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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of a short but 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 25. We've also seen great teamwork and effort in 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.

We are also so proud of our school community for the amazing fundraising efforts this term as part of our support for Father Hudson's Pledge-a-Pound appeal. Thanks to your generosity and the enthusiasm of our pupils, we've taken part in a range of brilliant events including the sale of Easter knitted chicks, a non-uniform day, our ever-popular chocolate bingo, and a delicious cake sale. A huge thank you to all the children who helped organise these events and to all the families who supported them. We smashed our target – raising over £3 per child, which brings our total to a fantastic **£715.00!**

Today, the children also took part in the 'Big Lent Walk'. This was a sponsored walk to raise money for CAFOD. It was a great atmosphere and all the children took part enthusiastically! There is still time to make your donation, please visit [Big Lent Walk is fundraising for CAFOD](#)

This term, we have also come together to share in our Lenten prayer services, which have helped the children reflect on the meaning of this season and grow in their spiritual journey. As we move into Holy Week, we encourage you to continue this journey with your children by joining in parish Masses over the Easter weekend.

Finally, as we begin Holy Week, we hope you are able to take some quiet time with your families to reflect on the journey Jesus made, beginning on Palm Sunday. Please do follow our Facebook page for regular updates throughout this important time in the Church calendar.

On behalf of everyone at St Mary's Catholic Academy, thank you for your continued support and for another fantastic term. We look forward to welcoming the children back for the summer term on **Monday 28th April**.

Wishing you all a happy and holy Easter.

Warmest wishes,
Mrs Rathbone
Principal

