

# St. John the Evangelist Catholic Academy

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*"Lord be thy word my rule."*

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of a short but very busy term, it has been a real pleasure to celebrate the many achievements of our children.

It has also been wonderful to see the wide range of opportunities our pupils have taken part in beyond the classroom. Year 3 performed brilliantly at the Recorder Festival, and our dance club shone on stage at Victoria Hall as part of Dance 26. We've also seen great teamwork and effort in many recent sports events – well done to everyone who took part! A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who helped make these events possible – including our staff, dedicated volunteers, and of course, the children themselves, who always represent our school with pride and enthusiasm wherever they go.

Thank you for your generous donations for our fundraising this half term for CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and Mr Sigley's Marathon appeal, raising excellent amounts for a worthy charity. There is still time to make a donation if you wish. Please visit:

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/fundraising/st-johns-fundraising-page632>

A huge well done to all EYFS and KS1 children and parents for your Easter bonnet creations and to KS2 for your "eggcellent" egg designs for the rolling competition. Well, done to all of our winners.

Our KS2 children have led our Lenten prayer sessions which have really supported the children's spiritual development as we approach Holy week and Easter. As we approach Holy Week, I would encourage you to take a moment with your families to reflect upon the journey that Jesus made, starting on Palm Sunday. I would encourage you to continue this journey with your children by sharing in the parish Masses over Holy Week and the Easter weekend. Please see the times below.

| Day                                               | Church                                                       | Time              |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Palm Sunday<br>Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March      | English Martyrs, Biddulph<br>St. Joseph's Goldenhill         | 9.00am<br>11.00am |
| Maundy Thursday<br>Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April | Stations of the Cross in Biddulph<br>Town Centre (Town Hall) | 12 noon           |
| Maundy Thursday<br>Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April | Mass of the Last Supper<br>English Martyrs, Biddulph         | 7.30pm            |
| Good Friday<br>Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April       | Stations of the Cross<br>St. Patricks                        | 12 noon           |

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| Good Friday<br>Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April   | St. Joseph's Goldenhill<br>English Martyrs, Biddulph | 3.00pm<br>6.00pm  |
| Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> April                | Easter Vigil Mass<br>St. Joseph's Goldenhill         | 8.00pm            |
| Easter Sunday<br>Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> April | English Martyrs, Biddulph<br>St. Joseph's Goldenhill | 9.00am<br>11.00am |

Please see a reminder about the school uniform (including shoes) on the website. Children are welcome to wear the summer uniform next term.

[St John the Evangelist Catholic Academy - School uniform](#)

On behalf of everyone at St John the Evangelist Catholic Academy, thank you for your continued support and for another fantastic term and we look forward to welcoming our children back to school for the summer term on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

Wishing you all a happy and holy Easter. "As we welcome Christ into Jerusalem, may His peace and hope fill our hearts." — Matthew 21

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Rigby  
Principal