



St Robert Southwell School Newsletter



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Aiming for Excellence - Being the Best We Can Be

<p><u>Wellbeing & Mental Health Vision</u></p> <p>To support everyone’s wellbeing and mental health, so that they can be the ‘Best they can Be,’ are happy together, resilient, ready to learn and succeed.</p>	<p><u>Mission Statement</u></p> <p>Following Jesus’ footsteps and inspired by St Robert Southwell, we work hard, aim high and treat everyone with honesty and gentleness.</p>	<p><u>Vision Statement</u></p> <p>Vision: Aiming for Excellence: Being The Best We Can Be.</p>
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Catholic Life of the School

Habemus Papem – “We have a Pope”

This election, which saw Cardinals from every corner of the world voting, reflected the global Church. Cardinal Robert Prevost has been elected as Pope Leo XIV. He is the 267th pontiff and the first pope from the USA, but he has spent many years working in Peru.

“Peace be with you all.”



Pope Leo XIV

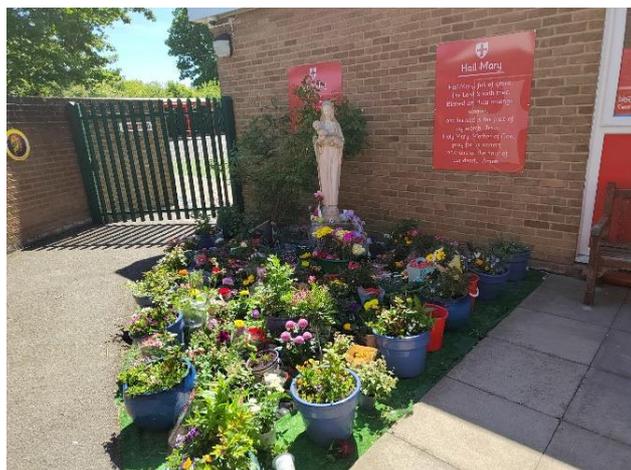
We will keep Pope Leo XIV in our prayers for his work with the Church and in the world, encouraging leaders to come together for the common good, so that people everywhere including the most vulnerable and those on the margins of society – are able to flourish.

Prayer:

We pray that the Holy Spirit guides Pope Leo XIV and gives him strength as he continues to be a voice for the poor. Amen.

Faithful God, You guide us on the path of life and your goodness is our constant companion. Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV, in his service of the Church. Fill him with the power of your Spirit, the peace of your presence and the compassion of Christ. May he walk with you, in wisdom and humility, and lead us, together with all God’s people, to embody your love for the world. Amen.

Celebrating the Month of May dedicated to Our Lady



The 'Our Lady' prayer garden looks amazing with all the plants and flowers presented today. A huge thank you for your generosity. The children visited the garden with their class to pray to Our Lady and ask for her intercession today.

The plants and flowers make the area very bright and cheerful. There was a lovely atmosphere and a special sense of community in the garden today.

Please do pop in and have a look when you are dropping or collecting your children next week.

Prayer:

Dear Mary, our Mother, we love you. We thank you for your promise to help us in times of need. We trust in your love that dries our tears and comforts us. Teach us to find peace in your Son, Jesus, and bless us every day of our lives. Amen.

Year 6 SAT's

As you are aware from the media, the statutory assessments tests (SAT's) for Year 6 commence next week and take place between Monday, 12th May and Thursday, 15th May inclusive.

We are very proud of how hard our Year 6 children have been working in preparation for their assessments. The staff have been working hard to ensure that all our pupils are well prepared for the week ahead.

We also recognise that that each child has a great number of talents and that core curriculum skills are only one element of the skills and talents they have.

Please join with me in keeping all our Year 6 children in our prayers, so they are proud of all they achieve next week and in the future.

Fundraising Initiative

This week our link charity, 'The St Robert Southwell Charitable Foundation' launched a 'GoFundMe' page to try and raise £150,000 to create an all-weather play surface and multi-purpose games area to transform our outdoor space.

Dear friends, families & supporters

Your help is needed with an appeal to assist us in creating something very special for our children – an all-weather play surface and multi-purpose games area that will transform playtime, sports and outdoor learning for every single pupil, all year round.

Our current outdoor play and sports areas are sadly unusable for large parts of the year due to poor drainage and muddy conditions. This means:

- Limited opportunities for physical activity during wet months
- Missed chances for team sports, outdoor PE, and active play.
- Fewer safe spaces for social development and mental wellbeing

We believe every child deserves the chance to run, play, and grow in a safe, inclusive outdoor space, no matter the weather. That is why we are fundraising to install a brand-new all-weather surface and multi-use games area (MUGA) that will be durable, versatile, and accessible for all.

