



## Year 2 – school week beginning 10.02.25



Dear Parents and Carers,

We can hardly believe we have reached the end of another half term! Year 2 have worked incredibly hard, and we are so proud of the progress they are making. Thank you for your continued support.

This week, we are bidding farewell and good luck to Mrs Nash, who is moving on to new adventures. To avoid the children feeling upset on her last day, Mrs Nash has asked us to inform children after the half term break.

After half term, PE lessons will be moving outside, so please ensure your child comes to school with their full PE kit, including trainers.

For the Spring 2 half term, Miss Arnold (a trainee teacher) will be joining Swallows and working alongside Mrs Murphy. We are very excited for her to join the team!

### Upcoming Events

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February-** Mufti Day- children to wear red/pink

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February-** Break up for Half Term at 3:15pm

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**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February-** return to school

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February-** Swallows' trip to Pizza Express

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March-** Parents Evening

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March-** Inset Days (no children in school)

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March-** Swifts' trip to Pizza Express

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> (PM) and Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> (AM) of March -** Lenten Concerts

Please find below details about the Royal Academy Art Competition and the Lenten Concert.

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### Homework

**There will be no homework set over half term.**

Please encourage your child to continue reading and practicing their times tables.

As always, if you have any questions or would like a chat, please come and speak to us at pick-up.

We hope you have a lovely, restful break,

Miss Bellapaisiotou

Mrs Murphy



*Calling all artists!*

Dear parents/Carers,

This year we are submitting entries of artwork from St Polycarp's pupils for the **Royal Academy's Young Artists' Summer Show** with the lucky winners being exhibited at the Academy in London.

We invite your child, should they wish to participate, to create an original piece of artwork and bring it in to their class teacher. This will then be photographed and submitted to the Royal Academy.

Closing date for submission to the school is **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**. This will give myself and Miss Bellapaisiotou time to ensure all details are correct and entered before the Academy's closing date at the beginning of March. Please see details below.

We look forward to seeing your child's fantastic artwork!

Many thanks

Mrs Roussel and Miss Bellapaisiotou - Art Subject Leads

<https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/exhibitions/2024> - examples from last year's exhibition winners. **PLEASE LOOK THROUGH THESE YOURSELF FIRST AND DECIDE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOUR CHILD. THIS IS AT YOUR DISCRETION.**

**Competition requirements:**

- **MUST** be submitted with artwork – *First and last name, age and class, title of artwork, medium used, description of artwork. This should be a short statement about this particular artwork and what inspired you to make it. It should be no more than 80 words.*
- Ages 4-11 can submit an entry. One entry per child
- Any theme
- Any medium – painting, drawing, sculpture, photography, video.
- A4 up to A1 for drawing/painting.
- Must be made in a way that is safe to display – strong, robust, will stay in place if hung on a wall.
- Submit to your class teacher **before Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**
- If artwork is chosen to exhibit at the Royal Academy in London, then parental permission will be obtained.

Our Swifts and Swallows will be joining together for our Lent Concerts to sing two songs. For the first they will be playing and singing an arrangement of 'Doe a Deer' from 'The Sound of Music' and the second song, 'My Lighthouse' will be performed by all of Key Stage 1 together. Please feel free to have a listen to these songs over Half Term. The lyrics will need to be performed by heart for the concert, so please do support your child in learning these if you are able.

### **My Lighthouse**

The lyrics and backing track for this can be found here: [My Lighthouse Instrumental Lyric Video](#)  
[Key:A](#)

Although the following version is slightly different, the actions that we will be using are the same: [Rend Co. Kids - My Lighthouse \(Hand Motions\) \(Official Music Video\)](#)

### **Doe A Deer**

Let's start at the very beginning

A very good place to start

When you read you begin with A-B-C

When you sing you begin with do-re-mi

Do-re-mi,

The first three notes just happen to be

Do-re-mi,

Do-re-mi-fa-so-la-ti

Doe, a deer, a female deer

Ray, a drop of golden sun

Me, a name I call myself

Far, a long, long way to run

Sew, a needle pulling thread

La, a note to follow Sew

Tea, a drink with jam and bread

That will bring us back to Do

Do Re Mi Fa So La Ti Do

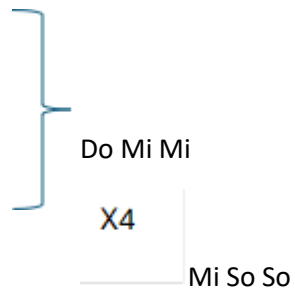
Do Ti La So Fa Mi Re

Do – Mi - Mi

Mi – So - So

Re - Fa - Fa

La - Ti - Ti



Re Fa Fa

La Ti Ti

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