



St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School

In faith and love, we learn and grow.

Weekly Newsletter



27th February 2026

Dates for the diary

March

- 3rd Author visit for World Book Week
- 5th Coffee afternoon 2.30 – 3.10pm
- Supporting children with anxiety
- 6th Y2 Class Liturgy 9am parents are welcome
- 9th Woking Music Festival KS2 School Choir at G Live
- 10th Parents' Evening on School Cloud
- 12th Parents' Evening on School Cloud
- 13th INSET Day
- 20th Y1 Class Liturgy at 9am parents are welcome
- 23rd March Y4/Y5 Swimming week
- 27th Final day of Spring term early finish 1pm

April

- 13th start of the Summer Term

Mrs Grace

Matthew 4:1-11

Dear parents and carers,
Welcome back! Hasn't it been lovely to see the sunshine this week? All the children especially enjoy being outdoors when the weather is fine. Children in Key stage 1 have had so much fun in their newly designed play zone with construction, home corner, craft activities, sandpit and more!. My thanks go to Mrs Barker for putting her creative skills to work to ensure the children have gorgeous space to play in.

Every year in the run up to Easter, we are called to embrace the challenge of Lent. Lent is a time of renewal, of return to God, and of training to become more like Jesus. This week in Celebration Of The Word assembly, we talked about the three things we are going to do during Lent: pray, fast and give. We are looking forward to fundraising for 'Mary's Meals' as our chosen charity this Lent and some of the children have talked about giving something up but all of them say they want to pray more.

I'd like to say a personal thank you to Victor Scalzo who has been our caretaker for the past 2 years. Many of you will be aware of the transformative effect Victor had on our school environment. He was always so kind and helpful to the staff and the children keeping our school site safe and beautiful. He left his role to pursue other ventures just before half term and he will be sadly missed. We welcome our new caretaker Lok Fung who has started working at St Hugh's this week. I hope you all have a lovely weekend. God bless!
Mrs Grace





News at St Hughs



To celebrate World Book Day, we will be holding a school competition: the 'Design a Potato' competition. Children are invited to turn a real potato into an alien, linking to Stephen William's exciting books.

If you want to participate, you need to:

- Get yourself a **potato** and turn it into an alien
- **Use** paints, card, embellishments and other craft materials
- Make sure your **full name and year group** is with your design
- Bring your designs to the school office for judging

Completed potatoes should be brought into school on **Thursday 5th March**.

