



♥♥♥ Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025 ♥♥♥

**Dear Families,**

Happy St Valentine's Day everyone, we hope you all have a day filled with love. We certainly have had a day filled with lovely activities. Firstly, our Year 4 children were thrilled to welcome local artist Ben into their classroom for the entire morning. The children were thrilled to see an artist in action and have a personal lesson from him!



We are very grateful to Wingates Gallery in Market Harborough who funded the art session with Ben.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Wingates for their very generous offer of over £600 worth of art resources for our school – a truly wonderful gift.



[Big Boost For School Art Thanks To Auction – HFM](#)

Today we also welcomed our local MP Mr Neil O'Brien for a Q&A session with our Year 6 class ahead of their visit to The Houses of Parliament after the half term break.

It was great to hear how passionate our MP is in supporting the [Safer Phones Bill](#). He has promised that he will keep fighting to protect all children.



## Moments of Pride



We are so proud of our Year 5 class who had a fantastic residential visit to The Briars in Crich. They showed such teamwork, resilience and determination as well as having so much fun and spreading an abundance of joy! Thank you to Mr Balliston, Mrs Amphlett and to Chris, our Chaplain, for taking such good care of the children.

Thank you to the Year 6 children for leading fantastic workshops for every class in school on [Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February](#) – you were inspiring!

Have a wonderful half term break.

God bless,  
Mrs Dabbs

## Key dates for your diary:

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February**  
Half Term Holiday

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** Back to school

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** Parents' Evening (VIRTUAL)

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February** Parents' Evening (In PERSON)

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February** PTFA Quiz & Chips night 7pm

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** Mardi Gras Festival

*(dress up in festival colours, purple, green + gold)*

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March** World Book Day

*(dress up as your favourite book character)*

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March** PTFA Paint Pottle@StJoes 3:30pm

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April** Homework Project hand in day

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April** Open Classrooms - Curriculum

**PTFA Summer Fete – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

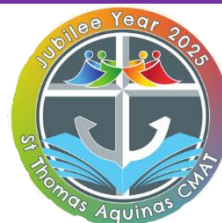
## Notices:

**Healthy snacks** – this is a polite reminder that snacks for breaktime should be fruit or vegetables. Please note that crisps and chocolate bar snacks are not part of our 'Healthy Food' school policy. Thank you.



**Our St Joseph's After School club have places available on Fridays... To find out more, please email Jess at [stjoesasc@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesasc@gmail.com). Snacks are included and it is £6.50 until 4:30pm or £10.00 until 6pm.**

**Ash Wednesday Mass will be held at Our Lady of Victories on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 10am**



Lord, thank you for Your sweet love! Help me to love as you do, with patience and kindness in all I say and do.

Love is patient. Love is kind.  
[Corinthians 13:4]

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