

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS - Wednesday 5th March

Pupils from Year 2 to Year 6 will attend Mass at St Barts at 9.30am. The Mass will be moved from 12.00pm on this day to accommodate us. Our Caritas Ambassadors will lead us in the readings. Following the Mass, I will visit the younger children and speak to them about the significance of the ashes and will distribute the ashes to them. If you can, please join us for Mass as we begin the season of Lent.

SANDY WARD - Memories from Mr Hayes

This week, we heard the sad news that Sandy Ward has passed.

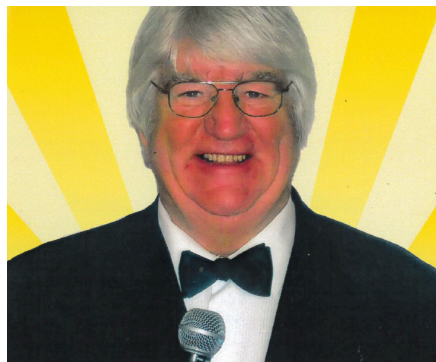
Sandy drove generations of St Adrian's children on their Year Six trip to the Isle of Wight, over more than thirty years.

Even after his retirement and move to County Durham, Sandy kept up his coach licence and drove down each year especially for our Isle of Wight trip. But Sandy was more than our driver: nothing was too much trouble for him; he would do a good turn for anyone and would use his considerable charm and connections to make every trip a success.

For the children, Sandy was much loved for his larger-than-life personality and the risqué songs with which he kept them entertained. He would insist on serving the children their breakfast and his 'Sandy Special' - a mix of every cereal, to overflowing - was legendary. He was never short of an anecdote and had everyone laughing morning, noon and night.

I have many very happy memories of the trips where I was lucky enough to go with Sandy: he got the best out of everyone and enjoyed the 'in-between' role he had as our driver. He could get away with pouring water over a noisy child's head at dinner and equally, the children were happy to get their own back by throwing him in the pool. He was certainly one-of-a-kind and, for generations of St Adrian's children, he simply was their Isle of Wight trip.

Rest in Peace, Sandy.



WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book takes place on **Thursday 6th March** and we will be celebrating it in school by inviting the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book day character. We are aware that the cost of living crisis might make this difficult for some families, so we do not want anyone to feel obliged to buy or make a costume for the occasion. An alternative could be to make a puppet or create a picture of their favourite book character.

As part of the World Book Day charity's mission to change lives through a love of books and reading, every child will receive a free £1 book voucher – simply take your £1 book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1 book OR use it to get £1 off any ANY book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can find your nearest bookseller at worldbookday.com/participating-retailers

This year, St Adrian's PTA are supporting us by organising a book related quiz for the children to have fun with in their classes. Further details about this will follow from them via the PTA class Whatsapp groups.

We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, which could not happen without the support of parents and carers – thank you.

Kind regards,

Mrs Gallaher

PTA UPDATE

WONKA BARS ARE BACK!

Thursday 6th March is World Book Day. To celebrate, the PTA are selling wonka bars for £2.50 each with lots of wonderful golden ticket prizes to be won! You will have an opportunity to purchase bars at 3.15pm and 4.15pm on the day. More info will be sent out in class whatsapp groups.

WORLD BOOK DAY PTA QUIZ

The children will have the opportunity to take part in a book related quiz on the 6th of March. Entry will be £1. Completed quiz questions will need to be returned to school on Friday 7th March and will be entered into a prize draw! More info to follow on WhatsApp groups

THE GREAT BRITISH JUNIOR BAKE OFF

I have been contacted by the Junior Bake off asking if we have any budding bakers in our school. See the message below.

My name is Kate. I'm a Series Producer at Love Productions; the production company behind The Great British Bake Off.

We have recently opened applications for the 11th series of Junior Bake Off; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

With this in mind, we are contacting schools in the hope that you can help us spread the word regarding this exciting opportunity to students.