We are aiming to raise £150,000 towards this goal. Any amount no matter how large or small would be appreciated. Please share the link or QR code far and wide and on social media.

Please click the links to donate.

SRSCF - GoFundMe - all weather sports surface

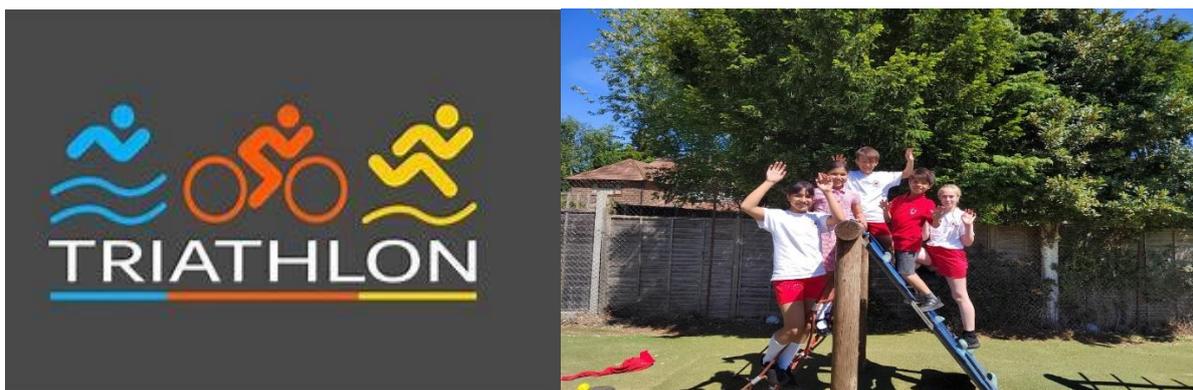
<https://www.gofundme.com/u/6342afe1-710d-4cf9-92d1-0caf9c28b001>



Five Incredible Pupils!

To get this fundraising initiative off to a sporting start, we have five pupils who are taking part in a triathlon this weekend to raise funds for our project.

This weekend Edoardo, Emma, Massimiliano, Holly, and Maya—are taking on a triathlon to raise money for our all-weather surface project. With determination in their hearts and sneakers on their feet, they are swimming, biking, and running to give back to the whole school community.



As their fundraising page says, “This triathlon is more than just a physical challenge—it’s their way of saying thank you and paying it forward.”

We wish them the best of luck in their sporting endeavour this weekend.

You can support them and our fundraiser by clicking the link below:

<https://gofund.me/8e3f2b0b>

To help raise funds for the development of the outdoor play space we are planning for every year group to hold a fund-raising event this term.

We appreciate the pressure on families so please contribute any amount you are able. Every penny counts. If you are aware of any companies who may be willing to support us. Please do contact Mrs McEvoy on srscf@robsouth.org who is managing communication on behalf of the charitable foundation.

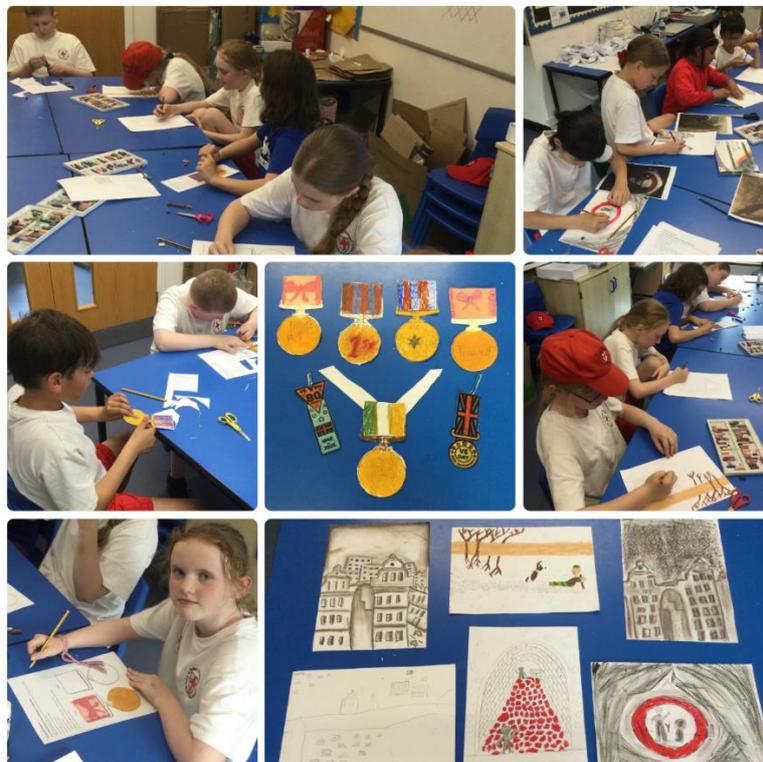
Thank you in advance for all your support.

