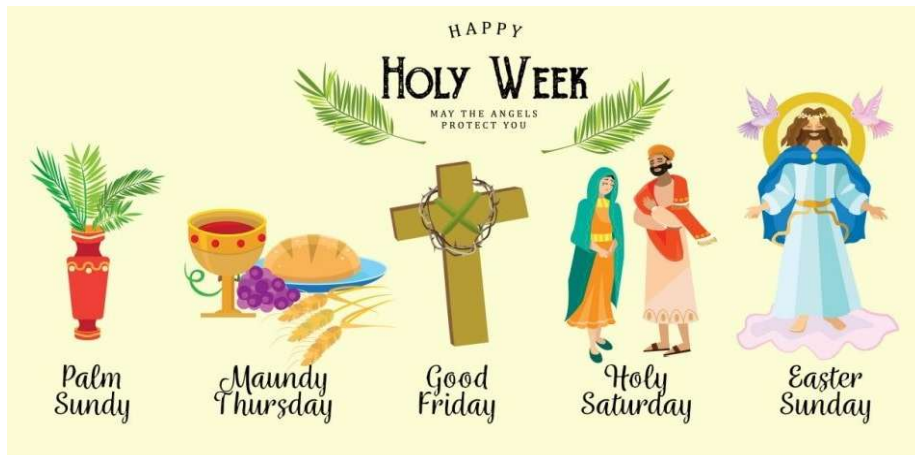




Aiming for Excellence - Being the Best We Can Be

<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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HOLY WEEK



We wish all our families a very Happy and Holy Easter break.

Year 5 will present their Resurrection Assembly on **Thursday 16th April at 9am**. All welcome.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, this Holy Week, we walk with you. Open our hearts to feel your presence in our homes and families. Help us to be kind and forgiving, just as you are. Take our fears and worries, and fill us with your peace. May our family grow closer to you and to each other as we remember your great love. Amen.

Pope Leo’s Prayer Intentions April

For April 2026, Pope Leo XIV invites the faithful to pray for priests experiencing moments of crisis in their vocation.

The intention focuses on:

- That priests facing personal or spiritual struggles may find the accompaniment and guidance they need.
- That communities support them with understanding, compassion, and prayer.
- Recognising the challenges priests face amid rapid cultural changes, fatigue, and the weight of routine, and asking for renewed strength in their mission.

It’s a call for solidarity, empathy, and active spiritual support for those who dedicate their lives to serving others.

Prayer:

Good Father, teach us as a community to care for our priests: to listen without judging, to give thanks without demanding perfection, to share with them the baptismal mission of proclaiming the Kingdom in word and deed, and to accompany them with closeness and sincere prayer. May we support those who so often support us. Amen.

Message

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you for all your continued support this term. The support of our parents, grandparents and wider family members; attending assemblies and liturgies helping on trips, painting our benches, donating prizes, making financial contributions and counting money all helps make our school the strong community it is. We appreciate all the support and hope you know every action makes a difference to our school community and the children.

The last week of term was an especially important one for our school community as our daily liturgies reflected the sequence of the events of Holy Week, towards the celebration of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. It was amazing to see so many a parents and family members at our liturgies to share the important messages of Jesus life' as we journey through Lent to Easter.

There was a 98% turn out for our parent consultation evenings and we hope you found the meetings with your children's teachers useful. When school and home work together children are helped to achieve their very best. 40 parents also attended the Headteacher update information session online and in person. If you have any suggestions for future meetings please let me know

If you have any queries please do make an appointment to see me by emailing Mrs McEvoy cmcevoy@robsouth.org

We are now in the middle of the Easter Break and have completed two thirds of this school year. I wish all our families a wonderful Easter.

Big Walk and Wheel



I was both amazed and impressed with the fantastic support of our Big Walk and Wheel. Special thanks to:

- Mrs O'Callaghan one of our governors who ensured the Big Wheel on both Fridays went safely and smoothly
- All parents who supported their children walking and riding to school
- Miss Joseph for recording the efforts of each class each day

Big congratulations to 3R who were the winning class with the most walking and wheeling trips over the two weeks. I hope you are able to continue to walk and wheel next term.

Good News

A big thank you to Brent Council who are funding the re-location and extension of our bike shelter. Its new home will be next to the entrance foot path. This is particularly good news and as the new cycle shed will be installed during our current works upgrading the fencing and access to the school.

