



Saint Michael Catholic Primary School

"Excellence, Enrichment and Enjoyment"



Spring Term Chaplaincy Team Newsletter



Epiphany Liturgy

The Liturgy Leaders and Followers celebrated the Epiphany by leading a whole school Collective Worship on the 6th January. We reflected on the Three Kings visiting baby Jesus and the gifts they brought him.

We also took part in an Epiphany blessing where we blessed the school and all those who will visit the school this year.

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Kornelia



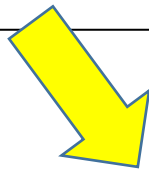
Pope Francis has designated 2025 as the Jubilee Year of Hope. It is a special year in the Catholic Church celebrated every 25 years. This year's theme is "Pilgrims of Hope." We are invited to renew our faith and have hope in a world where we face many challenges.

We began the year by celebrating Mass as a whole school with Fr Sidon. Each class was invited to design a 'Door of Hope.' I took pictures of each door. **Penny**





Congratulations to 5S who won the best door – they thoughtfully thought about how they can bring hope to others.





**The Chaplaincy Team's HOPES for this
Jubilee Year**

My hope for this Jubilee Year is for peace in the world and for the community to help the homeless (Lilia)

I hope for all the homeless people to have shelter (George)

I hope everyone shares with others (Nathan)

I hope for everyone to pray to God to help others (Jack)

I hope to pass my SATS and for all of Year 6 to do well (Jordan)

I hope that in this Jubilee Year, people in different countries have solidarity and peace (Elianna)

My hope for this year is for war to end throughout the world (Kornelia)

I hope for people to respect each other and to show compassion to each other (Arabella)

I hope that all world wars will end like in Ukraine (Natalia)

This year I hope that everyone prays more for our global neighbours (Penny)

I hope that everyone has clean water. (Ava)

I hope for people to be honest and kind. (Kailyn)

I hope that I will pass my exams. (Hannah)

I hope that everyone hears God's word so Jesus comes. (Israel)

I hope for this year that the homeless will find a home. (Chloe L)

I hope for peace in the world. (Liam)

I hope for peace in the world, people having shelter and people having enough food. (Amelia)

My hopes for this Jubilee Year are that people who are isolated and alone have someone to talk to. (Chloe)

My hopes for the Jubilee Year is that there is less homelessness. (Mila)

I hope for climate change to stop (Caoimhe)

Lent

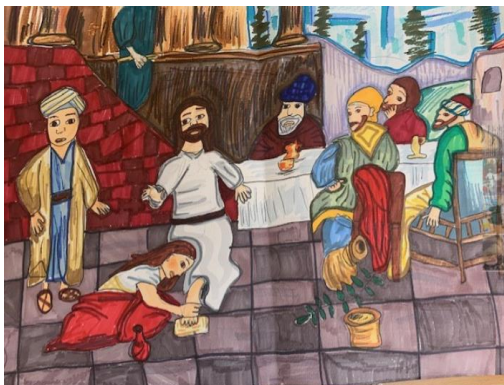
To mark the beginning of Lent, Fr Carlo came to school so that we could receive our ashes. He placed ashes on our foreheads in the shape of a cross and we prayed together. The Liturgy leaders led us in the prayers of the faithful.

Caoimhe and Liam



Year 5 Reconciliation

During Lent, Year 5 had reconciliation with Fr Carlo in the Chapel. We had to say a prayer and then confessed our sins. Fr Carlo gave us a penance. I felt happy and tranquil to have this opportunity. **Hannah** I felt calm and forgiven. **Eduardo**



I have drawn a picture of the Washing of the Feet. Jesus washed the feet of his disciples on Maundy Thursday. We know that Jesus came to serve others before he died on Good Friday. **Kailyn**



Everyone deserves a place to call home

For our Lenten Appeal this year we decided that we wanted to support The Passage Charity who helps those who are homeless. We invited Andy in to share the wonderful work the charity are doing with the homeless in Westminster. ***Did you know that Westminster has the highest amount of homelessness in London?*** The charity is inspired by the values of St Vincent de Paul and by support this charity we will strive to show compassion and kindness to those in need. **Elianna**



We have invited the children across the school to take part in a sponsored sleep by sleeping on the floor for a night to understand and feel what it is like to be homeless.

