



Year 2 – school week beginning 09.02.26



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday! This week we have had a splendid time completing all our units for the half term and have focussed on poetry in English. We hope you have a restful half term break and enjoy some family time with your little ones!

Master Reader: Please could you ensure your children are bringing their RWI and Master Reader reading book back to school daily as we read them in class. There has been an influx of children forgetting these at home and it makes learning difficult.

Please see information below on World Book Week and a parent workshop on supporting your children with their technology use.

Key dates:

Tuesday 24th February – St Polycarp’s Science Fair (see below)

Thursday 12th March, 3.15 to 4:00pm- Open Books in classrooms

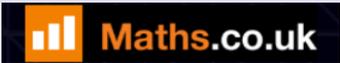
Friday 13th March – Inset day (no children in school)

Monday 23rd March – Parents Evening (In person)

Wednesday 25th March – Lent Concert (1.45 – 3pm)

Thursday 26th March – Lent Concert (9.15am – 10.30am) & Parents Evening (online)

Homework expectations:

<p>Spellings; No spellings over Half Term.</p> 	<p>Maths.co.uk –No Maths homework over Half Term.</p> 
<p>Times tables – If you can please continue 3 minutes of Times tables practice a day or 21 minutes per week.</p> 	<p>Reading – 10 minutes a day</p> <p>RWI –please read the book your child has brought home.</p> <p>Renaissance</p> <p>RWI –please read the book your child has brought home.</p> <p>Find the link to AR here. Please complete at least one Accelerated Reader quiz per week (dependent on the size of the book).</p>
<p>Handwriting practice – the letter we learned at school this week is ‘v’ and ‘w’.</p> <p>http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/U1cCPhF7/TU6Dpb5W</p> <p>http://schools.ruthmiskin.com/training/view/WKwYwRgL/Vnq6VfSt</p>	

Have a wonderful half term,

Miss Bellapaisiotou

Mrs Murphy



St Polycarp's Catholic Primary School



WORLD BOOK WEEK 2026

Dear parents and carers,

St Polycarp's World Book Week will start from **Monday 2nd March to Friday 6th March, with World Book Dressing Up Day on Thursday 5th March**. Every year during our World Book Week we are overwhelmed by the enthusiasm of our school community. We will have lots of fun activities taking place throughout the week including:

Special guest readers: We are inviting you as parents, careers or family members to come and read to your child's class, either in English or another language of your choice. This can be at the end of the day or a time that is convenient for you, we know your children will love it! Please let your class teacher know if this is something you can do.

Use your £1 World Book Day book token to get a FREE book! Getting a free £1 book for your child is easy - simply take your £1 book token to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1 book OR get £1 off any book or audiobook costing £2.99 or more. You can find your nearest bookseller at worldbookday.com/participating-retailers.

Thursday 5th March we will be dressing up. We want the children to use their costumes to share their favourite books, and we encourage you to use things you already have at home. We will be carrying out a World Book Day parade at school to celebrate our love of reading!

We hope you'll join us as we come together to celebrate all things reading!
Best wishes

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We're delighted to invite all parents and carers to a special PAPAYA Parent Talk, led by Donna Dove, an experienced speaker who works with families on building healthier relationships with technology. This will take place on Wednesday 4th March 2026 at 7:30PM in the Main school Hall.

The session will explore how, as parents, you can support children to thrive in a world filled with digital devices, while helping them develop healthy habits, resilience and balance. Donna brings practical insights grounded in psychology and children's wellbeing.

The session will cover:

- **How screen time affects children's development and what healthy use looks like.**
- **Strategies for managing technology at home, including routines, boundaries and positive modelling.**
- **Supporting children's mental health in the digital age—what helps and what doesn't.**
- **How to navigate tricky moments, such as online pressure, device arguments, or "just one more minute..."**
- **Simple changes families can make immediately to reduce stress and create calmer, more connected home life.**

Donna's sessions are known for being warm, practical, and judgement-free, with plenty of real-life examples that parents can relate to.

This is a valuable opportunity to:

- **Get expert guidance tailored to today's challenges**
- **Learn easy, realistic strategies you can apply straight away**
- **Feel more confident about supporting your child's wellbeing**
- **Connect with other parents who are facing similar issues**

St Polycarp's Science Fair – Tuesday 24th February 2026

We will be holding our annual Science Fair on Tuesday 24th February. The children were very excited to hear about our upcoming Science Fair and are welcome to take part by creating a project at home. Please talk with your child about whether they'd like to get involved and support them with any planning if needed.

Families are warmly invited to come and view the exhibitions in the Pope Francis Hall from 3:15–3:45pm on the day.

Categories:

- *EYFS & KS1*
- *Lower KS2 (Y3–4)*
- *Upper KS2 (Y5–6)*
- *Group entries*

Lent Concert 2026

This year's Lent Concert (in aid of Mary's Meals and the Catholic Children's Society) will be on **Wednesday 25th March (1.45–3.00pm) & Thursday 26th March (9.15–10.30am)**. This concert is a fantastic fundraising opportunity where each year group joins together to perform a song. Please put the dates in your diaries; further details will come out nearer the time.

This year our Swallows and Swifts will be singing and playing chimes and bells to 'Scales and Arpeggios' from the Arisocats. The children will be singing from memory so please do support them in practicing using our new online platform, Muse Class Primary; the song is accessible through this link: <https://www.eemusicclass.co.uk/shared/DZgYjHvIGzS8mxC4>

Find the song, click on 'view song' then scroll down to 'Available Learning Resources' and access the 'interactive content' by clicking on 'lyrics'. Feel free to explore other options also (e.g.: 'Audio' - 'Accompaniment – backing track only' once lyrics have been learnt).

If your child is in the Polyphonic's choir, they can also rehearse the choir songs using this same link: <https://www.eemusicclass.co.uk/shared/DZgYjHvIGzS8mxC4> The songs that choir are singing are 'Play On' and 'Fireflies'. Again, all words will need to be learnt by heart.