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## Diary Dates



**30<sup>th</sup> January** – Joshua Seigal Poet Visit (Whole School)

**2<sup>nd</sup> February** – Year 4 Early Islamic Civilisation Day

**5<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 6 Cooking Week

**9<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 2 Prayer and Liturgy – parents welcome & Cake/Uniform Sale 3.15pm

**13<sup>th</sup> February** – Valentine Disco  
KS1: 3.30 – 4.30pm  
KS2: 4.45 – 6.00pm.

**14<sup>th</sup> February** – Ash Wednesday Mass 2pm all welcome

**15<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 5 Tea Concert 2pm – Parents welcome

**16<sup>th</sup> February** – Inset Day

**19<sup>th</sup> February** – Half Term

**26<sup>th</sup> February** – Back to School & Year 2 Cooking

**27<sup>th</sup> February** – Year 5&6 Penitential Service

**29<sup>th</sup> February** – Non-Uniform Day

**2<sup>nd</sup> March** – STM Spin-a-Thon

**4<sup>th</sup> March** – Reception Cooking Week

**8<sup>th</sup> March** – Y4 Prayer and Liturgy 9am – Parents welcome

**15<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 5&6 Charity Day

**18<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 3&4 Young Shakespeare & Year 3 Cooking

**19<sup>th</sup> March** – Orchestra Assembly – Parents Welcome

**21<sup>st</sup> March** – Year 1 Stansted Mountfitchet Castle

**26<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 3 Afternoon Tea Concert – Parents welcome

**28<sup>th</sup> March** – Break up for Easter

**29<sup>th</sup> March** – Bank Holiday

## Lunch

**w/c 29<sup>th</sup> January Week 2**

Please pay lunches on School Money – £2.40 per day

## Swimming

**29<sup>th</sup> January – Year 4&6**  
**30<sup>th</sup> January – Year 2**

### Poet visit - Joshua Seigal

**Joshua Seigal** will be visiting us on **Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January**. Joshua is a highly acclaimed, award-winning professional poet, performer and educator who uses poetry to develop literacy skills and inspire confidence and creativity in communication. He has had several books published and has performed for BBC television. As part of our reading comprehension lessons in school, the children have studied some of his work and during library sessions this half term the children will have the opportunity to explore more of his writing. During his visit, Joshua will deliver assemblies to EYFS/KS1 and separately to KS2 (cost on School Money). He will also be running workshops for KS2. After school on the day, Joshua will be selling copies of his books. The books will be priced at £7 a copy if you wish to purchase these. This is a really exciting opportunity for the children to be inspired to love poetry. Any questions - please get in touch.  
Mrs Sherwin

### School Money

Please remember to log on and make payment for the upcoming poet visit. Thank you.  
Year 6 Grafham Water – the 3<sup>rd</sup> instalment of £20 is due by the end of January.

### Year 6 Prayer and Liturgy Service

Well done to Year 6 for a beautiful service this morning. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who attended. More photos can be viewed on the website.



## Prayer of the Week

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January will be the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Alleluia, Alleluia  
Jesus reveals the power of God,  
Listen to his word.  
Alleluia

Jesus Our Lord, thank you for the new year full of possibility.  
Stay by our side as we journey through this year,  
through hot and cold weather,  
through spring flowers and autumn leaves,  
hard work at school and happy holidays,  
special times like Harvest,  
special days like Easter and birthdays,  
and normal days as well.  
Teach us how to help each other on the journey,  
until it's New Year again.

Amen.  
By Year Three



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## Valentine's Disco - 13<sup>th</sup> February

We will be holding a Valentine's Disco for Infants followed by a disco for Juniors on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February after school. The cost will be £3.50 per child. If anyone would like to help please contact the school office or Sophie Brady from the PSA. **Please see attached poster for all the details.**

## Spring Term Levy

We would be very grateful if parents could donate to the voluntary levy on School Money. This fund really helps us to keep the school well-maintained. Thank you for your support.

## Dentist Appointments

Can we please ask that parents refrain from booking children's **routine** dentist appointments during school hours. We have had a number of children taken out of class this term and it is very disruptive. Please try to book these appointments after school or in the school holidays. **This does not apply to Orthodontist appointments or emergency appointments.**

## Double Club Vacancy- Job Opportunity

A vacancy has come up to join our Double Club Team. If you would like more information please contact the school office.

## Spin-a-Thon

Save the date!

On Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March we will be holding a St Thomas More Spin-a-thon aiming to cycle 2000km to raise £20,000 for the refurbishment of our adventure play equipment. Please see the attached letter telling you all the details and how you can get involved. Donations can be made via our Go Fund Me page; <https://gofund.me/4d13cde3>

There are still some slots available so you can come and join us on the bikes on the day - get together with some friends and come as a group - the more the merrier! Thanks to all of you who have already signed up.

## More Sports News

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January Year 5 and 6 Indoor Athletics teams took part in the USSP competition held at Dame Bradbury school. All the children took part in a variety of track and field events against 7 other schools from within the Partnership. Our "colours" team all did very well in their individual events finishing in 7<sup>th</sup> place, with our "red" team finishing in first place. Well done to everyone who took part. You were all a credit to the school. We wish the "red" team all the very best in the next round on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

