



March 2026



Newsletter

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS

Welcome to this month's Newsletter. Please take a moment to read this to stay informed and find out how you can support your child's journey at school.

Mrs Barnaville & Mrs Gallagher

Ducklings

This month brought a wonderful sense of excitement to our school with the arrival of five duck eggs! As part of Science Week, and linking beautifully with the season of Lent, the children explored the symbolism of eggs as signs of new life and hope at Easter.

Throughout the week, pupils and staff were filled with awe and wonder as they watched the eggs slowly hatch. The children delighted in giving the ducklings their first bath, gently holding them, and marvelling at their innocence and beauty. It was a truly joyful experience that reminded us all of God's creation and the gift of new life. The week was completed with a wonderful science-themed non-uniform day. Thank you Ms Noor for organising a wonderful experience for our school community.

World Book Day

Our children and staff once again enjoyed a wonderful World Book Day celebration, this year with a vibrant Roald Dahl theme. The costumes were fantastic, and the whole school embraced the joy of reading through a range of fun and engaging activities.

We were also blessed to welcome a visiting Roald Dahl workshop, which the children thoroughly enjoyed and spoke about with great enthusiasm.

Thanks to the generosity of our school community, our after-school book sale raised £139 which will be used to further promote a love of reading across our school.

A huge thank you to Miss Sutton for arranging such a brilliant and inspiring day for us all.

Stations of the Cross

Year groups attending Mass at St Martin's Church have also been blessed with the opportunity to take part in the Stations of the Cross afterwards. This has been a reflective and meaningful experience for the children as they journey through Lent and prepare their hearts for Easter.

We extend our sincere thanks to Canon Michael and the parish community for welcoming us so warmly and supporting our pupils in their faith journey.

Please see below for details of the Holy Week Masses at St Martin's Church.

April Maundy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper (followed by watching) 7.00pm

3rd April Commemoration of The Lord's Passion 3.00pm

3rd April Stations of the Cross 7.00pm

4th April Easter Vigil Mass 7.30pm

5th April Easter Sunday Masses 9.00am & 11.00am

Attendance

Please see below the attendance data for February.

Please remember to consult our Attendance Policy for the correct process and time frame for you to request any Leave of Absence for your child. Under the new guidance, Leave of Absence can only be authorised by the Head Teacher in the most exceptional of circumstances and in accordance with your School's Attendance Policy.

A gentle reminder: Absences immediately before or after school holidays will be reviewed. We may ask for supporting information to help us record them accurately.

Class	%
Bears	97.4
Tigers	96.6
1M	98
1P	95.2
2M	95.4
2P	89
3M	98.2
3P	93.1
4M	97.4
4P	92.5
5M	97.2
5P	96.9
6M	95.9
6P	95.4
Total Average	95.9

CAFOD FUNDRAISING

This Lent, we have raised over £500 for CAFOD.

Our silver bucket collection alone raised £443 with the winning class raising the most money being 2M – Well Done!

Also, well done to Year 5 who raised money through their Lenten Activities, lots of fun was had by all the children in the other year groups who took part. We will have an overall amount raised from this ready to report in the next newsletter.

Year 3 - Easter Reflection - The Good News

This week the children in Year 3 presented us with their Easter Reflection, a retelling of the Easter Story. This was a truly prayerful and thought-provoking reflection and a wonderful way for us to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Well done to all the children involved, who were absolutely fantastic and a big thank you to Ms Clarke, Miss Tourabaly, Miss Lydon, Mrs Wollaston and Miss Abbott for preparing the children.

COMMUNICATION

If you have any concerns or queries about your child, please contact the class teacher via email at help@smdpluton.co.uk. Teachers are unable to speak with parents on the playground at the end of the day, as their priority is ensuring children are dismissed safely. They are often required to attend meetings, training, or clubs after school. They will respond to your message when they are able to give you the time and attention your query deserves.

It was great to see so many of you at the Parent Consultation evening this week.

We wish all our families a peaceful and holy Easter. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school after the Easter break on **Tuesday 14th April**. A gentle reminder that school will close for the holidays on **Tuesday 31st March 2025**.

Photos of the events mentioned in this newsletter, along with many other moments from school life, can be found on our Instagram page: [@smdpluton](https://www.instagram.com/smdpluton). Follow us to keep up to date