary School (12.30-3pm)
- **Friday 24th April** (home vs Clarendon). Letter to be sent after Easter

## Years 5 & 6 Girls Football

The following fixture has been arranged:

- **Friday 17th April** - PSD Tournament at Wraysbury Primary School (12.30-3pm)

## Years 3 & 4 Boys and Girls Football Tournament

This will take place on the afternoon of **Thursday 30th April**.

I will speak to Mr Jackson about the boys team. We may be able to enter 2 teams. I will hold trials for the girls team at the beginning of lunch on Wednesday 15th April.

If your child would like to take part, please ensure they have their trainers with them and ask them to meet me at the gate to the field at 12 noon.



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## Year 3 and 4 Hockey Tournament

We will play a mini tournament vs Laleham and Buckland Primary schools. This will most likely take place at St Paul's on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**. I am still waiting for this to be confirmed and will send letters after Easter.

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## Advanced Notices:

- Year 5 & 6 Girls and Boys ACAT Football Tournaments will take place at St Paul's on **Monday 8th June**
- District Sports (Athletics) will take place on **Thursday 2nd July**. I will hold trials after May half term
- Swimming Gala for Years 4-6 will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May. I will speak to the children interested closer to the date
- KS1 Sports Day will take place in the **afternoon of Tuesday 23rd June** (*weather permitting*)
- KS2 Sports Day will take place in the **morning of Tuesday 23rd June**. More details will be sent nearer the time (*weather permitting*)
- EYFS Sports Day will take place in the **morning of Monday 6th July**. More details will be sent nearer the time (*weather permitting*)

**Miss Grady - Year 1 Class Teacher and PE Lead**

# Wake Up Wednesdays

## Top Tips for Effective Revision and Study Skills

As exams approach, many young people fall back on familiar revision habits like rereading and highlighting. While these can feel reassuring, they often do little to support long-term memory. This guide explains why passive techniques can lead to misplaced confidence, gaps in understanding and increased stress when pupils struggle to recall key information under pressure.

Focusing on simple, evidence-informed strategies, it supports parents and educators to guide more effective revision. From active recall and spaced practice to building manageable routines, the guide offers practical ways to improve retention and confidence. With expert insight, it encourages a balanced approach where challenge supports learning without overwhelming pupils.

Miss Partington - Year 4 Class Teacher

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

### 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## EFFECTIVE REVISION AND STUDY SKILLS

As exam season ramps up, revision often becomes louder, busier, and less effective. Many pupils still rely on comfort strategies like re-reading and highlighting. These can feel productive but rarely build long-term memory. This guide will help you create a low-effort, high-impact revision system that teaches pupils how to revise, rather than merely emphasising its importance.

- 1 DIAGNOSE BEFORE DOING**

Before adding more sessions, identify why a pupil is underperforming: knowledge gaps, weak routines, poor choices, or low effort driven by a lack of confidence. Treating every issue as 'needs more revision' creates noise. Use a quick check: what do they know, what do they misunderstand, what can't they retrieve under pressure, and what do they avoid? Then match revision to the actual problem.
- 2 TEACH REVISION EXPLICITLY**

Most pupils haven't been taught how to revise well, so they pick what feels easiest. Build short revision mini-lessons into curriculum time; demonstrate retrieval, spacing, and how to self-check. Model it live, do it together, then gradually hand over responsibility. The goal is independence, not dependency. When pupils understand why strategies work, they're more likely to use them when it matters.
- 3 PRIORITISE RETRIEVAL PRACTICE**

Make recall the default. Use methods such as low-stakes quizzes, flashcards, free recall, blurring, and answers then check. Effective testing helps to measure and strengthen learning. Keep it specific and frequent - small chunks, lots of repetition, and immediate feedback. For parents, the best question isn't 'Have you revised?' but 'What can you remember today, without notes?'
- 4 SPACE IT OUT**

Cramping can boost short-term performance, but it's weaker for long-term retention. Help pupils spread practice across days and weeks, revisiting content after memory has faded. That 'slight struggle' is the point. Use a simple rhythm: new learning, next-day retrieval, or three-day revisit, a weekly revisit, and mixed practice before the exam. This turns revision into a routine, not a panic.
- 5 MIX, DON'T BLOCK**