Interested bakers can apply online at -

www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

We have attached a flyer in case you would like to pop these up on your communal notice boards. Alternatively, if you could feature the flyer in any of your newsletters/social media, or even circulate the news internally, it would be really appreciated!

***We are looking for young budding bakers between
9-15 years old.***

Filming would take place from July 2025, but our applications close on Sunday 23rd March 2025. Please do feel free to contact us on 0207 067 4833, should you have any questions regarding the above.

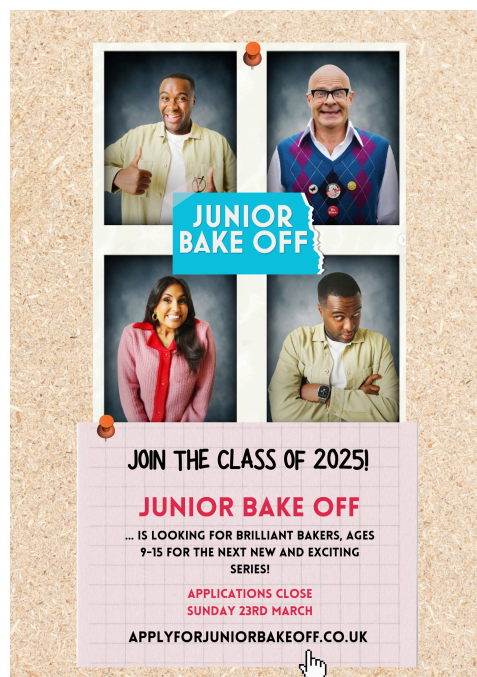
Thank you so much for all of your help in advance!

Best wishes,

The Junior Bake Off Team

enquiries:

applyforjuniorbakeoff@loveproductions.co.uk



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

It was wonderful to see the parent consultations so well attended. Thank you as always for your support in helping the children with their home learning, reading and times table practice. As they say , every little helps!

TISSUES PLEASE!!!

There are lots of sniffles and colds going around so please could we have some boxes of tissues donated to the classes. They would be very much appreciated. Many thanks.

CATHOLIC LIFE

WEDNESDAY WORD

The Wednesday Word is a gift to families because of their connection with a Catholic school.

Every Wednesday a 'word', inspired by the coming Sunday's Gospel, will be suggested for families to talk about in the home. The *Wednesday Word* Family Time leaflet presents an opportunity for even the busiest of parents to enrich relationships with their children through spending a very special 10 minutes together each week.

Follow the link to find this week's Wednesday Word: <https://wednesdayword.org/home/index.htm>

MARK 10 MISSION

Please follow the link for this week's Mark 10 Mission for you to shrew with the children. The Little Liturgies videos are age appropriate. <https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/the-little-liturgies>

WELL DONE TO OUR WINNERS!!!

AWARDS THIS WEEK ARE

HOUSE POINTS - CONGRATULATIONS ST LUKE!!

St Luke = 333

St John= 332

St Matthew = 309

St Mark = 191

Class		
Reception	Anthony Gannon	Rowan McDonald
Year 1	Lucy Simpson	Elle Nagum
Year 2	Tadhg Healy-Williams	Louie Watts
Year 3	Xander De Casa	Reggie Jackson

Year 4	Collette Bird	Ivy Gilbank
Year 5	Niamh Connolly	Harry Lakey
Year 6	Aidan Friend	Sofia Peru

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- Monday 3rd March - 8.30am - 12.00pm - Year 1 Parent Consultations
- Tuesday 4th March - 8.30am - 12.00pm - Year 4 Parent Consultations
- Tuesday 4th March - Reception Trip to the Alban Arena - 'Pirates Love Underpants'
- Wednesday 5th March - 9.30am - Ash Wednesday Mass at St Barts
- Thursday 6th March - World Book Day (See info above) - PTA will sell Wonka bars after school

Have a great weekend.

Many thanks,

Mrs Porter