



## No Pens Day

Recently, we all deliberately put down our pens and pencils to prioritise talk, listening, interaction and communication. This approach is promoted nationally by Speech and Language UK and is designed to support all pupils. Strong oral language supports reading, writing, thinking and learning and removing pens and pencils reduces barriers for many pupils. To support our use of Talk4Writing, an approach to support writing, and building in more opportunities for oracy within our lessons, the focus of our No Pens Day was on Storytelling. Storytelling builds confidence, vocabulary, sequencing and imagination.

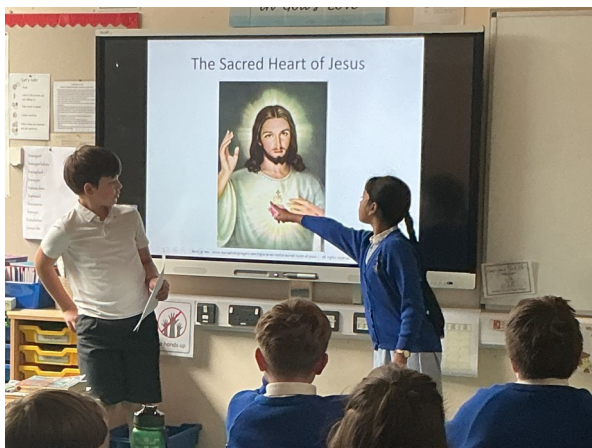


Throughout the day we enjoyed activities including drama, role play and freeze frame activities. In lots of classrooms, we made use of story suitcases or boxes, containing a small collection of linked objects that suggest a storyline or a single unusual object to spark curiosity. These were used as a stimulus for some fabulous stories which were told orally.

## RE Ambassadors at work

Our RE Ambassadors have had a very busy year and last week they delivered their final class liturgy of the year. As we are in the month of June their theme was, 'The Sacred Heart of Jesus' and they thought about the fact that Jesus was both truly God and also truly human.

The RE Ambassadors explained what the symbols on the image related to in Jesus' life and led each class in a prayer devoted to The Sacred Heart to spread the love of Jesus.



## Thank you



Thank you to Ellie, Eva and Mia for sparing some of their time to help plant flowers to give our school entrance a touch of summer colour.



## Year 5 Horstead Residential Trip



### Year 5 Activity week

The Year 5 children had a great activity week last week with many of them heading off on a residential trip to The Horstead Centre in Norfolk. Split into two groups, some of the children also shared this experience with the Year 5 children from St Josephs.

As you can see from these photos, they had the opportunity to experience a range of outdoor activities such as archery, canoeing, orienteering, climbing and caving. They were ambitious in the goals that they set for themselves and demonstrated some great problem-solving skills whilst away.

Thank you to the staff who gave their time to accompany the trip and enable the children to make some fabulous memories.

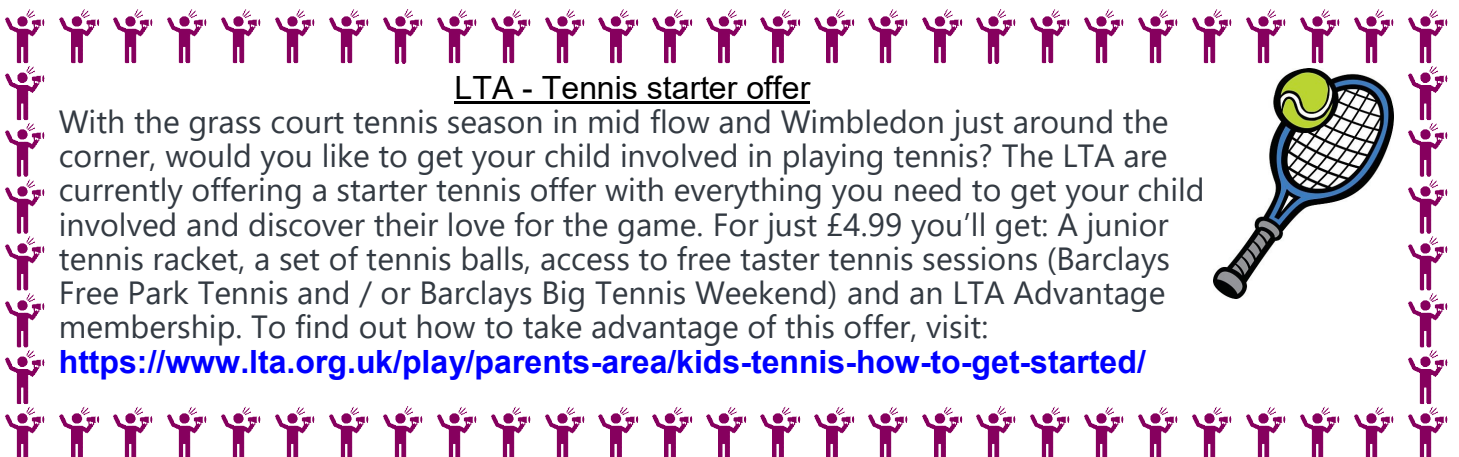
## Year 6 WW2 Day

World War 2 day was so much fun! The fact that we got to dress up in all our fancy WW2 outfits made it more exciting and really felt like we were children evacuating the city. We learnt about rationing and how you took your ration books to every shop you went to. They stamped your ration book and then you would have had your food for the week. We got to see some models of the weapons that they used to fight. They were so cool! We learned the drill march routine and played a coding game to try to decipher our own enigma code. It was so much fun and we all really enjoyed our WW2 day.

