

March 2025

LENT: 5th MARCH – 17th APRIL 2025

Lent is the period of six weeks (40 days not including Sundays) leading up to Easter, the most important festival in the Christian calendar.

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday. The last week of Lent is called Holy Week.

Lent is an old English word meaning 'lengthen'. Lent is observed in spring when the days begin to get longer.

What is the story of Lent? Jesus went into the desert to fast and pray before beginning his work for God. Jesus was tempted several times by Satan, but was able to resist. Lent allows Christians to remember Jesus's fasting in the desert. It is a time of giving things up and a test of self-discipline.



There are many goods that some Christians do not eat in Lent, such as meat and fish, fats eggs and milky foods, Some Christians just give up something they really enjoy, such as cakes and chocolate.

How is Lent celebrated? In western Christian churches, the day before Lent starts is Shrove Tuesday. This is also known as Pancake Day. This day was traditionally the last change to use up the foods Christians would not be eating during Lent.



On Ash Wednesday many Christian churches hold services during which Christians are marked on the forehead with a cross of ashes. This is a sign of saying sorry to God for any wrong-doing.

SAFER INTERNET DAY



Although we practice staying safe online every day, once a year we join Safer Internet Day which took place on Tuesday 11th February.

The theme this year was 'Together for a better Internet'.

Modern technology and the internet are wonderful tools if utilised correctly. Online safety is a very important part of school life at St Finbar's. Children are taught about online safety in a variety of ways and it is embedded into the computing curriculum. Children are taught the necessary skills to keep them safe.



MOTHER'S DAY SALE



On Friday 28th March, the children will be able to purchase an item to give to their important female, in their life e.g. Mum, Nan, Aunty, Sister etc. The items range in price from 50 p to £1.

NSPCC NUMBER DAY: 7th FEBRUARY 2025



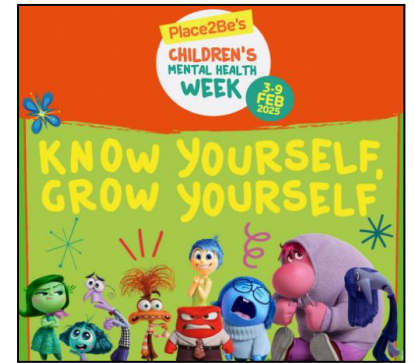
Children from across the school had a great time participating in a range of fun and educational number related activities. From solving puzzles to engaging in interactive maths games to develop their numeracy skills whilst supporting the NSPCC.

A huge thank you to all students, staff and families who contributed to making the day a success. Your support raised £92.00 for the NSPCC.



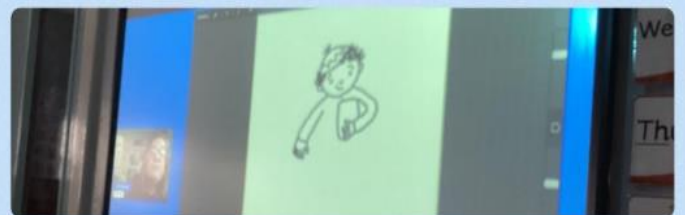
CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Week beginning 3rd February was Children's Mental Health Week, which had the theme 'Know yourself, Grow yourself'. All children across the school celebrated this within their classes. Activities that week included taking part in Zoom workshops about mental health and wellbeing. It was also linked to the film 'Inside Out' and the children were able to consider their emotions with the support of the characters.



LIVERPOOL LEARNING PARTNERSHIP READING FESTIVAL

Daffodil class had a fantastic time participating in the Liverpool Learning Partnership Reading Festival. They were captivated by the beautiful story, 'Saving the Butterfly' and were especially excited to take part in a special online session with the book's illustrator, Gill Smith. She demonstrated how to draw one of the characters, and the children eagerly followed along, creating their own wonderful illustrations.



CHINESE NEW YEAR



Our Early Years children had a fantastic time celebrating Chinese New Year! They explored a variety of traditional foods, including noodles, egg fried rice, spring rolls, prawn crackers, chilli sauce and pineapple fritters.

To make the experience even more exciting, the children practiced using chopsticks, helping to develop their fine motor skills. The staff were incredibly proud of them for being so adventurous and giving all the different foods a try. Well done, everyone!



PILGRIMS OF HOPE

The 2025 Jubilee is centered on the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. As His Holiness Pope Francis so beautifully expressed it: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision".