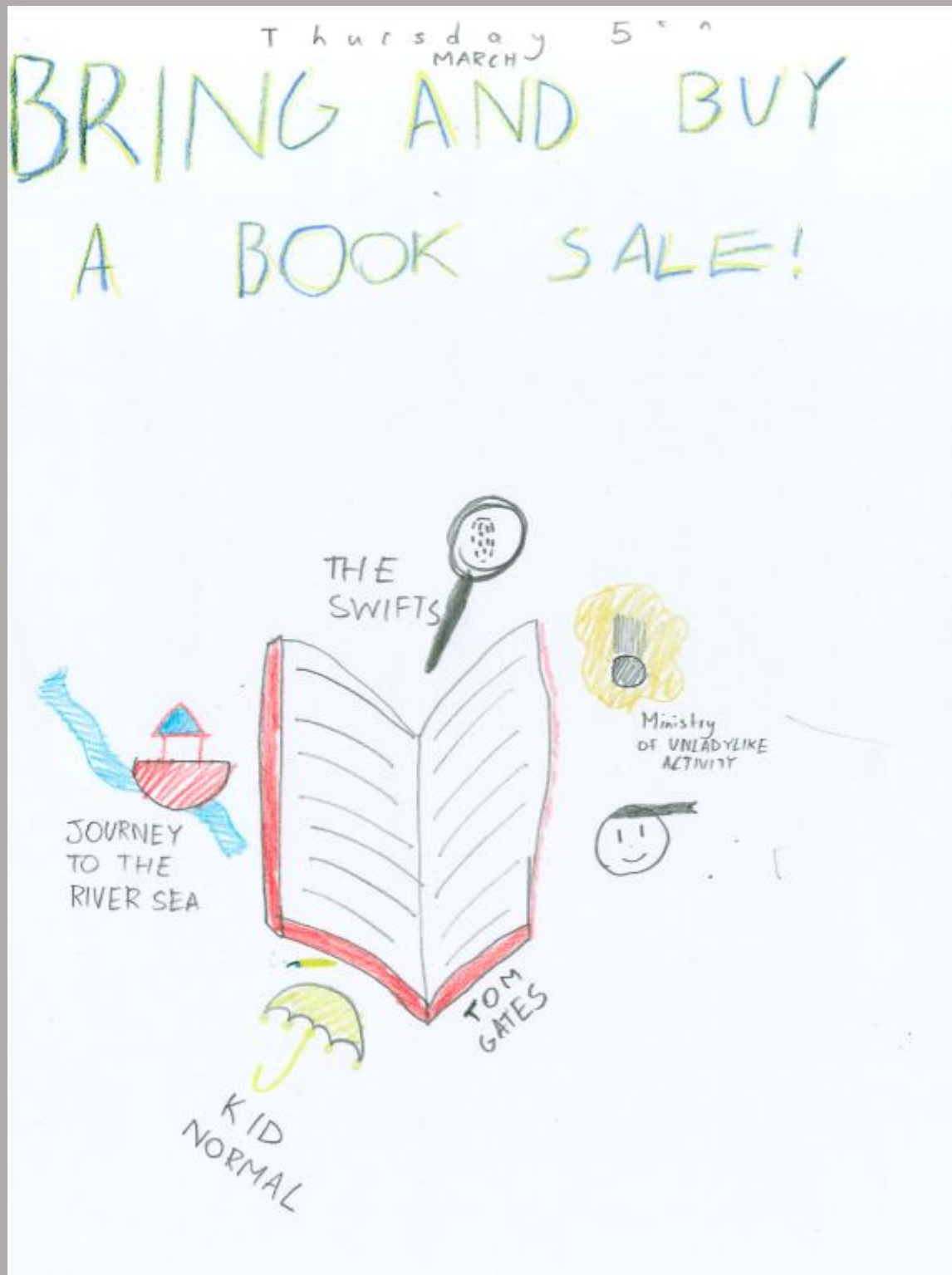
Good luck!





The reading committee would like to invite you to the Bring and Buy a Book Sale on Thursday 5th March.
On the KS2 playground at 3:15pm.

Donations can be delivered between 8:30-9:00am on Monday 2nd March and Tuesday 3rd March.



Hampshire Book Recommendations

Dear parents and carers,

Please see below this month's book recommendations from Hampshire Library. This can support you with finding engaging books for your children at home. If your children love Roald Dahl, these books could be for them!

Best wishes,
Miss Butler





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County Council

School Library
Service





If you enjoy Roald Dahl, you'll like these....















News at St Hughs

Science Fair – Tuesday, 3rd March!

We are thrilled to announce that our annual Science Fair is just around the corner, taking place on Tuesday, 3rd March! Students have been hard at work preparing their innovative projects, and we can't wait for everyone to experience the creativity and curiosity on display. Science projects can be brought into school up until the end of the school day on Monday 2nd March.

Throughout the day, the children will have the opportunity to explore each other's projects, gaining inspiration and insight from their peers. Parents are also invited to join us for a special viewing from 3:15 PM to 3:30 PM in the wraparound area after school. It's a fantastic chance to see the incredible work our students have put into their experiments and research.

In previous years, the projects have been nothing short of spectacular, with children bringing in everything from model volcanoes to working solar systems. We are eager to see the innovative projects our students have come up with for 2026, and we know they will continue the tradition of excellence.

We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating the wonderful scientific minds of our school!



2025 Science Fair.

Mr Ellson's Camino Francés pilgrimage

In April, Mr Ellson will be completing the 800km Camino Francés pilgrimage from France to Spain to raise money for music education St Hugh's school and the other eight primary schools he teaches at. All funds raised will be shared equally between the schools and ring-fenced for music, helping to support instrumental lessons, resources, and continued participation in the programme.

Please see the link below if you would like to support Mr Ellson's pilgrimage.

LINK: <https://gofund.me/00549fe33>



News

Could you be a Foundation Governor at our school?

There are potentially 2 vacancies for Foundation Governor posts at St Hugh Of Lincoln Catholic Primary School. You must be a regularly practising Catholic and a priest must be able to vouch for you. You don't need to be a parent of a child but an interest in education would be an advantage. For more information follow this link for Foundation Governor information on the Diocesan website.

