



# St Alban & St Stephen Catholic Primary School & Nursery Weekly Newsletter



Friday 1st April 2022

## Year 5 Easter Passion Play

This week, Year 5 reminded us of the true meaning of Easter during their moving Easter Passion Play in which they retold the events of Holy Week. Of course, we all enjoy hunting for Easter eggs, gobbling up chocolate and sharing special meals with our families at this time of year. However, Easter is about so much more.

As the talented actors, narrators, singers and dancers in Year 5 showed us, Jesus was a real person. He rode into Jerusalem in triumph on a donkey, with the crowds shouting, 'Hosanna!' During the Last Supper, we saw what it means to serve others as Jesus washed the disciples' feet. Then, he was betrayed and deserted by his friends. As the audience watched Jesus' crucifixion and saw his Mother Mary weeping at the foot of the cross, it seemed that the story would end in darkness and despair. However, this was not the end. Just three days later, Jesus rose to life again, overcoming death and sin and bringing us all new life. We shared in Mary Magdalene's joy as she excitedly ran to tell the disciples, "I have seen the Lord!"

Well done to Year 5, who really brought 'the greatest story ever told' to life for us.



### Go Forth

**This Easter, let us praise the Lord !**

You came from heaven to earth to show the way  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky  
Lord, I lift Your name on high !

The staff of St Alban and Stephen Catholic Primary School would like to wish you all a very peaceful and blessed Easter. We hope that you have a lovely Easter break and look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 19th April.

#### A Message to the School Community from the Roache Family



We would like to thank the school community for all the help and support they have given us over the past few difficult weeks. We truly appreciate all the kind words and messages that have been shared. The love and respect that has been shown for Pat has been a source of comfort and support to us all. We hope everyone enjoys a happy and restful Easter break.

The Roache family

## Remembering Mr Roache 1948-2022



Mr Roache was the school keeper at St. Alban & St. Stephen Catholic Primary School for over eleven years. He was a well-loved member of the school community and is greatly missed by pupils, parents and staff.

“When I came into school in the morning, Mr Roache was always there and he would have a chat with me and my dad and make me giggle. He was friendly and kind.” Theo

“I’ve known Mr Roache for nearly six years. I miss his greetings in the morning and saying goodbye at night. Although he was a quiet man, he had a significant presence and the school just isn’t the same without him.” Ms Noonan

“Every single time I went to Breakfast Club, Mr Roache was always there and he always said, ‘Hello,’ to me. He was very, very kind and it made me feel happy.” Esme

“Mr Roache really helped me. I was new to the school and he was the first person I worked with. He showed me around and was such a kind-hearted man. He really helped me and I will miss him.” Mrs Ojo

“When I accidentally threw Jacob’s ball so high it bounced and stuck in the pipe, Mr Roache got it down with a special pole. He was so kind and helpful.” Azariah

“I saw him every morning and every afternoon and whenever someone went by, he always greeted them and asked if they were alright. He made me feel welcomed into school.” Max

“When we kicked the ball over the fence, he always got it back for us and never complained because he was so nice.” Jacob

We are hoping to set up a special memorial bench for Mr Roache in the school grounds, so that everyone who sits there can look around at the beautiful flowers and bushes that he planted and tended with care and remember him.



## Lent Appeal 2022: One Community

This Lent, we are asking your child to take part in the Catholic Children's Society (CCS) Lent Appeal: One Community.



What an incredible effort Eleanor and Finlay have made to raise money for our Lent Catholic Children's Society Appeal!

They really are demonstrating our school values of determination, faith and friendship.

Well done to both of you- we are very proud!

If you haven't done so already, please remember to bring back all Catholic Children's Society boxes to the School Office during the first week of the Summer Term.

Eleanor and Finlay decided that they wanted to bake and decorate cupcakes to raise money for the Catholic Children's society



They made normal flavour and chocolate flavour and used sprinkles and marshmallows to decorate



Then they walked down the street, ringing the doorbells of our neighbours and asking if they wanted a cupcake



Eleanor and Finlay had more than 20 customers and raised **an amazing £92.26** altogether!

We are very lucky to have such kind neighbours...who like cupcakes! 😊



## Year 5 Viking Day



Year 5 took part in an exciting day of Viking activities last week, to reinforce learning in their History topic. As you can see, they had a wonderful time ! Thank you to History Off the Page who led the day and also to all of the parents who came in to support.



# EASTER ART COMPETITION

Wow! The Pupil Chaplains were incredibly impressed by the fantastic response to our Easter Art competition. The standard of the entries was higher than ever, and judging the winners was a very difficult task. In the end, we decided to award every entrant a certificate and small prize as well as giving first prize to each class.

## Overall winners:

Nursery: Annabelle

RM: Lachlan

RC: Orla

1C: Shauna

1L: Kane

2J: Sophia

2T: Cecily

3A: Erin

3T: Orla

Special Award for representation of the Easter story: Eliza

4C: Zinachim

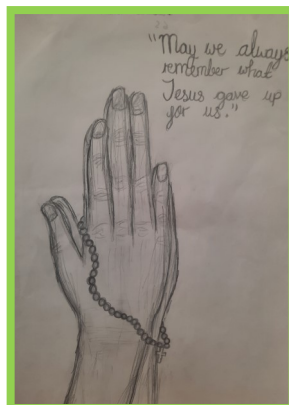
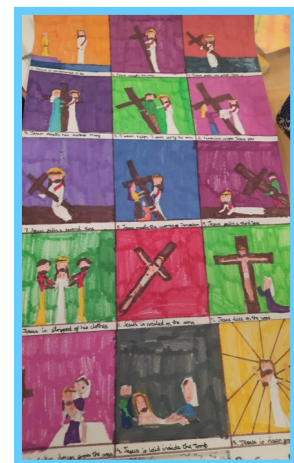
4M: Cole

5B: Sara

5H: Frankie

6N: Eryn

6S: Isabella



We will be sending you a presentation so that you can see all of the stunning entries. We also hope to display all of the Key Stage 2 art work so that parents can visit our Easter Art Gallery after the holidays.