Year 1 enjoyed learning more about Pope Francis 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

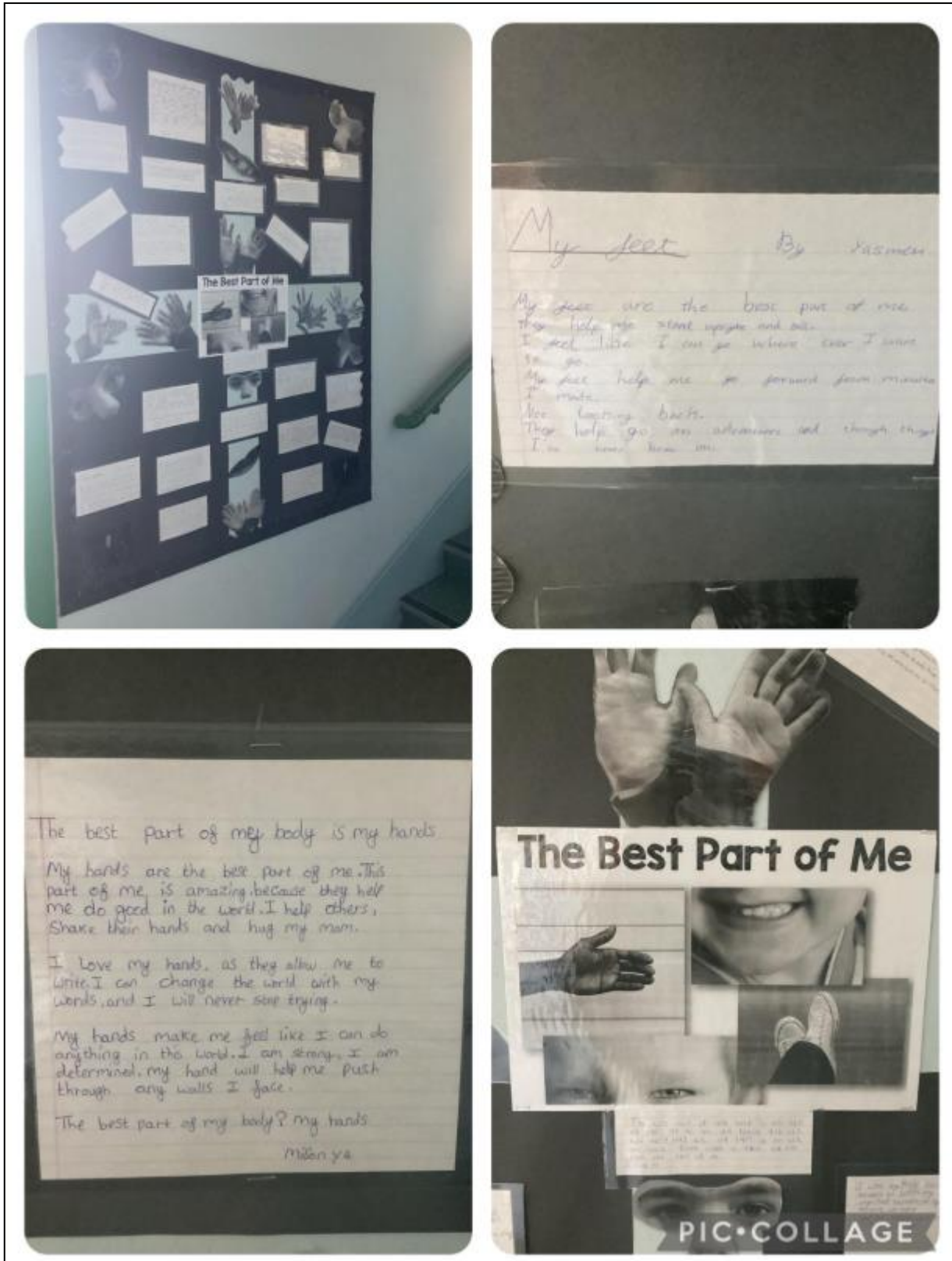


Year 2 had a lovely visit from Anne who was representing CAFOD. Anne spoke to the children about the Jubilee and they sang some songs and discussed various works like dignity.

TULIP CLASS

Tulip class have been busy creating a wonderful display celebrating the best part of themselves. As a class, they explored how small actions – like a smile bringing joy to others or kind eyes noticing someone in need – can make a big difference.

Each child chose their favourite part and wrote about why it is special. Their thoughtful and creative work came together in a beautiful display that they were all proud of.





Do not forget that our Pre-Loved Uniform 'shop' is always open.

Please ask at the school office or email the school office on (finbars-rec@st-finbars.liverpool.sch.uk) with your requests (e.g. item, sizes etc) and we will see what is available and get it ready for you to collect.