<https://www.abdiocese.org.uk/education/governance>

To express an interest, please contact our Chair of Governors

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1xZIUKD6ZNFubPIMVgIQeK3jYrwETx3G/view>

Support our School!!

A monthly donation to our School Development Fund would really help to maintain our Outstanding school!! Please see the following link for further information

[St Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Primary School - Governor Fund Page](#) or use the QR code to make a donation



Coffee Afternoon

Supporting Children with Anxiety

Thursday 5th March at 2.30pm - 3.10pm

Join us for a relaxed and friendly coffee afternoon where parents and carers can:

- Learn simple, effective strategies for supporting children with anxiety
 - Explore useful resources and tools to use at home
 - Share experiences and chat with other parents and carers
- This is a supportive, informal space—everyone is welcome. Please come and join Mrs Pickard in the Wraparound.



Upcoming Events



Date for the Diary: Summer Fayre Sat 27th June

MAR
02

MORNING DROP OFF
**World Book Day:
Donations**
School Car Park

MAR
05

3.15 PM
**World Book Day:
Book Sale**
KS2 Playground

MAR
12

IN SCHOOL TIME
Mothering Day Shop
*Tickets available on
Classlist.*

MAR
19

6:30PM
**Friends Meeting:
Summer Fayre Planning**
School staff room

MAR
TBC

Easter Activities
Details to be confirmed

APR
30

6:30 PM
Friends Meeting
School staff room

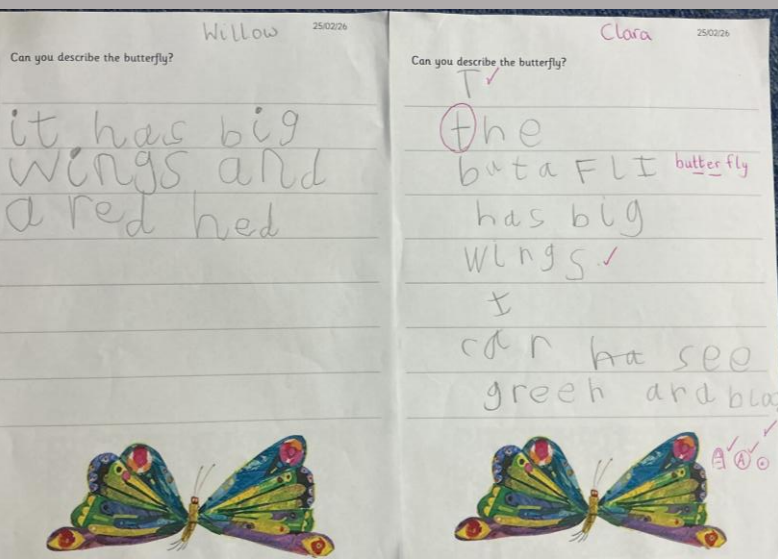
Thank you!

To all the children and parents who baked and helped with the cake sale, you raised an amazing £154.30.

Any questions please do talk to any of us in the playground or email us: friendsofsthughsppta@gmail.com

Reception – Saint Bernadette

Reception's new topic of enquiry is, *I wonder how time passes* and they have started to explore this through the classic story, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. As well as retelling the story through small-world play, exploring day and night and learning the order of the days of the week, the children have been inspired to create some fantastic art work and writing. Well done Reception!



Read Write Inc.
Phonics

Group C – <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/qg8rVdW8/4KJkFcWY>

Ditty – <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/zg6VNu9p/pUfnVZvb>

Green – <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/hxbQOu5B/GjDASuM3>

Year 1 - Saint George

This week, the children began their new History topic, 'Who Were the Greatest Explorers?' They explored what an explorer is before considering what an explorer might look like. Using pictures of real explorers to prompt their thinking, the children then designed their own explorer.

In Computing, we began our new unit on robots. After discussing what a robot is, the children were extremely excited to use Bee-Bots.



