



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

Lent



As part of our Lenten journey, Year 3 went to Mass today and also took part in Stations of the Cross. As we move towards the middle of Lent we focus on prayer and ask God to guide us during this Holy Season.

Lord, take my hand and show me the way. Help me to get up when I fall and to try again, knowing that you will always give me another chance. Amen.

God our Father, you guide and direct us on our journey through life. Be with us as we journey through this Lent filled with faith and love. Help us to grow closer to you during this special Holy Season. Help us to do your will each day during Lent. Amen.

Wednesday was the Feast of St Joseph, Husband of Mary, Mother of Jesus



Prayer:

Faithful St. Joseph, we entrust our families into your fatherly care. Help our families to be a beacon of faith in our local community, workplaces, schools, parishes, and the wider world. We ask that you pray for all our families, especially this week. Amen.

Neurodiversity Celebration Week

This week is Neurodiversity Celebration week. This is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. It aims to transform how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported by providing schools, universities, organisations, and others around the world with the opportunity to recognise the many skills and talents of neurodivergent individuals, while creating more inclusive and equitable cultures that celebrate differences and empower every individual. #DiversityIsStrength. In assembly on Monday the children talked about celebrating our differences and respecting one another as part of our on-going work on being ‘Superkind’.

Volunteers Needed



We are part of an initiative to help our children become more environmentally aware and greener. We have secured some grant funding and support to set up growing patches around the school. To move this initiative forward, we need 4 to 8 able and willing gardeners to dig a 4 metre by 4 metre area at the back of the school. We are inviting any parents who can help us on our first volunteer afternoon **next Friday, 28th March in school; 2pm-6pm**. It would be helpful if you could bring your own spade. Please email Mrs McEvoy cmcevoy@robsouth.org if you can help us on this afternoon.



Fundraising

The St Robert Southwell Foundation who support the school with funding part of the maintenance of the building and some other initiatives, are looking for a volunteer with fundraising experience to help them launch a Go fund Me collection for the development of our sports facilities. If you have any experience and can give a few hours to help launch this fundraising project, please email Mrs McEvoy cmcevoy@robsouth.org



It has been a usually busy week in school. We had a special inspection from the fire brigade following the recent fire. They work with schools and other public institutions to reduce risk and improve building safety. There was lots of positive feedback about our systems and some suggestions of how to reduce risks further in the future.

The teachers shared writing samples with other schools in the Kingsbury cluster after school on Tuesday. They visited other schools and discussed samples of childrens' writing. This helps all schools to check standards and to share ideas for improving teaching and learning. We also had teachers from another school visit to look at how we teach writing. Today is 'World Poetry Day': Children from different year groups shared poems they know by heart in Assembly this morning.

Good News

1. The teachers visiting from another school sent this lovely message.

Many thanks for sharing your practice with us today. The children were able to share their ideas and talked about the strategies you use to support their writing. Special thanks to all the teachers we saw. It was such an informative morning, and we hope that other staff will be able to see how you teach writing so successfully.

2. Golden Grant Winner

On Saturday 15th March 2025, Tesco ran a special event at a store where our school project was in the public vote. This was part of a larger series of events on the same day where Tesco awarded over 100 groups chosen by members of the public.

We have been informed that a member of the public chose our project to receive a Golden Grant for £5,000.

A big thank you to all those in our community who voted for us to receive this grant towards the cost of providing Wizard Theatre this term.

Friends' Association

The Friends' Association raise amazing funds for our school and also run social events for children and families during the year.

The recent initiative with Asda raised £482.37 for their funds.

Our Treasurer has advised that she will be standing down, and we need someone to shadow here next term and take over going forward.

Our Chair, also wanted to stand down last September but as no one was willing to step up has continued in the role. Please do talk to a member of the Friends' Association or come and talk to Miss Beck if you could take over as treasurer or if you are interested in finding out more about taking on one of the roles on the committee.

Friends' Association Easter Raffle

The children should have brought home envelopes to participate in the Friends' Association Easter raffle. The closing date for returning these has been extended to next Wednesday 26th March.

All children in school on the day of the raffle assembly will be given a sweet treat to bring home from the Friends' Association as a sign of their appreciation for all the support families give to the Association.

The draw for the raffle will take place on Thursday 3rd of April at 9.00am. Parents and carers are welcome to the Easter draw assembly.

Uniform Reminder

All children must have a jumper or cardigan, white PE t-shirt and red PE sweatshirt with the school logo on, purchased from our uniform supplier.

The other items of uniform can be purchased in any store and **do not need** to have a logo. We expect all children to have a black coat, black school shoes (not boots) for formal uniform days and black trainers with no coloured stripes for PE days.

Children with pierced ears can wear one pair of stud earrings only, sleepers and hooped earrings are not permitted.

Parental Consultations

Thank you for signing up so promptly for our consultation evenings. The excellent sign-up rate is a real indicator of how well the children in our school are supported. Please be aware that we are not able to send 400 individual reminders for your appointment.

Upcoming Dates

Date	Time	Event
March Month of St. Joseph		
22/3		World Water Day
23/3		Third Sunday of Lent
25/3		Feast of Annunciation
25/3		Year 2 trip to Natural History Museum
26/3		Parental consultations – Nursery – Year 6
30/3		Mother's Day
1/4		Reception to SS. Sebastian & Pancras
2/4		Year 6 trip to Imperial War Museum
3/4		Friends' Association Easter Raffle Draw
3/4		Parental Consultations – Reception – Year 6
4/4		Nursery visit to Kingsbury Library
4/4		School closes for Easter break at 2.00pm

Lenten Liturgies

Easter Liturgies – main school hall. All welcome.

Year 1 – Palm Sunday	9.00am Monday, 31st March
Year 2 – Last Supper	9.00am Tuesday, 1st April
Year 4 – The Way of the Cross	9.00am Wednesday, 2nd April
Year 5 – Resurrection	9.00am Thursday, 24th April

Jubilee 2025 – Being Pilgrims of Hope



Lord,
grant us the grace
to open our hearts to others,
and to act with love
towards our family, friends and neighbours,
wherever they may be.
Amen.