



31st March 2023

NEWS FROM...

OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

It's hard to believe that we are now two thirds of the way through the school year. We have had an action packed spring term with so many wonderful and exciting things going on across the school, along with all of the learning and progress our children are making. From the Year 5 trip to London, to the CAFOD Big Lent Walk our children have embraced every opportunity and valued each experience. Thank you for the incredible support you have given to the school during the term and your engagement with various events, such as: Safer Internet Day, NSPCC Number Day, World Book Day and of course, our weekly liturgical prayer. We really do benefit from being part of a vibrant and supportive school community.

When we return from the Easter break, our classes will be finalising their outdoor learning area plans and appealing for items to help with their creations. We hope to launch our fully functioning areas just after half term—these areas will ensure that children have a wide range of play opportunities at break-times which will support their social and emotional development and wellbeing, along with their physical development.

Thank you to all of the children who have taken part in Stations of The Cross in church each week during Lent and also to those to represented our school at the Trust led Stations which took place at BWCET HQ on Wednesday and were live streamed across the Trust—as always, our children were exceptional ambassadors for our school and we were very proud of them. We ended the term with a whole school mass on Thursday and it was wonderful to gather together towards the end of our Lenten journey and look forward to Holy Week and Easter. At this time of year, we think about the suffering and death of Jesus. He lived his life as an example of compassion, of equality and of love for the poor. He died at the hands of injustice; he did not deserve to suffer and die. Jesus is an example of the battle between good and evil; the battle of love and selfishness. This battle goes on inside of us too.

As we enter Holy Week, we pray that good may overcome evil in our world, that justice may overcome injustice in our land and that love will overcome selfishness in our own lives.

I wish all our children, families and staff a very Happy and Holy Easter.

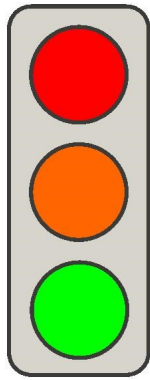
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For the summer term so far...

17 April	Back to school	29 May—2 Jun	Half term holiday
1 May	Bank Holiday	5 June	INSET day—school closed
5 May	Coronation Celebration Day	29 June	Sports' Day*
8 May	Bank Holiday	10 July	Parents' evening
9—12 May	Year 6 SATs	20 July	Leavers' Mass*
17 May	National Numeracy Day	21 July	Leavers' Liturgy*

* times to be confirmed



Below 90% - persistent absence ☹️

90—95.9% - below target ☹️

96—100% - on target 😊

ATTENDANCE—from September to date

Our whole school attendance is currently **95.3%**

Please support our efforts to hit our target of **96%** and be in line with

Government expectations by the end of the summer term.

Good attendance supports success
EVERY MINUTE
in school MATTERS 

Change to Management Information System

As you are aware, Our Lady Queen Of Peace is proud to be part of Bishop Wilkinson Catholic Education Trust. Following a recent, significant, contract change imposed by one of our current contractors, a working party, which included primary representation, was established, to identify what a new, 'fit for purpose' Management Information System (MIS) would look like. A robust tender process was undertaken, and **Arbor Education** was awarded the contract to be our new MIS provider, from 31st March 2023.

The MIS is a computer system which is used to hold and manage your child's school records. These records include their contact details, next of kin, attendance, educational and medical information. All schools have a statutory obligation to hold and manage this information.

At the moment, parents do not need to do anything. At some point, you will be asked to download the Arbor app to link to the school but we will let you know more about that at the relevant time. If there is any change to your contact details, please let the school office know. **Thank you.**