



Academic Year 2025-26

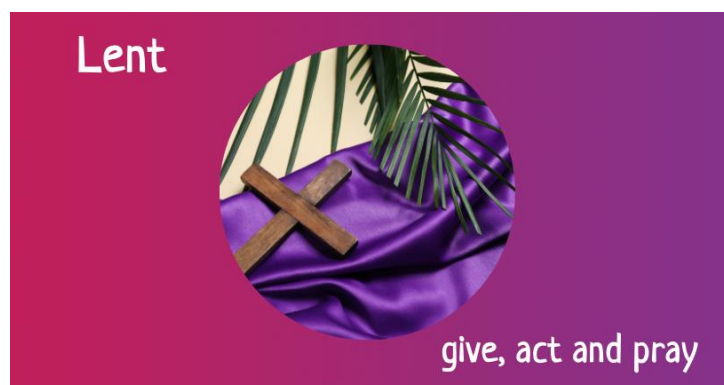
Friday 27th February 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

Catholic Life

Gospel Value for February: Love

Sunday is the second Sunday of Lent. 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.



You are all invited to join us for our Lenten Mass on Wednesday 4th (next week) at 9.15am in the school hall. The alley gate will stay open until commencement of Mass.

The TenTen Newsletter for March is available by clicking [here](#), and duplicated at the bottom of this newsletter. Please try to spend just a little time during Lent, praying as a family. You can do this while commuting, or before a meal together. Time in prayer is never wasted – you will feel the benefit!

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/prayers-for-home/parent-newsletter/>

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 today. Thank you very much to the PTA for organizing this.

Please don't forget to make your donation towards book week events via ParentPay. Thank you.

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://margaretperatholic.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

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

Sports Reports *On Thursday, Ella, Emi, Amelie, Ana, Ebosetale, Maddy, Clara and Emelia went to Archbishop Llanfranc Schol to play a football tournament. In the first match, the score was 2-0 to us, then we won 5-0 in the second match and 7-0 in the next two! So that meant that we qualified for the quarter-finals, which we won 1-0 and then won 2-0 in the semi-finals. We qualified for the final and all played really well. In the final we won 2-1 which meant that we won the whole tournament out of 15 schools! Report by Ella & Emi.*

Ed's note – I heard the celebratory screams as the girls returned to school last night! So proud of them all – what a great team – didn't concede a single goal until the final! A lovely picture of our gold medallists.



Award winners this week:

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Class	Stars of the Week	Writer of the week	Maths Star
St Rose	Isaiah & Pietro	Trystan	Helen
St Martin de Porres	Cyrus & Rupert	Georgia	Mekhi
St Benedict	Kate & Adyan	Phoebe	Isaac
St John Paul	Jasmine & Emmy	Sean	Joshua
St Carlo Acutis	Joseph & Veronica	Aubrey	Jake
St Joseph	Eva & Sam	Emma	Chimdi
St Oscar Romero	Cayleb & Stanley	Alex	Martina

Very well done everyone!

Happy Birthday to, Evie, Olivia, Aanya & Aston who have had their birthdays recently.

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

TFL Roadworks – Important advance notice.

We received this notice from TFL recently. Please note the below. It may mean that your journey to school may be delayed – I imagine we won't fully know the impact until the work commences.

Dear Head Teacher

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I am writing to inform you that our term contractor FM Conway, on behalf of the Council and Transport for London (Assets operations) will be undertaking essential drainage works on Foxley Lane between its junction with Banstead Road and Woodcote Valley Road. The essential works are to address the frequent and sometimes severe flooding at the bottom of Banstead Road by the Purley Library. The works are being completed in 2 phases:

Phase 1 – covers between Banstead Road and Plough Lane and involves repair works to a carrier pipe located at a depth of 3m within 2 chambers, repair works to existing gully pots/soakaways, installation of new gully pots and other works necessary to improve any issues arising from the drainage network.

Phase 2 – covers between Plough Lane and Woodcote Road and involves repair works to existing gully pots/soakaways, installation of new gully pots and other works necessary to improve any issues arising from the drainage network.

Phase 1 is scheduled to commence on **Saturday 28 March 2026** and completed by **Friday 17 April 2026**, subject to no unforeseen circumstances. The works would be completed under a road closure, and diversion routes would be put in place. The Council is working with neighbouring boroughs Sutton and Surrey as well as Transport for London, Buses, and Highways England, to secure a traffic management solution that will ease the impact on local traffic movement. Full details of the traffic management and diversion routes will be communicated to you once these have been finalised and approved by the relevant stakeholders.

Phase 2 is scheduled to commence on **Monday 20 April 2026** and completed by **Sunday 17 May 2026**, subject to no unforeseen circumstances. The works would be completed under temporary traffic lights. Full details of the traffic management will be communicated to you once these have been finalised and approved by the relevant stakeholders. If there are changes to the start and/or end dates, you will be updated in due course.

