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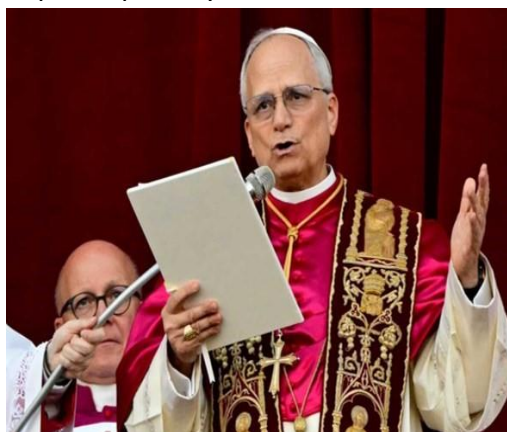
Pope Leo XIV

This week in school we have been excitedly following events in Rome, the gathering of the Conclave and the election of our new Pope. Yesterday pupils watched live-streams of the election process, eagerly looking out for the colour of the smoke from the chimney, high above the Sistine Chapel, to signify whether a Pope had been elected or not. Today we have returned to school with the wonderful news that we have a newly elected Pope, Pope Leo XIV. In assembly and in classes pupils have been finding out about the 69 year old Cardinal Robert Prevost, the first Augustinian Pope and the first Pope to be born in North America. Pope Leo XIV spent many years as a missionary in Peru and was ordained a cardinal by Pope Francis in 2023.

Yesterday evening he gave his first address to the World

'Peace be with you! Dearest brothers and sisters, this was the first greeting of the risen Christ, the good shepherd who gave His life for the flock of God. I, too, would like this greeting of peace to enter your hearts, to reach your families and all people, wherever they are; and all the peoples, and all the earth: Peace be with you.'

His address gives us a message of hope in the future and a call to action. A call to be a church, that in his words, is 'engaged with the modern world and always looking for peace, charity and being close to people, especially those who are suffering'.



Gospel Reflection “Jesus and the Miraculous Catch of Fish.” John 21: 1-19

In our whole school assembly this week we have listened to last Sunday’s Gospel Reading.

This reading is a very important and relevant Gospel Reading that fits perfectly with the wonderful news we have been celebrating today, following the announcement of Pope Leo XIV. After the crucifixion of Jesus, Peter and the disciples returned to their jobs as fishermen. Jesus’ death had brought grief and sadness to their lives, with His loss being felt by all. Whilst fishing all night they had caught nothing.

A figure on the shoreline who was unrecognisable to them, instructed them to cast out their nets further. Following this they caught a huge haul of fish, too many to manage. The person on the shore instantly became recognisable and the disciples were once again filled with hope and with joy.

Jesus invited them to share a meal, a breakfast of fish with Him. Upon eating, Jesus took Peter to one side asking him three times of his love for Him. Three times Peter affirmed his love, replying finally,

‘Lord, you know everything, you know that I truly love you.’

In this Jesus instructs Peter to ‘feed my lambs’ and ‘tend my sheep’. With this profession of love and of faith, Jesus commissions and instructs Peter to take care of His people, His church. In assembly, we discussed the significance of this to the events that we have been eagerly following and celebrating.

Jesus anointing Peter to lead His church and His people, as the first Pope. Pope Leo XIV yesterday became the 267th Pope, the Bishop of Rome and the occupant of the throne of St Peter. A line that can be traced back to the Gospel Reading we listened to last week and earlier today.



The Papal Conclave

A papal conclave was held on 7th and 8th May to elect a new pope to succeed Pope Francis who sadly passed away on 21st April. The children avidly watched the process and were extremely interested in who would be elected our new Pope.



EYFS Trips to The Sea Life Centre Trafford

Further to the letters that were emailed out to EYFS Parents/Carers yesterday, please find below dates of the trips that will be taking place at The Sea Life Centre Trafford, for Nursery and Reception.

Nursery Trip : Tuesday 24th June 2025

Reception Trip : Tuesday 1st July 2025

If any parents/carers wish to help out on the trip please do not hesitate to speak to a member of our EYFS staff.