Attendance

Requests for special leave will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances, holidays are not exceptional circumstances. An attendance rate of 97% and above is excellent, 95% is generally considered good; persistent absence (PA) is defined as an attendance rate of 90% or below, this is a cause for concern.

Please do not be offended when we ask for proof of absences, this is in-line with our policy. This will always be requested when absence falls on one or both sides of a school holiday.

Good attendance is vital to raising standards in education. Ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential is an assumption so widely understood that it is insufficiently stated:

- Pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind
- Children with poor attendance tend to attain lower grades in both primary and secondary school

The government expects schools and local authorities to:

- promote good attendance and reduce absence, including persistent absence
- ensure every pupil has access to full-time education, to which they are entitled
- act early to address patterns of absence
- ensure all pupils are punctual to their lessons.

In an effort to support families whose children have very poor attendance and who are categorised as persistently absent we will be setting up a meeting with the local authority Attendance officer early next term, for individual parents to discuss how we can improve their child's attendance.

It is important for parents to understand that they can be fined if their child is persistently and absent. We work with the council in relation to issuing fines to parents

Change to End of School Day

Following the approval by the Governors to shadow the term dates of the All Saints Academy Trust for the next academic year, we will be trialling a two-week October Half Term in the Autumn Term 2026. To make up the learning time lost we will only have 3 staff training days next year and will extend the school day finishing at 3.20pm. There was a great deal of discussion around this move which aims to bring us in line with the schools in the Trust. We will take feedback in the Autumn Term before setting the school dates for the following year.

Friends' Association Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who took part and to the Friends' Association for organising this event. There were 40 prizes won at the assembly on Friday and the Friends' Association gave each child a sweet treat to take home. The funds raised are going to be used to pay for workshops and

replacing some iPads. A big thank you to everyone who took part and helped sort the tickets, money and prizes.

The Little Recyclers



Thank you to all who dropped off their clothes for recycling. The Friends' Association raised £248.40.

Weight Collected: 552 kg

Funds Raised: £248.40

Uniform

Summer uniform can be worn after the Easter holidays for Years 1-6. Children can wear winter or summer uniform until May half term. Summer uniform is then compulsory after May half term until October.

A red polo shirt with grey shorts/skirt or a red and white gingham/checked summer dress can be worn with a grey school jumper or red cardigan with the school logo purchased from our uniform suppliers. Black school shoes should be worn with the summer uniform.

On PE days children should wear their PE kit to school (red shorts and white PE t-shirt or black jogging bottoms and red logoed sweatshirt - with black trainers)

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any person (parent or staff) have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform one of the school safeguarding team; Miss Joseph, Miss Beck or Mrs Egan. In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a duty to discuss the issue with Social Services to seek further advice. This is the statutory obligation of all schools. For any matters concerning safeguarding outside of school hours or during the holidays please contact Brent Family Front Door Office hours (Mon – Fri 9am - 5pm): Call 020 8937 4300 (option 1) Outside office hours: Call the emergency duty team on 020 8863 5250.

School can be alerted to concerns using our safeguarding email safeguarding@robsouth.org. This is monitored periodically throughout the holidays and school closure.

Summer Term

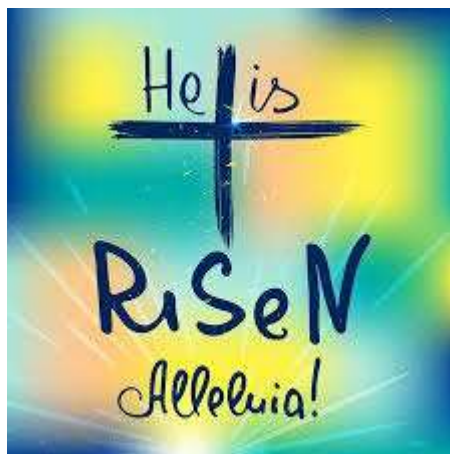
All children are expected back in school **on Monday, 13th April**. If you child is not back in school on Monday 13th April we will follow our missing child procedures, if you do not confirm the reason for any absence using the App or by calling the school office. Please note our terms dates differ from the "All saints Trust" schools and "St Gregory's Secondary School", this year.

Dates

Please see key dates for the summer term 1 attached.

Back to School

Monday, 13th April



Prayer

God of life, be with us as we work together to build a world that reflects your glory, where all people may flourish. Amen.