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Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

**CAFOD Fundraising**  
**Mini Marathon / Big Lent Walk 2026**

Dear Parents / Carers,

During this season of Lent, we reflect on and act upon how we are called to be pilgrims of hope, with kind hearts, questioning minds, a thirst for knowledge and a hunger for justice.

Following last year's wonderful success, St Mary's has once again signed up to take part in this year's CAFOD Big Lent Walk. This is a meaningful opportunity to live out Catholic Social Teaching in a practical and powerful way.

As a school community, we are challenging ourselves to walk a total of at least 200km, which we will achieve collectively. The Big Lent Walk will take place on **Thursday 19th March**. The Discipleship Team will coordinate and lead the day's activities, which will also include time for personal reflection at special 'stations' along the way.

In addition, Mr Sigley will be taking part in the London Marathon this April to also raise funds for CAFOD. **On Friday 13th March**, he and the children will be running laps of the all-weather pitch to support his training efforts. **This will be a non-uniform day, and we kindly ask for a £1 donation**, which will also go towards supporting CAFOD.

We would be truly grateful for any donations. The money raised will support CAFOD's work to help communities around the world overcome poverty. Please consider asking friends and family to sponsor you or make a donation by sharing the link below.

<https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-marys-catholic-academys-fundraising-page>

Kind Regards

Mrs Statham  
Head of School