Well done to one of our Year 1 children who has already taken part and raised £100 for The Passage.

We look forward to sharing with you how much we have raised after Easter. Thank you for all your generous donations so far 😊



Stations of the Cross

Year 3, re-enacted Jesus's last steps before he died on the cross. It was a very reflective and special time. We had time to think about Jesus's sacrifice for us.

Amelia and Jack

Year 1 visited the Church to look at the Stations of the Cross.

We enjoyed spending time with Jesus.

Nathan and Dior



CARITAS NEWS by the CARITAS AMBASSADORS

Year 5 will be beginning their journey to being Caritas Ambassadors. They will learn about what it means to be an ambassador, the role of Caritas and what Catholic Social Teaching means. We are looking forward to thinking about a community project for the summer term (**Hannah and Eduardo**)

Fairtrade

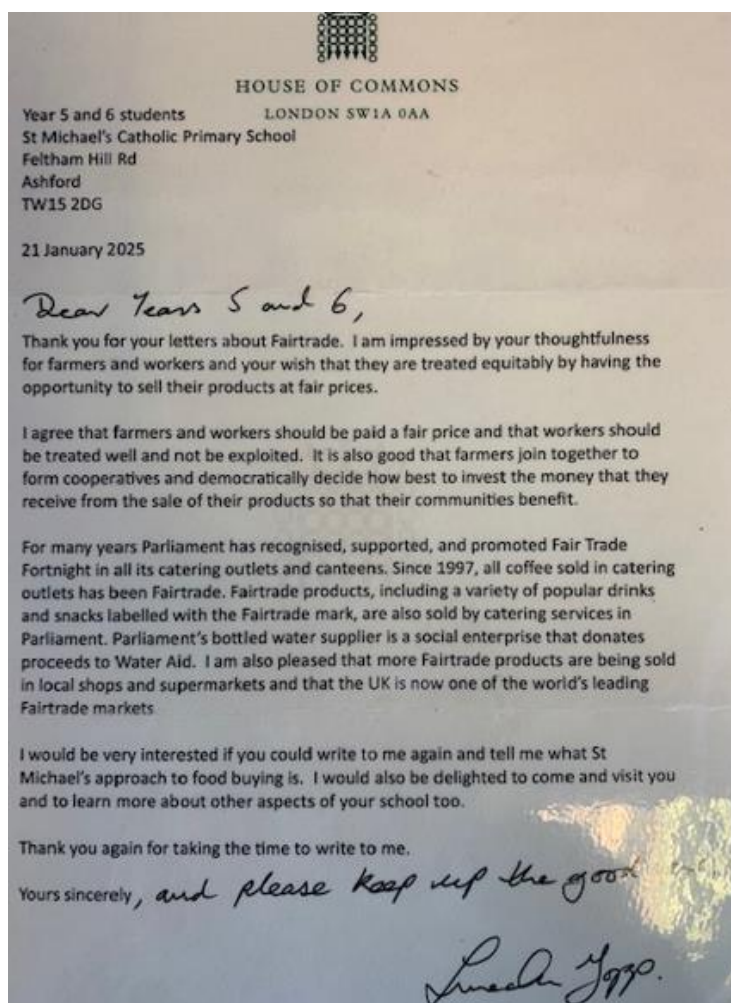
Last year's Caritas Ambassadors and this year's, wrote letters to Lincoln Jopp our local MP about supporting farmers and Fairtrade. We were excited when we received this letter back from him. He told us that he was impressed with our thoughtfulness as a school community.

We have invited Lincoln Jopp in on the 4th April to show him our school and to share our other concerns for our community and world.

Community and Participation

Congratulations to Nanny P

For receiving a special recognition achievement award from CARITAS from Mr Lane for all her years of dedication to fundraising for St Michaels.



The Followers made and gave Echelforde Care Home Easter cards from the school community for Easter.

We look forward to visiting the residents again soon.