Practising one topic for a long stretch - known as 'blocked practice' - can feel easy, but it can hide fragile learning. Mixing topics, question types, or methods strengthens long-term learning and helps pupils apply knowledge later. For educators, design homework and revision packs so topics reappear in a planned cycle. For parents, encourage sessions that mix two topics rather than focusing on just one.
- 6 USE DESIRABLE DIFFICULTY**

Revision should feel effortful, not effortless. Durable learning comes from challenging revision techniques: attempting answers before looking, explaining ideas aloud, writing from memory, or tackling unfamiliar question formats. The key is hard, but doable. If a pupil always gets everything right, it's too easy. If they always fail, it's too hard. Aim for productive struggle with quick feedback loops.
- 7 CENTRALISE MATERIALS SIMPLY**

Revision fails when pupils waste energy finding resources, navigating platforms, or guessing what matters. Reduce cognitive overload by centralising what they need: a single hub per subject, a clear list of priority knowledge, and a small set of standard task types such as quizzes, flash cards, exam questions, or corrections. Less admin clutter means more working memory for learning.
- 8 PLAN, MONITOR, EVALUATE**

Strong revision is self-regulated. Pupils plan what they'll do, monitor if it's working, and evaluate what to change next time. Use a weekly revision review routine that asks: 'What did I try?', 'What improved?', 'What didn't?', 'What's my next micro-goal?'. Post-mock action plans are powerful here because they force honesty about time spent, strategy used, and impact achieved.
- 9 WRAP MOCKS PROPERLY**

Mocks only help if pupils learn from them. Use an exam wrapper approach: before the mock, set strategy goals; afterwards, analyse errors such as knowledge gaps, misread questions, weak methods, and timing issues, then create a targeted reteach and retest plan. Parents can support by asking, 'What type of mistake was it, and what's your fix?' rather than 'What grade did you get?'
- 10 MAKE TIME VISIBLE**

Revision becomes real when time is protected and predictable. Help pupils build a timetable that's short, repeatable, and realistic: 30-40 minute blocks, clear start and stop times, and specific tasks, not 'revise science'. Avoid perfectionist plans that look pretty and collapse by Tuesday. Consistency beats intensity. Build momentum with small wins, then build from there.

**Meet Our Expert**  
Amjad Ali is the creator of Try This Teaching and the CPD and Inclusion Lead for the Chiltern Learning Trust. With over 18 years' experience in education, including leadership roles in diverse and high-need schools, he specialises in inclusive, evidence-informed practice. His work focuses on practical, low-effort, high-impact strategies that help students learn more and retain knowledge over time.

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# Let's Celebrate

We love to hear about your pupils' achievements both inside and outside of school.

- Congratulations to **Emilia R (6S)** who entered the Street Dance International (SDI) qualifiers with her dance crew, and the group achieved 2nd place, making it through to the finals being held in July. Alongside this, Emilia also competed as a solo dancer and achieved 4th place in the 'first timers' category! We are so proud of her achievement as she grows in confidence with her dancing
- Congratulations to **Eshaan P (4P)** and his brother **Viyaan P (2BP)** who took part in a swimathon last Saturday (21st march) alongside their dad and grandad, where together they completed an incredible 1.5km. It was their very first swimathon, and they showed such determination, enthusiasm and teamwork throughout and we couldn't be prouder of them both. We're also so pleased to share that they helped raise **£1,057** for Cancer Research UK, Marie Curie and the Swimathon Foundation
- Congratulations to **Luke O (3V)** for grading in taekwondo last weekend and receiving his green and white belt
- Congratulations to **Sophie R (3V)** for achieving her 25m badge for both front crawl and backstroke last weekend. She has moved up to Stage 5 (blue caps) in her swimming lessons
- Congratulations to **Evelina D (1G)** for passing her Spelthorne Gymnastics badge - Intermediate and Stage 2 last Saturday

Mrs Tunnicliffe - School Office



# Key Term Dates

Date	Event
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Summer Term
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	Years 5 & 6 Boys Football vs Town Farm (away)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	PSD Years 5 & 6 Boys Football Competition @ 12.30pm (Wraysbury Primary School)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	PSD Years 5 & 6 Girls Football Competition @ 12.30pm (Wraysbury Primary School)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Mass

## Lunch Menu

Please see below next week's menu. Please discuss with your child their preferred lunch options and book via [IFG](#).