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Phonics

Purple group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/Ztj7LL8b/ByuGnZHd>

Yellow group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/UsHXcW6S/ABc1Wkn6>

Blue group- <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/UsHXcW6S/ABc1Wkn6>



Year 2 – Saint Francis

In Spring 2, the children have started their new History unit based on holidays, comparing holidays in the past to today's. In Maths we have come to the end of our unit on Multiplication and Division and have been look at how we can use bar modelling to demonstrate sharing and grouping. Year 2 have loved their first lesson in DT which was designing their own Ferris wheel and understanding the different components of the Fariground wheel. In English this week, children have been writing to entertain, producing excellent creative writing based on a picture of a boy walking through a maze. Excellent use of adjectives and emotions.



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Phonics

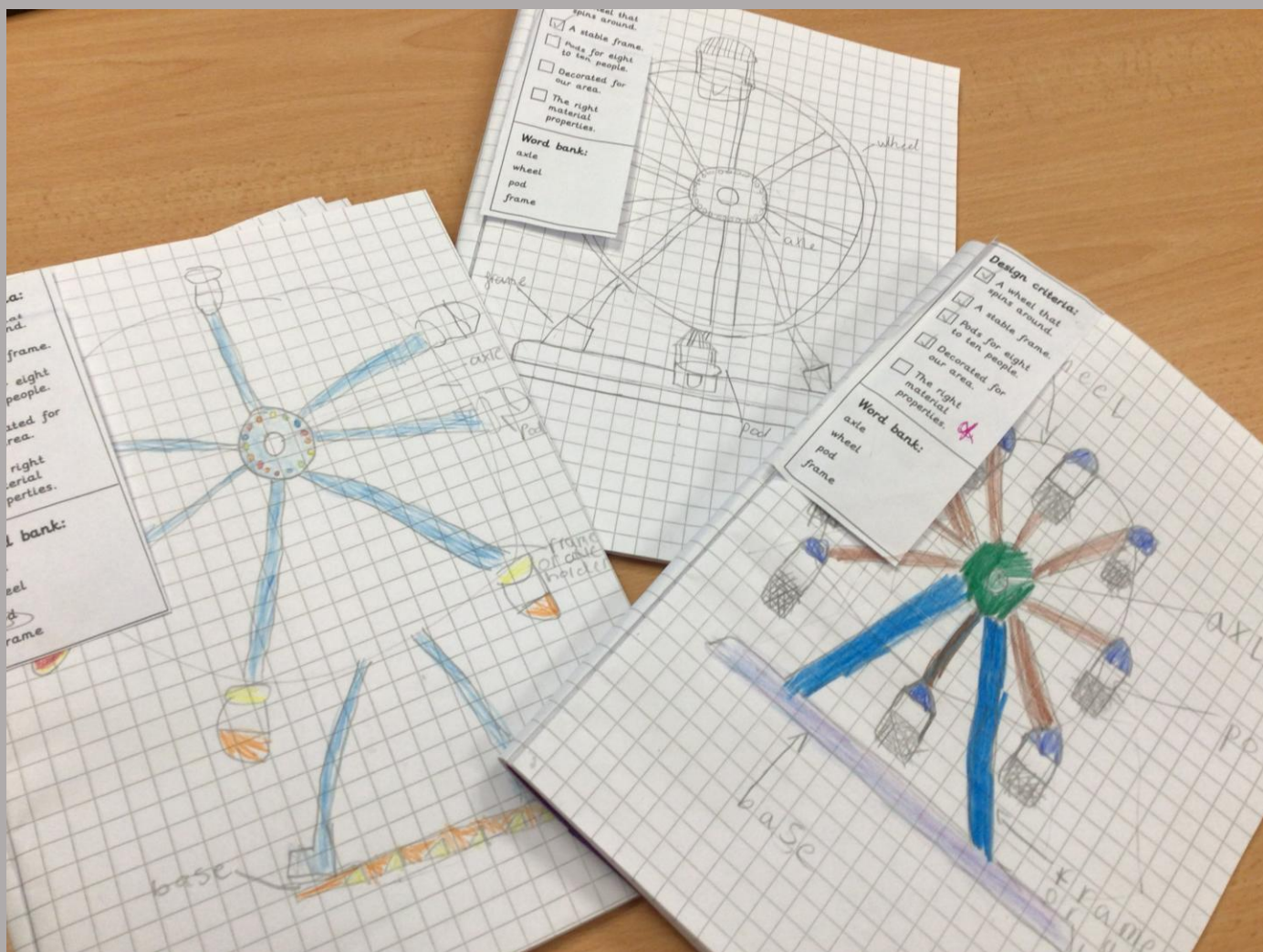
Blue Group: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/tmmvxUP/jt0OrRQ3>

