

## Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to this week's edition of the St George the Martyr school newsletter. I hope you have enjoyed looking at the lovely spring flowers which were planted in front of the school last weekend; they really make me smile.

Following on from our safety studies last week, please see the QR code below, sent from our CEOP trainer, Mary Rebelo. This will give you access to many useful online safety resources.



### Academic Review Day

Academic Review Day for parents and Carers will be held on **Friday the 3rd March**.

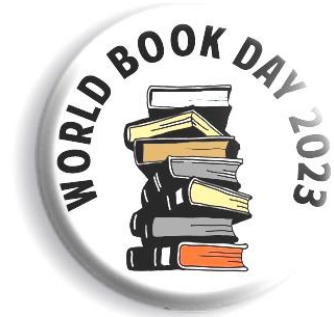
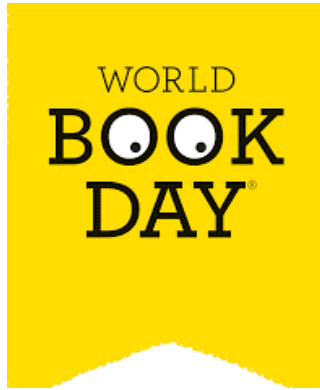
A crèche will be available for the duration of your appointment.

The teachers are very much looking forward to catching up with you.



Go shine in the world as Jesus did, with compassion, honesty and integrity.

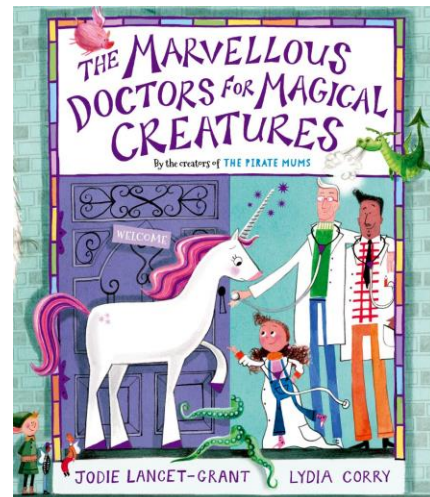
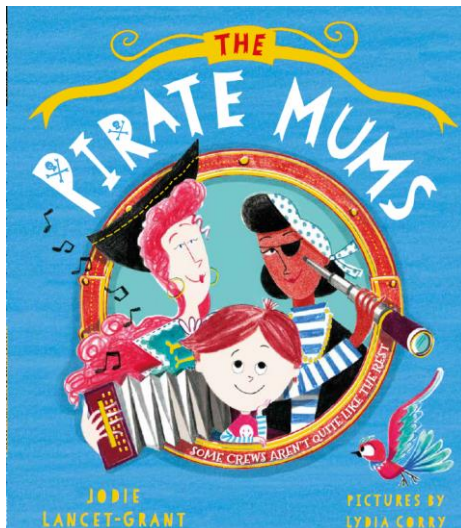
## World Book Day at SGTM



We are excited to be celebrating World Book Day on Friday the 10th March. This year's theme is 'Every Child is a Reader'.

The children should come to school dressed in a costume inspired by a favourite book character or wear comfortable clothes that they like to read in at home.

We have a day planned full of exciting lessons and activities designed to promote a love of reading. We are also very lucky to have Jodie Lancet-Grant, the children's author (as seen on CBeebies Bedtime Stories and Newsround), coming to school to talk about her books. If your child would like to purchase a signed copy of 'The Pirate Mums' or 'The Marvellous Doctors for Magical Creatures', on the day, please bring £5.50 to school in an envelope marked with your child's name.





## Year 3 School Trip to Building Centre

Year 3 had a wonderful time at The Building Centre learning all about sustainable resources used in construction today. They took part in making bricks, designing their dream homes, and learning about different resources used in creating sustainable buildings. A lot of wonderful ideas were shared, as well as different methods we could use to protect our planet for future generations.

## Collective Worship

This week in Collective Worship, we learnt some key facts about Lent.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, which is the day after Pancake Day. It is the start of a very important time in the Christian Calendar.

### What does Lent lead up to?

Lent leads up to Easter, the time that Christians remember Jesus' death and resurrection. Lent is 40 days long (not including Sundays).

### Why is Lent 40 days long?

Before Jesus began his teaching, he spent 40 days and 40 nights in the desert, to be with God. During this time, he had no food. Whilst Jesus was in the desert, the Devil appeared, trying to tempt Jesus with food. The Devil made Jesus many promises, but each time Jesus told him 'No!'

Lent lasts 40 days, to remind Christians of what Jesus' gave up (sacrificed) when he was in the desert and also of his refusal to be tempted by the Devil.

### What do Christians do during Lent?

In the past, Christians would give up all 'rich' food such as meat, eggs, fats and milk during Lent. People used up their 'rich' foods before Lent began, by making pancakes; this is why we have Pancake Day.

Lent is a time for Christians to remember Jesus' sacrifice and how he resisted temptation. We are inspired by this.

**If you were giving up something for Lent, what would it be?**

**Why would it be difficult for you to give it up?**



This week in **Destination Reader lessons KS2** children have been

## Summarizing



Summarising is expressing the main ideas of a piece of text in a concise way.

We summarise to show we understand the main ideas of what we have read.

## Information for Parents

Friendship Inspiration Excellence Community Respect Determination

### Do you have any questions about school life?

We are of course, really happy to answer any questions about school, no matter how small. Do phone the school office to ask questions or ask to arrange an appointment to speak to the class teacher. You can also speak to myself or Miss Jackson (Deputy Headteacher).

A member of the office staff will also be available in the playground in the morning. If you are worried about something, see us straight away. Don't let a little worry turn in to a big one. We also like to hear your good news. It helps to keep us going with a smile.



**Mrs Rebecca  
Harris**  
Headteacher

*Prayer*

*Dear God,  
Thank you for the  
many amazing  
people who inspire  
us, so that we  
too can achieve  
great things in  
our lives.*

*Amen*



Please remember the importance of your child being at school on time and being in school every day.

**Holidays during school term time will not be authorized.**

## Messy Cathedral

Saturday 1 April 10.30am - 1pm

St Paul's Cathedral invites families to a **FREE** session of activities for all ages, including crafts, singing and storytelling, the theme being the days of Holy Week. All that fun will culminate in a Holy Communion.

Tickets on [www.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk)



Rev Jamie is happy to invite you to a free Easter holiday event "Easter Eggstravaganza" at St George the Martyr Church from 11.30am - 2.30pm on Monday 3rd April. This is a chance for kids to get stuck into some Easter arts, crafts, games (and dancing!) plus make their own yummy lunch and get their face painted! Parents can chill in the comfy seats with hot drinks and biscuits or alternatively join in the fun!

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Please see below key dates for your diaries this term:

## March

- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March: Academic Review Day for parents (crèche available).**
- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 9:00 - 12:00: Oreo and Animals visiting EYFS and KS1.**
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day - children to dress as a book character.**
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March - Tempest Photography – individual, sibling and class photos.**
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March: Year 2 School Trip to Nightingale Museum.**
- **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 9.30am: Year 4 parents - Stations of the Cross and Easter Collective Worship at the Church.**
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March Year 4 School trip to Tower Bridge.**
- **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 10:40 - 11:40am: KS2 Concert at the Barbican.**
- **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March: School breaks up for the Easter holidays at 2.00pm.**