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Dear parents and carers

A huge thank you to Year 6, who led us so beautifully in the Stations of the Cross this morning. It was a fitting and thoughtful way to bring our term to a close.

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. We look forward to sharing our Ofsted report with you as soon as it arrives. It has also been wonderful to see the wide range of opportunities our pupils have enjoyed beyond the classroom. Year 3 performed brilliantly at the Recorder Festival, our dance club shone on stage at the Victoria Hall as part of Dance 26, and our first ever Glee Club gave a fantastic performance of *Jonah and the Whale*. We have also seen great teamwork and determination in recent sports events – well done to everyone who took part.

A heartfelt thank you goes to everyone who helped make these events possible – our staff, our dedicated volunteers, and of course the children themselves, who always represent our school with pride and enthusiasm wherever they go.

We are also incredibly proud of our school community for the amazing fundraising efforts this term in support of Father Hudson's Pledge-a-Pound appeal. Thanks to your generosity and the enthusiasm of our pupils, we have taken part in a range of brilliant activities, including the sale of Easter knitted chicks, a non-uniform day, and a mini marathon to support Mr Sigley, who will be running the London Marathon to raise money for CAFOD.

The children also took part in the Big Lent Walk – a sponsored walk to raise even more funds for CAFOD. The atmosphere was fantastic, and every child took part with real enthusiasm. There is still time to make a donation if you wish. Please visit: <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/st-marys-catholic-academys-fundraising-page>

This term, we have also come together for 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 parish Masses and events over the Easter period.

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

School will reopen on **Monday 13th April**. Children are welcome to wear our summer uniform:

- Grey shorts
- **Navy blue** gingham dress Further details can be found on our website: [St Mary's Catholic Academy - School Uniform](#)

On behalf of everyone at St Mary's Catholic Academy, thank you for your continued support and for another fantastic term.

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

Warmest wishes,

Mrs Rathbone  
Principal