The fundraising events planned so far are listed below. Further information will follow about each event.

Year Group	Fund Raising event	Date	Time
Nursery	Sponsored obstacle course	4 th June	9.00
Reception	Sponsored wheelie	6 th June	9.15 -10
Year 1	Sponsored walk - treasure hunt	20 th May	9.15-10.30
Year 2	Sponsored Skip	t.b.c	t.b.c
Year 3	Sponsored Skip	t.b.c	t.b.c.
Year 4	Party Night	20 th June	3.15pm - 8pm
Year 5	Cake Sale	23 rd May	In the school day
Year 6	Talent Show	16 th July	5.30pm – 8.00pm

VE Day

Activities from VE Day celebrations:





Message

We have had another busy week in school. We marked 'VE Day', after assembly on Thursday with a whole school dance on the playground, the children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 had a tuck-shop and there was also a VE day, themed lunch with sandwiches and cake. The children raised £889.45 from the bucket collection and tuck shop. These funds will go towards our all-weather surface plans. Thank you for your support and generosity.



The children brought in flowers for Our Lady, and we had the exciting news about the election of the new Pope. Today we officially launched our charity's Go Fund Me page to raise funds to create an all-weather play surface and games area.

We also had a coffee morning after Celebration assembly and a Maths information meeting for parents of children in Year 1 & 2, which was very well attended.

St Robert Southwell is a very special community of which we can all be very proud!



Our visit from Lex the robot last week also inspired creativity with David in 1S creating his very own version of Lex at home.

Well done, David!

Friends' International Day

Thank you to those who have offered to donate food or decorate and run a table. The Friends' Association always need help so if you can assist on the drinks table or to set up or clear away, then please come along at 1.45 pm on Friday, 16th May or talk to a member of the Friends' Association. All donations of food gratefully received on the day along with any offers of help.

Non-Uniform Days – This term

Friday, 16th May International Day. Come to school international or cultural dress or the colours of the flag of your country of heritage.

Friday, 6th June Pentecost celebration Day. Come to school in the colours below to represent symbols of the Holy Spirit

Nursery & Reception	Red - to represent the symbol of fire
Year 1 & 2	Blue - to represent wind and water
Year 3 & 4	Black or white - to represent the spiritual hero inside all of us
Year 5 & 6–	White - to represent peace

Sustainability competition St Robert Southwell - Reminder

As stewards of creation, Miss Dobrowolski and Mrs McKnight Posner launched a Recycling Competition at our world Earth Day assembly on Monday. The aim of the competition is to promote creative ways to reuse, reduce, and recycle. There are exciting prizes to be won! Rule of entry: Only use recycled/reused materials you ALREADY have. You must not purchase anything new for your project.

Nursery & Reception	Use junk modelling to create a minibeast home
Year 1 & 2	Make an aquarium - use a waterproof (plastic?) container and decorate it to make it inviting for a sea creature to live in.
Year 3 & 4	Use textiles (materials) to create a new t shirt design, for example you can cut out a heart shape from one t shirt and sew it onto another one.
Year 5 & 6	Make a whole outfit from used clothing or recycled material (glue bottle caps onto an old jacket. Use clothes or items you never wear anymore to make something new).

We will have a celebration to show off all your work on World Environment, which is Thursday, 5th of June. You must have everything ready and brought to school on **Wednesday, 4th June**. Please do not bring anything early as it may get damaged and broken before the celebration.

Cyber Security

This is now a part of daily life, whether you are connecting to public Wi-Fi or using Wi-Fi at home. Learn about the cyber-attacks you could be vulnerable to and how to keep your family safe by clicking the link. [What is cyber security? Advice for families | Internet Matters](#)

Final Prayer

God, our loving Father, In this Jubilee year, You remind us of our call to love creation. Help us to work together to replant, repair and renew. Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.