Grey Group: <https://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/8K47tuaE/cWtlkwPU>

Read Write Inc.
Spelling

This week's spelling rule: If the word ends in a consonant +y we swap the y for an I before adding -ed. Example: try - tried

Focus words: brother, ask, bought, parents, clothes



Year 3 – Saint Veronica

The wonderful weather we have experienced this week gave Year 3 the perfect chance to take their science learning outdoors. We explored the school field and the prayer garden, looking for plants that were flourishing and plants that were still struggling to grow. We discussed what living things need to survive and thrive and made suggestions as to why some plants were growing successfully and others weren't. We concluded that some plants did not have access to enough sunlight, others may not have had enough space to grow. We were able to use our new knowledge and create scientific sketches of the ideal place to grow a plant.



Our spelling rule this week is: Adding the suffix -ous
For example: dangerous, famous, mountainous, poisonous, venomous, generous
Orange words: famous, caught, thought, fruit, group, learn

Year 4 - Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Year 4 have had a fantastic start to Spring 2. They have really enjoyed beginning their new foundation subject units. In Science, the children started their new topic on 'Sound' and explored how sounds are made. They took part in an outdoor learning activity, listening carefully in the prayer garden and outdoor classroom to decide if the sounds they heard were natural or man-made.



Our special focus in spelling this week is: Adding the prefix 'anti-'

Examples: antibiotic, antisocial, anticlockwise.

Orange words: February, favourite, famous, extreme, minute, natural.



Year 6 – Saint Maximilian Kolbe

It was lovely to welcome all of the children back safe and well from the half term break. We have started our new Master reader text Clockwork by Philip Pullman – we are learning that although it is a small book it is a big story with lots of messages on many levels to unpick. We have been completing some sats Mock papers this week and results will follow at parents evening. We have also started our new science and History topics. We spent our first science lesson exploring simple circuits, learning why it is important to use universal symbols for electrical circuitry and exploring which objects in our classroom could be used to make an impromptu switch as you can see in the photos below, we produced some very adventurous ideas! In History we are looking at The Ancient Greeks and seeing where they sit in relation to all of the other civilisations that we have studied already.

Our 6 orange words are: Prejudice, Privilege, Profession, Queue, Programme, Pronunciation

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Spelling



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Logging Absence

All 'on the day' absences need to be reported through Arbor by 9am. This needs to be completed every morning that your child is absent. We have removed our absence line on our telephone system. Below is a reminder on how to report on the day absences on the Arbor parent portal:

- Log onto the Parent Portal in Arbor
- Select Attendance under Quick Actions
- If you are using a mobile device press the 'three lines' at the bottom left of the screen
- Select Log Absence
- Complete the absence time (only for that day) and the reason for absence
- Press Log Absence

To report a future absence such as a medical appointment please send a message to attendance@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk at least 48 hours prior to the appointment.

Any requests for an absence for exceptional circumstances requires you to submit a request for leave of absence using the Microsoft form linked [here](#). This link can also be found on our website under Parents/Useful Forms & Links or Parents/Attendance. Permission will not be granted for holidays booked in term-time.

Absences not reported in the correct way may result in an 'unauthorised absence' being recorded.

Can you please ensure that you have downloaded the Arbor app and are able to log on to Parent Portal. The app can be downloaded for free via the App Store or Google Play. Please log on and check all information for your child on Arbor especially emergency contacts and addresses. Any changes can be updated via the Arbor portal. The portal is also a good way to track your child's school attendance.

Further help and information on using Arbor can be found on our website -

<https://sthughoflincolnsurrey.ovw10.devwebsite.co.uk/page/?title=Parent+Portal+%2D+Arbor&pid=170>

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We seek to provide a safe and happy environment for all children. This means that we have a Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and procedures in place. If you are concerned about a child's welfare, please record your concern, and any observations or conversation heard and speak to Ms Grace (DSL) Mrs Pickard (DDSL) oof Mr Davies (DDSL) You can also email dsl@sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk as soon as possible the same day.