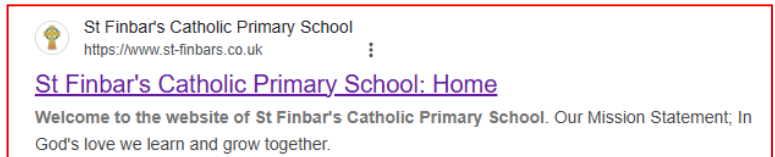


If you would like to donate any part of the school uniform or PE kit, it must be washed and in good condition. Please drop any donations to the school office. We have been able to help many of our families and will continue to do so.

We also have a small collection of winter coats and shoes.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Don't forget to visit our school website regularly for important updates, event calendars, school policies and helpful resources. It is a good way to stay informed about what is happening in our school community.



<https://www.st-finbars.co.uk/>



If you wish to apply for a **Nursery** place at St Finbar's, please contact the school office on 0151 727 3963 or email Finbars-rec@st-finbars.liverpool.sch.uk We currently have places available for children age 3+.

For places in any other year group, please contact the school office and they will inform you of the correct procedure to apply for a place.

Reception Admissions - September 2025

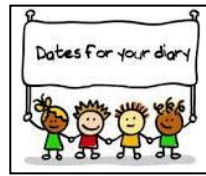
The online application portal is now closed for children starting Reception in September 2025. You must now complete a late application.

Please contact the Local Authority admission on www.liverpool.gov.uk/admissions if you require a place for your child. You can also contact the school direct who will be able to assist you.

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

If you require assistance to complete a school form/school application form, please contact the school office (0151 727 3963) or email finbars.rec@st-finbars.liverpool.sch.uk Our office staff will arrange a date and time for you to come to school and complete the paperwork with you.





March 2025

6 th	Thursday	World Book Day & Themed Lunch: Whole School
10 th – 14 th	Monday – Friday	British Science Week
11 th & 12 th	Tuesday – Wednesday	Parents' & Carers' Evening: Details to follow
14 th	Friday	Holi Festival
17 th – 28 th	Monday - Friday	Chick Hatching Experience: Whole School
24 th – 28 th	Monday – Friday	Shakespeare Week
28 th	Friday	Mother's Day Sale: Whole School: Details to follow

April 2025

4 th	Friday	Easter Service. Parents & Carers invited. 9.15 am. Reception to Year 6 children. Details to follow Easter Bonnet Parade: Whole School. Details to follow Last Day of Term: School closes for children at 2.00 pm
7 th – 21 st	Monday - Monday	Easter Holiday: School closed
22 nd	Tuesday	School Opens



Local Authority
Academic Calendar 2024/25

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1 INSET DAY IS STILL TO BE SET FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025



Our Lady of Mount Carmel & St Patrick
High Park Street, Toxteth, Liverpool L8 8DX

olmc@rcalop.org.uk

0151 272 1463



OLMC Tea/Coffee & Cake: Please join us after the 11.15 am Mass. Cup of tea/coffee and a slice of homemade cake, £1. Everyone welcome.

Mass Attendance Sheets: The attendance sheets at the back of church are for **all** parents/carers to sign each week to enable us to keep records for future reference for any faith forms for schools that we may be asked to fill in. These forms will give us an accurate record of attendance and will be kept for a minimum of 3 years.

Mount Carmel Parish Centre: If you would like to hire our function room for your event, please contact Ann Marie on 0151 727 1695.

First Holy Communion 2025: Will take place at OLMC on Saturday 17th May at 12 noon for St Finbar's and Holiday family children.

Sacrament of Baptism: If you have a child who you would like to receive the Sacrament of Baptism, please see Fr Silviu or contact Anne in the office.

St Patrick First Holy Communion – WAY Programme: St Patrick's Mondays at 5.00 pm in St Patrick's Church. Please note your child must be accompanied by an adult. Unfortunately due to space, only one adult per child.

OLMC First Holy Communion – WAY Programme: OLMC Sundays at 10.15 am.

Session 6 - Sunday 27th April 2025

Session 7 - Sunday 11th May 2025

St Patrick's Feast Day – 17th March: The celebration will begin with mass at 5.00pm with refreshments afterwards in the meeting room. All welcome.

OLMC Easter Raffle: Donations of Easter eggs, chocolate etc will be gratefully received to make up prizes.

OLMC Youth Group: The next meeting will be on Saturday 15th March, 3.00 pm – 6.30 pm.

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- **Level 2: Granby L8 2TU & Newsham L6 7UH**



English

- **Entry 3 – Park Road, L8 6SE**
Monday & Tuesday
13.00-15.00
- **Level 1 – Park Road, L8 6SE**
Monday & Tuesday
9.30-12.30
- **Level 2 – Newsham, L6 7UH**
Monday & Wednesday
18.00-21.00

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