

'HABEMUS PAPAM' - WE HAVE A POPE!

Yesterday, our new pope was elected. There were joyous scenes at the Vatican when the white smoke signalled that the decision had been made by the cardinals as to who would be the successor to Pope Francis. We now welcome Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost as the 267th Pope. He is the first American pope and has chosen to be called Pope Leo XIV. We pray that God may guide him in his decisions and leadership of the Catholic church.

Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd and High Priest, we praise you and offer you our sincere gratitude for calling Pope Leo XIV to serve as the shepherd of the universal church.

May he lead us as a loving shepherd who cares for his flock and seeks out the lost sheep.

May he be for us a gentle and listening father, a faithful teacher and a steward of your sacred mysteries.

Grant him health, strength, and wisdom.

Strengthen the bonds of unity among us so that we may serve you as one body.

Purify us and sustain us in charity for your love for us never fails.

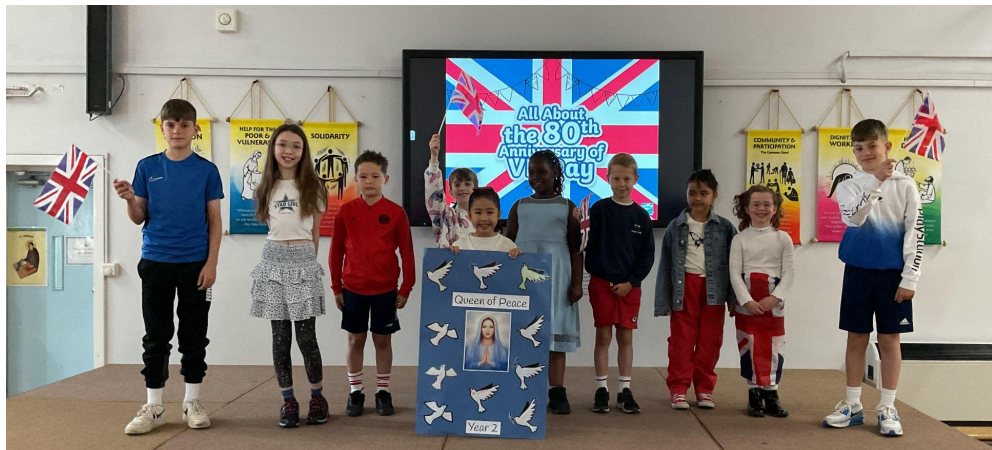
Grant that we may boldly answer your call to mission.

You who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

Yesterday, we commemorated the 80th Anniversary of VE day. We began the assembly by singing a 'Song of Hope' as this year marks a year of us being pilgrims of hope. We thought about the hope the people had for the war to end. We then watch archived video footage of VE day. Finally, our prayer leaders led us in prayer as we prayed to Mary- Our Queen of Peace. Asking for peace throughout the world today. Our celebrations continued as we held our very own VE day party out of the field. Thank you for the cake donations and to those who attended our celebration assembly.



YEAR 5 CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Today, Year 5 shared an interesting assembly all about dignity. They performed a contemporary version of their English story called 'Sir Gawain and the Loathly Lady'. We were treated to some wonderful acting and singing. The story had a theme of not judging a book by its cover and we learnt that we should treat each other with dignity. This is true of our Catholic Social Teaching principle this half term. The children also taught us about the beatitudes and Jesus' teaching about how we stay close to God. Well done to all of Year 5 and thank you to Mr Creaton and Miss Parkes for preparing them.



YEAR 6 SATS

The Year 6 children have all been working incredibly hard in preparation for SATs next week. It can be an anxious time for the children but we feel that we have prepared them as best we can. I hope that the children get to relax this weekend and turn up with confidence on Monday and take everything in their stride. I know that all the staff at St Adrian's are very proud of how hard they have worked. All they can do now is their very best and we will be proud of the outcomes regardless. Naturally, we ask for full attendance that week and please avoid any appointments during school hours. If there is any illness,

please notify the office as soon as possible so we can ascertain if alternative arrangements can be made. To celebrate the end of SATs, the children in **Year 6 ONLY** can come in their own clothes on Friday with games and toys (no electronics).

ELECTRIC UMBRELLA

You may remember before Christmas, we had an Electric Umbrella music performance in school. I am delighted to announce that our school has been specially chosen after submitting an application to take part in a special production with them this June called 'Shine a Light'. Year 4, will be performing with some other primary and special needs schools along with the Electric Umbrella band in St Albans Cathedral.

In other exciting news, Electric Umbrella are through to the semi final of Britain's Got Talent and will perform this weekend, Saturday 10th May with a start time of 7pm. Why not watch the semi final live and make sure you vote for this fantastic local group. As our school is involved with them as part of the 'Shine a Light' project, I have been invited along to the 'watch party' taking place in Atria in Watford so I will go along this Saturday and cheer and vote. Fingers crossed!!! Good luck Electric Umbrella.

[Voting for Electric Umbrella](#)



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 MATTHEW!!
1st St Matthew = 196

2nd St John = 104

3rd St Luke = 86

3rd St Mark = 85

Class	Class awards	
Reception	Britney Gyakorang	Maximilian Byfield
Year 1	Leo Gates	Ava Vibin
Year 2	Rosie Moore	Tadhg Healy Williams
Year 3	Adam Chowdhury	Jerusha Watera
Year 4	Aoife Byrne	Paige Bates
Year 5	Felix Wheatley	George Sawle
Year 6	Roman Tyler	Maeve Magee

Have a great weekend.

Many thanks,

Mrs Porter