**MENU WEEK 1**    **SERVED W/C:** 2nd Mar, 23rd Mar, 13th Apr, 4th May, 15th June, 6th July    **Cucina IFG**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Main Meal</b>  <b>OPTION 1</b> <b>OPTION 2</b>	Margherita pizza & oven baked wedges	Mixed bean bolognaise with penne pasta	Vegetable sausages with roast potatoes & gravy	Pea-powered vegetable stir fry with carrot rice	Vegetable nuggets, chips & tomato ketchup
	Pepperoni pizza & oven baked wedges	Beef & lentil bolognaise with penne pasta	Roast gammon with roast potatoes & gravy	Creamy coconut chicken & chickpea curry with carrot rice	Fish fingers, chips & tomato ketchup
<b>Veggies</b> 	Broccoli	Carrots & peas	Carrot & cabbage	Broccoli & Cauliflower	Baked beans
<b>Pasta</b> 	Penne pasta with house tomato sauce	Penne pasta with a creamy cheese sauce	Creamy pesto penne pasta	Penne pasta with a creamy cheese sauce	Penne pasta with house tomato sauce
<b>Filled Rolls</b> 	Ham Cheese Tuna mayo	Ham Cheese Tuna mayo	Ham Cheese Tuna mayo	Ham Cheese Tuna mayo	Cheese Tuna mayo
<b>Sweet Treats</b> 	Lemon shortbread biscuit	Chocolate & banana brownie sponge	Orange jelly & mandarins	Baked apple & cinnamon sponge	Strawberry yogurt & strawberry sauce

**Available Every Day -** Crunchy Colourful Salad Bar & Jacket Potatoes with Cheese, Beans, Tuna Mayonnaise & Cheese & Beans

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Vegan

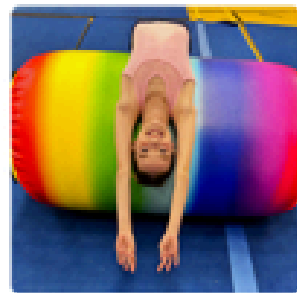
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**EASTER EGG HUNT**

Week 1 - 30th & 31st March  
1st, 2nd, 3rd April  
Week 2 - 7th, 8th, 9th April

**9:30-1pm**

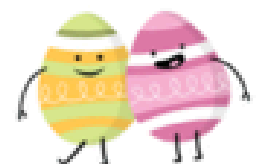
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## EASTER TIMETABLE

WORKSHOPS WILL TAKE PLACE AT:

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MAXIMUM CLASS SIZES OF 8



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**MAKE A SUSTAINABLE EASTER WREATH YEAR 1-6 10AM YEAR 7+ 1PM**

1.4

**UPCYCLED EASTER BASKETS (FOR CHOCOLATE HUNTS 😊) 10AM KIDS AND TEENS**

2.4

**UPCYCLED EASTER BUNNY PLANTERS 10AM KIDS AND TEENS**

4.4

**ADULT, TEEN OR CHILD UPCYCLED PLANT POT PAINTING 10AM AND 12PM**

9.4

**PARENT AND TEEN FURNITURE PAINTING WORKSHOP. 10.30AM RIVERHOUSE BARN ARTS CENTRE WALTON**



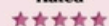
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- Providing a safe environment for them to learn
- Identifying children who are suffering or likely to suffer significant harm, and taking appropriate action.

Please read through the safeguarding guidance documents on this page, which include those designed for children. Please contact the Designated Safeguarding Leads below should you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a child.

You can do this by calling the school directly, or emailing: [dsl@st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:dsl@st-ignatius.surrey.sch.uk)

You can also find out more about how we teach safety to children on our [Safety Curriculum](#) page, in the Curriculum section of the website.

## DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD (DSL):

Mrs E O'Neill - Deputy Headteacher

## DEPUTY DSL:

Ms H Murphy - Headteacher

Miss T Frew - Assistant Headteacher

Mrs I Barkworth - SENDCo

Mrs L Whittington - KS2 Lead

Miss Z Palmer - KS1 Lead

Any concerns can be discussed with a DSL. If you have any concerns that involve the Headteacher, please contact the **Ascension Catholic Academy Trust** via email at [admin@ascensioncat.org](mailto:admin@ascensioncat.org) or by telephone on 0208 325 4630. The LGB details are being updated.

You can read our **Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy** [here](#).

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