

Academic Year 2025-26

Monday 23rd February 2026


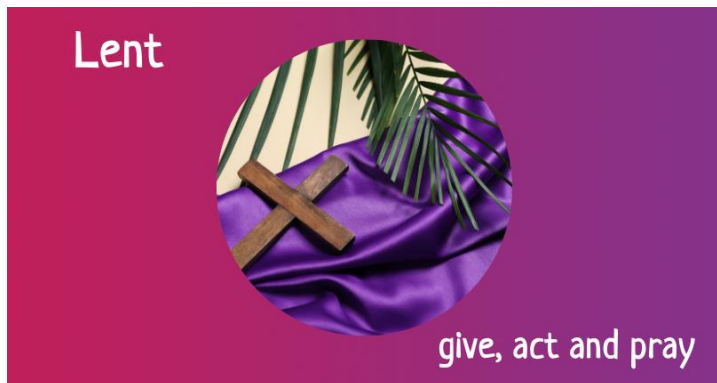
Dear Parents & Carers,

Please forgive me; for the life of me I cannot tell how the newsletter for the last week of last half term ended up stuck in my outbox. I have just found it and edited it. I will send another out on Friday. Sorry for the radio silence.

Catholic Life

Gospel Value for February: Love


Last Wednesday was Ash Wednesday, when the season of Lent commenced. In school we are focussing on how we act toward others, pray with reverence and give to others, using the theme of 'Give, Act, Pray, when considering how we treat those around us and show reverence for God.



Almighty God,
through this season of Lent,
help us to learn more about Jesus
and the wonderful gifts He gives us.

May our words and actions
show that we belong to Him.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.



PTA News

World Book Day – PTA Events

We are excited to let you know that the PTA will be helping to organise some special events for World Book Day.

Book Swap

We will be holding a Book Swap in the afternoon of Thursday 5th March. In order for this to take place, we need lots of book donations! Please could each child bring in at least one book that they no longer read by Friday 27th February. The PTA will then sort the books and organise the swap ready for the event.

Second-Hand Costume Sale

On World Book Day (Thursday 5th March), children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. To help support families with costumes, the PTA will be holding a second-hand fancy dress sale after school on Friday 27th February (this will take place instead of our usual Tuck Shop). We would greatly appreciate donations of any fancy-dress costumes in good condition. Please send these into school by the morning of Friday 27th February so that we can organise them ready for the sale that afternoon.

Ed's note – A great big thank you to all who helped organise out Cupid's Disco on Thursday 12th February. The children had a great time!

Sports Day has been booked for Friday 19th June and **school will finish at 1pm** on that day, after our family picnic.

Parents Evening

Please log in through <https://margaretropercatholic.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

If you experience any problems or require any further assistance with the booking, please contact me via the office email: office@margaretroper.croydon.sch.uk

Sports Reports

On Tuesday 10th February, we went to Regina Coeli to play netball. The A team played first and lost 2-0 and the B team drew their match 1:1. Tomisin scored for the B team, we all tried our very best and played very well. Regina Coeli are wuite tough opposition but we put in great effort.

Netball Bee Tournament – On Thursday 12th February the Y6 netballers went to Shirley High for a netball tournament. There were 2 sections and we were in section 2 along with 7 other schools.

We won 4-3 against Thomas Becket – it was a tough match and really close! We won 7-0 against Heath Hill – although they lost they played really well. Unforntutaely, we lost 1-3 against St David's despite really good play. In a hard match against Crescent Primary we scored a last-minute goal to win 1-0. Then we beat Ridgeway 3-1 in an interesting match. Our last match was against Minster and we lost 0-3; they were quite aggressibe, but we pushed though.

On Behavlf of the netball team, I'd like to thank Coach Cindy and Mr Bathmaker and Miss Marianna for taking us. Report by Diana.

Belated football report (Sorry to Stanley and the lads)

On Wednesday 4th February we played Beaumont away. It was a very good and quite rough game and the opposition got a little hot under the collar! We had a comfortable win 7-0 and even when the opposition

got cross we didn't retaliate and were courteous to them. Well done everyone. Report by Stanley.

Award winners this week:

Class	Stars of the Week	Writer of the week	Maths Star
St Rose	Aliya & Harry	Carolina	Rye
St Martin de Porres	Quentin & Maria	Gabriella	Albert
St Benedict	Adha & Nancy	Isla	Jean-Bedell
St John Paul	Ralph & Amber	Olivia	Emelia
St Carlo Acutis	St Carlo Class	Peter	Cindy
St Joseph	Royal & Joseph	Eliza	Raffaella
St Oscar Romero	Olive & Zoe	Tomisin	Aadhish

Very well done everyone!

Happy Birthday to, Riccardo, Pawel, Nicholas & Kritarth who have had their birthdays recently.



This week's Attendance Awards are as follows:

Y6 - 94% Highest Attendance Award - well done!

No 100% Punctuality Award again this week

Important Notice

Miss Middleton, our attendance officer, and I met with our Education Welfare Officer earlier in the week. One of the factors that is of concern to us is punctuality in the morning. The school gates open at 8.15, the main doors open at 8.25am and children are expected to be in class by 8.30am when registration commences. I daily see families arriving at or close to 8.40am, by which time the register has been taken and the children are late. **The EWO has advised me that, in order to ensure that children are in class on time, I should close the alley gate at 8.30am**, which will require any pupils arriving after this time to come into school through the front entrance (which will require a long walk round from the alley gate). Could parents please note this and ensure that you arrive prior to 8.30am; I will not be able to keep the gate open and let you in until 8.40am, which is my current practice.

Class contact email addresses

The best way to contact your child's class teacher, if the matter is not urgent, is to email them. Class email addresses correspond to the class colour followed by @margaretroper.croydon.sch.uk. Class email addresses are for routine matters; if you wish to discuss anything more complex, please email the school office. If you cc in the class email when sending a message to the office, that also helps!

Therefore, they are as follows:

Reception)	Mrs. Chandler	red@margaretroper.croydon.sch.uk
Year 1	Miss Kelly	orange@margaretroper.croydon.sch.uk
Year 2	Mrs. Wallace	yellow@margaretroper.croydon.sch.uk
Year 3	Miss May	green@margaretroper.croydon.sch.uk

Year 4	Mr. Bathmaker	blue@margaretroper.croydon.sch.uk
Year 5	Miss Jackson	indigo@margaretroper.croydon.sch.uk
Year 6	Miss Holloway	violet@margaretroper.croydon.sch.uk

The After-School Club telephone number is 020 8668 0945

If you need to contact the team, after 3pm, please use this number.

Friday 13th February was an INSET Day at the end of the half term. Our staff joined staff from our other Croydon Catholic Schools for a joint training day on 'Transforming Prayer and Liturgy'

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr. Mooney