Written by Lydia in 6H




Image drawn by Raiden 6H



**LTA - Tennis starter offer**

With the grass court tennis season in mid flow and Wimbledon just around the corner, would you like to get your child involved in playing tennis? The LTA are currently offering a starter tennis offer with everything you need to get your child involved and discover their love for the game. For just £4.99 you'll get: A junior tennis racket, a set of tennis balls, access to free taster tennis sessions (Barclays Free Park Tennis and / or Barclays Big Tennis Weekend) and an LTA Advantage membership. To find out how to take advantage of this offer, visit:

<https://www.lta.org.uk/play/parents-area/kids-tennis-how-to-get-started/>



## Diary Dates

Mon 15th June	Yr6 First Aid training
Thur 18th June	Yr2 Lackford Lakes trip
Fri 19th June	Whole school Mass 9am (celebration of those children who have recently made their First Holy Communion)
Mon 22nd June	Annie and Sue from OM Health and Wellbeing in school
Tue 23rd June	Yr4 WCIT Concert at The Apex
Wed 24th-Fri 26th	Yr6 Bawdsey residential trip
Tue 30th June	KS2 Sports Day 2pm (main school)
Fri 3rd July	Non-uniform day (bring a bottle for the Summer fayre)
Sat 4th July	Summer Fayre 12-3
Tue 7th July	Yr6 Leaver's Mass and family picnic 6pm
Wed 8th/Thur 9th	Yr5/6 Concert 2pm
Thur 9th July	Rocksteady gig 9am
Thur 9th July	Nest KS2 Sports event 1:30pm
Fri 10th July	EY & KS1 Sports Day 2pm
Fri 10th July	Yr 6 Crucial Crew
Wed 15th July	Choir performing at Snape
Wed 15th July	Transition Day (children meet their new teachers and class)
Thur 16th July	Early Years RE Celebration event 2:30-3 (EYs parents invited)
Fri 17th July	End of year Mass 9am
Fri 17th July	Last day of term

## Year 5 Forest School fun!



The 2026 National Eucharistic Congress

# ADOREMUS

Saturday, 10 October 2026

*Westminster Cathedral*



*St George's Cathedral*



We are delighted to launch a national Catholic schools **Art Competition** in the lead-up to Adoremus this October, organised by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. A key feature of Adoremus will be the Blessed Sacrament prayerfully processed from Southwark Cathedral to Westminster Cathedral, so we invite young people to reflect creatively on themes such as **the Blessed Sacrament, the presence of Jesus, and the beauty of our cathedrals.**

Entries will be judged by a professional panel of art experts, with categories for ages **6-8, 9-12, 13-15, and 16-18**. A winner will be selected in each category, along with one overall winner. The winning entry will feature on prayer cards given to all the event.

Entries to be submitted by simply sending a photo of the artwork to [artcompetition@christian.art](mailto:artcompetition@christian.art)

**Deadline for entries: 15 September 2026**

We are especially honoured that **Archbishop Richard Moth** has kindly agreed to host a reception for all the runners-up and winners on **Thursday 1 October at 2pm at Archbishop's House.**

We warmly encourage schools and pupils to take part... **to pray, to imagine, and to create!**

The Adoremus Art competition is offered in conjunction with Christian Art who have generously made it possible.

For any queries, please email [info@christian.art](mailto:info@christian.art)

What is Christian Art? We offer a unique approach to daily Gospel readings. Each day, we select a work of art relevant to the day's scripture passage and offer a short reflection on the two. Written by Patrick van der Vorst a Roman Catholic priest for the Diocese of Westminster, London and a former Director of Sotheby's London, Christian Art's mission is to draw people closer to God through the magnificent pairing of art and the Christian faith.



**Christian Art**  
[www.christian.art](http://www.christian.art)



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE...  
**SUMMER FETE!**

**SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JULY  
12 NOON - 3PM**

To start the summer, our fantastic fete will be returning on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July! Expect to see the creative Y6 stalls, BBQ, Tombola, Raffles & MORE!

Below are some ways you can support our event, and more information will also be sent via WhatsApp year group chats.

- ✓
- Return your organza bag to the School Office - *these will be sent home with each child in the coming weeks with information slip*
- Sign up to volunteer to set up/help on a stall via the board in the playground - *the event cannot run without our incredible helpers!*
- Are you a local business?* Any raffle prize donations would be welcomed by the School Office

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU!**

**PRE-LOVED UNIFORM!**

Is your wardrobe bursting at the seams with outgrown, good quality, uniform? Donations of pre-loved uniform would be greatly welcomed by the school office, which we can sell to raise further funds

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!  
TOTAL RAISED THIS ACADEMIC YEAR: £4,033.27**

*Helping to raise funds to support learning experiences, school trips & equipment*

[thefriends@st-edmunds.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:thefriends@st-edmunds.suffolk.sch.uk)