Due to the nature of these works, it is inevitable that disruptions/delays will occur. As such, advance driver/resident information boards will be put in place approx. 2/3 weeks prior to the works commencing, advising of the precise dates and times of the traffic management. A notification letter will be delivered to affected residents and messages will be published on various social media platforms. If there are changes in the scheduled dates due to unforeseen reasons, the information on the road signs will be changed accordingly. Drivers and residents are advised to check the road signs regularly for any updates and where possible, use alternative routes and allow extra time to complete their journey.

During the road closure, TfL Buses will establish diversion routes for its buses and communicate this information to its bus operators and passengers. For information on the alternative routes for buses whilst on diversion, passengers should contact TfL Buses by calling 0343 222 1234. **Please note that the diversion of buses would have an impact on school journey times.** Therefore, this information should be shared to parents/guardians so that they can make alternative arrangements in advance.

Whilst the contractor will do all that is feasible to keep the disruptions down to a minimum, the council appeals for the patience and understanding of drivers and residents while these essential works take place. Access will be always maintained for pedestrians during the works, and arrangements will be put in place for emergency services and the bin collection vehicles. To further reduce disruption the contractor has agreed to extend their working hours from Monday to Sunday, 7am – 7pm. The cooperation of drivers and residents is requested to ensure that the essential drainage works are completed safely and as quickly as possible. The contractor's operatives on site will be available to help in the event of any emergency. The Council would like to apologise for any inconvenience and distress the essential works may cause.

Should you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact highwaysmaintenance@croydon.gov.uk.

March 2026

March continues the season of Lent, a time when children are encouraged to slow down, reflect, and prepare their hearts for the events of Holy Week and the celebration of Easter.

Across the month, children will listen to Scripture, take time to pray, and reflect on how Jesus guides and strengthens them, during their Lenten journey and throughout their lives.

This newsletter shares some of the content children will experience in school throughout March, and suggests ways for you to engage with them about it. We hope it is a useful resource for your family prayer time.

GLORY - WE SAY 'YES!'

In the week beginning 2nd March, children reflect on the Gospel account of when Jesus revealed His glory to some of His closest friends. Through the story of the Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9), children learn how Jesus chose to show who He truly is to Peter, James and John, helping them to see more clearly and grow their faith and trust in Him.

In this special moment of revelation, God the Father's voice affirmed Jesus as His beloved Son. Children are encouraged to think about what it means to believe in who Jesus truly is and how they can grow closer to Him as His friends. They are also invited to reflect on ways they can recognise and give thanks for Jesus' presence in their own lives, even when they cannot see Him as the disciples did.

With your child/ren, you may also like to...

- *Look at an image of the Transfiguration and ask what your child notices about Jesus and the disciples.*
- *Talk together about what it means to give God glory, perhaps by noticing good things in your day and saying thank you for them.*
- *Share a quiet moment together, inviting your child to talk about what they are learning about Jesus and how they are getting to know Him better.*

LOVE - WE SAY 'YES!'

In the week beginning 9 March, children reflect on the Gospel of John, where Jesus met a Samaritan woman at a well (John 4:5-42). Through this story, children learn that Jesus chose to spend time with someone who others ignored or avoided, showing that His love is offered to everyone.

Children hear how Jesus spoke openly with the Samaritan woman and helped her to understand more about who He is. They are encouraged to think about how Jesus knows each one of us personally and invites everyone to respond to His love. Through prayer and reflection, children consider how saying "Yes!" to Jesus' love can shape the way they treat others and the choices they make each day.

With your child/ren, you may also like to...

- *Talk about how Jesus showed care and attention to the Samaritan woman, and why this was important.*
- *Encourage your child to think about ways they can show kindness and care to others, especially those who may feel left out.*
- *Take a moment to reflect together on how getting to know Jesus better can help guide everyday actions and attitudes.*

HOLY WEEK

As Lent continues, children are encouraged to prepare for Holy Week, the final week of Jesus' life on Earth, leading to the celebration of Easter. Schools have access to a Stations of the Cross resource, which helps children follow Jesus' journey to the Cross in a simple and reflective way.

Children may also take part in a Holy Week prayer resource, these prayers are guided by retellings of the events of Holy Week, from the perspective of Jesus Himself.

Why not listen to the Friday prayer audio clip through the Online Parent Portal with your child/ren and make time to pause and reflect on the journey Jesus takes to the Cross in your own family prayer time.

CONFIDENCE IN GOD'S POWER

During the week beginning 23 March, the daily prayers focus on growing in confidence in God's power. Inspired by the Gospel account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead (John 11:3-45), children reflect on how Jesus shows God's power at work, even in situations that seem impossible.

Our Lenten song 'Walk Along With Jesus' is used throughout the daily prayers and can be accessed on the Online Parent Portal for family prayer time at home. You may also like to use the prayer below, which encourages trust in God's power.

Loving God,
with your powerful help,
help us grow strong in faith and trust in you.
Teach us to love as Jesus loved
and to live in ways that glorify your holy name.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever.
Amen