



*“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them” (Romans: 12,6)*

## **St Paulinus CE Primary Newsletter**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

What a fantastic final week we have had here at school including our Easter service, an Easter egg hunt, an Easter raffle and express yourself day. Thank you so much to everyone who has been involved in making these events a success: thank you to our PTA for their tireless efforts to raise funds for your children; to Fr. Paul, Mrs Sukonik and the leading lights for a wonderful Easter service; to Miss Dyer for continuously organising days to raise awareness for various causes and of course – to all the staff for making St Paulinus such a wonderful place to attend, what they manage to do with the limited budgets and man hours will never cease to surprise me!

To quote our CEO in his letter to staff this term: *“Throughout this term, you have gone above and beyond in your roles, driven not just by duty, but by a genuine love for our pupils, their families and the wider community we serve. This love is what truly underpins all that we do at Amadeus. Just like the Spring flowers pushing through the winter soil, your dedication has yielded remarkable results. You have nurtured young minds, fostered a love of learning and helped our students flourish both academically and personally.”*

Everything we do here at St Paulinus is a team effort and without the support of parents we would not be able to help your children in the way that we do – so thank you for your continued backing to all our staff as we work together, just like a family, to support all the children here.

### **Easter Raffle:**

Thank you for the efforts of the PTA who managed to raise a huge amount of donations for this great haul.



## Dare To Be Different Day!

Today's themed day is all about making sure everyone feels included and loved for who they are. The children have risen to the challenge and look amazing.



### St Paulinus Easter Service:

During our school Easter service the leading lights used a fantastic poem to explain the Easter story.

In Jerusalem city at Passover time  
Some men were plotting a hideous crime.  
They didn't need motives and reasons why,  
They were jealous; they decided that Jesus must die.  
'We must wait,' said a scribe. 'We won't kill him yet.  
His friends might become just a little upset.'  
Now, Judas Iscariot – a friend he was not,  
Decided to help with the murderous plot.  
He said to a scribe, 'Tell me what will you do  
If I point out Jesus of Nazareth to you?'  
Then Judas's eyes went all glittery with greed.  
'Well,' whispered the scribe, 'we'd be grateful indeed.  
Thirty pieces of silver are heading your way.  
Have we got a deal? Now what do you say?'  
That evening the disciples were going to meet  
For they would be joining with Jesus, to eat.  
Jesus prayed, then broke and blessed the bread.  
He handed it out, then solemnly said,  
'When you eat this and drink, then remember me,  
For certain things are meant to be.  
We've taught together and healed and prayed,

But soon I am certain to be betrayed.  
Oh no!' cried one. 'That couldn't possibly be.'  
'I agree,' said another, 'so don't look at me!'  
Then, later on, at the end of the day,  
They went to a peaceful garden to pray.  
But who should appear to banish the calm,  
But Judas and armed men who meant Jesus harm.  
'Look,' whispered Judas, 'and take note of this,  
For the man that you want I shall greet with a kiss.'  
Being Jesus, he wasn't prepared to fight,  
So they carried him off like a thief in the night.  
Then they asked him questions and brought out their spies  
To make accusations and tell terrible lies.  
Herod said, 'Is he guilty, crowd? What do you say?'  
'Of course!' they replied. 'You must lock him away.'  
When Judas found out he was sad as can be  
And he went and hanged himself from a tree.  
Now at this time of year a custom decreed  
That mercy be shown and one prisoner freed.  
When Pilate called out, the crowd all agreed:  
Barabbas, not Jesus, they thought should be freed.  
Jesus was whipped – he was nearly dead,  
But they still put a crown of thorns on his head.  
Having caused such pain, were they satisfied?  
No, they took him away to be crucified.  
A man called Simon was there on that day  
And he carried the cross for part of the way.  
Jesus didn't have much – some clothes, not a lot,  
But the soldiers drew lots to see who would get what.  
And the people mocked him and gave out the news,  
'Here he is, everybody – this King of the Jews.'  
Next to Jesus a criminal hung either side.  
'Get down, why don't you?' one of them cried.  
But the other was sad to see Jesus there  
And Jesus could feel his utter despair.  
When he said, 'We are guilty! We're paying the price.'  
Jesus said, 'Today you'll be with me in paradise.'  
What a horrible death to be thus crucified,  
But at last came the hour when poor Jesus died.  
When he did die, the temple veil tore clean in two.  
He said, 'Father, forgive them, they don't know what they do.'  
It went dark, the earth shook and when it was done,  
One soldier cried out, 'Truly this was God's Son.'  
Later, a man came to where Jesus lay  
And wrapped him in linen and took him away.  
He owned a tomb, so he took Jesus there.  
And he laid him to rest with love and great care.  
When Mary Magdalene visited after two days  
She found the guard gone and the stone rolled away!  
Then she saw another astonishing sight:  
A stranger – a young man who was dressed all in white.  
'Mary,' he said, 'Praise to God now be given,  
For Love's conquered Death. The Master has risen.'  
The disciples met with him. This time he said,  
'My destiny was to return from the dead.  
As yours is to go bravely into the world,  
To teach people forgiveness and pass on God's word.'



## A message from St Paulinus Church:

We're thrilled to announce the upcoming launch of our Sunday School program starting on 31st March. At St. Paulinus Church, we believe in providing a nurturing and enriching environment for our youngest members to grow spiritually and intellectually. To join the waiting list click here <https://form.jotform.com/240563605050346>



**St Paulinus Church  
Sunday School**

**St Paulinus Church Hall  
Manor Road  
Crayford  
DA1 4EP**

**Every Sunday at 10am from 31 March 2024**

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## Finally, some wonderful news:

Some lovely school news, we know that a lot of our older children remember and still ask about our school dog Dolly and are sad that she is no longer based here at St Paulinus – it's been nearly a year since we last saw her! We are really pleased to tell you that we have not one but two new puppies who will be starting their training to be our new school dogs after Easter. They are both girls, Cavalier King Charles Spaniels called Bluebell and Rose. It takes quite a while to finish your training to be a school dog but while they are learning, they will be coming into school occasionally for one afternoon a week and spending a little bit of time in classes as part of that training. Once their training is complete, they will be based in the office other than when they are working with particular children or groups of children. Please let us know if your children have any concerns about dogs or any allergies.



## Up-coming diary dates:

Date	Event
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Dare to be different day
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Last day of Spring Term 1:30 finish</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Holiday</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Y2 trip to Hall Place
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 to Church
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1 visiting NWK Mosque
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 Class Assembly
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 1 to Church
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Year R to Church
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 Class Assembly
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 to Church
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs week
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Pentecost Service
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 4 to Church
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	FUN RUN!
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Last Day of Summer 1</b>