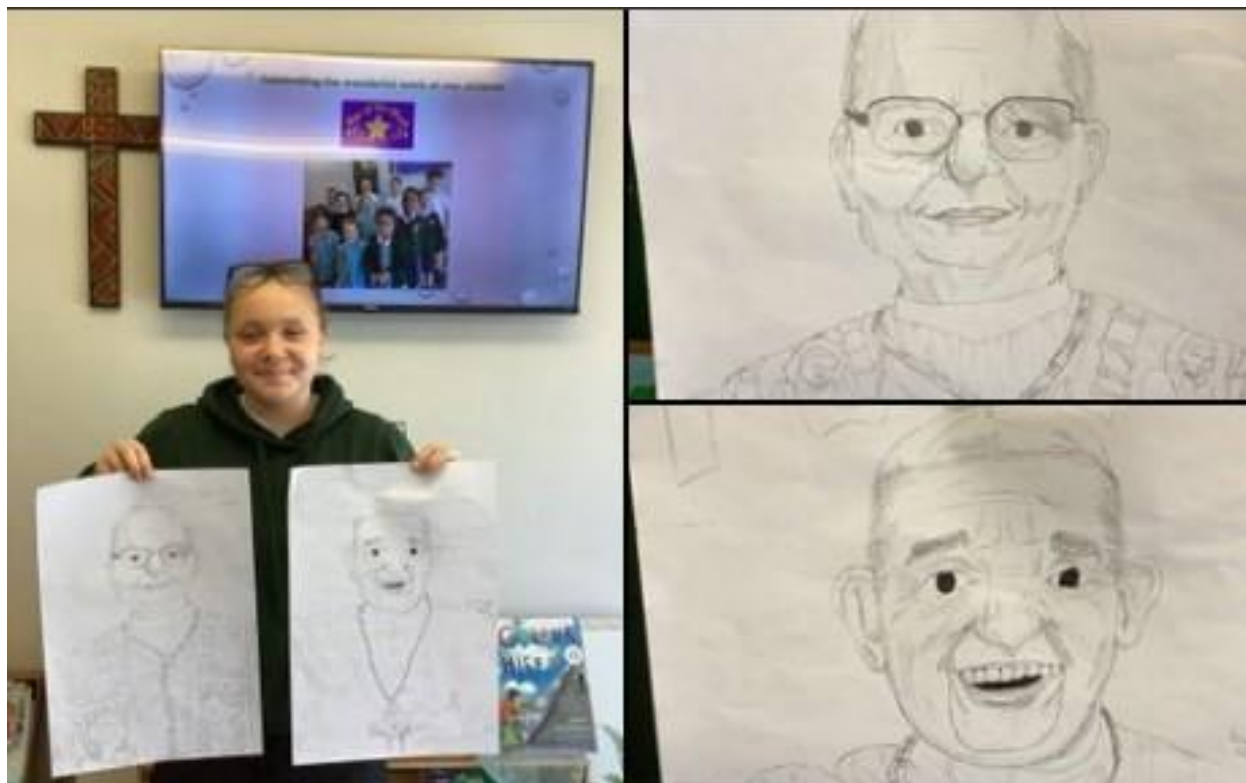
VE Day

On Thursday we observed a minute's silence to honour VE Day, which marked the 80th anniversary of Germany's unconditional surrender of its armed forces in 1945. Children and staff reflected on the sacrifice made by so many during World War 2. Their legacy will not be forgotten and now more than ever we too are asked to do all we can to promote peace, tolerance and justice for all in our world.



Artist in our midst ...

We have a hugely talented artist in our midst at St Margaret Mary's. Freyja, in Year 6, sketched beautiful images of the sadly passed, Pope Francis, and our new pope, Pope Leo XIV ... well done Freyja.





Nursery practiced their tennis skills during PE ...



1T were using resources to explore finding a quarter of an amount ...



1/2H had fun designing their own peace medals ...



4C were working together to create a shared write paragraph all about Alice falling down the rabbit hole in Alice in Wonderland ...



5C have been looking at the difference between botanical illustrations and drawings ...





Well done to this week's 'Stars of the Week' ...



Eloquent and truthful



Well done to all of our pupils who demonstrated our school virtues – 'eloquent and truthful' this week ...





Congratulations to our Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots winners this week. Keep up the good work!



Congratulations to our "Rollama" SPAG winners this week. Keep up the excellent work!





6W, 3S, 4C & 3/4D are all joint class attendance winners with a fantastic 100% attendance!

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| Nur W 95.8% | Nur/RecW 90.8% | Reck 95.4% | 1T 95.3% | 1/2H 98.3% | 2M 95.8% |
| 3S 100% | 3/4D 100% | 4C 100% | 5C 96% | 5J 98.9% | 6G 98.1% |
| 6W 100% | | | | | |

Dates to remember

Monday 12th May 2025 ~ Thursday 15th May KS2 SATS

Friday 23rd May 2025—School closes for half-term

Friday 13th June 2025—"Wear It Yellow for Cystic Fibrosis" Day

Tuesday 24th June 2025—Nursery trip to The Sea Life Centre

Friday 27th June 2025—Summer Fayre (from 3.15 p.m.)

Monday 30th June 2025—Year 6 Residential

Tuesday 1st July 2025—Reception trip to The Sea Life Centre

Tuesday 22nd July 2025—School closes for summer at 1.00 p.m.

IMPORTANT
dates to remember

Prayer for Pope Leo XIV

In school today we have prayed for Pope Leo XIV.

Faithful God,
You guide us on the path of life
and your goodness is our constant companion.

Be with our new Shepherd, Pope Leo XIV,
in his service of the Church.
Fill him with the power of your Spirit,
the peace of your presence
and the compassion of Christ.

May he walk with you,
in wisdom and humility,
and lead us, together with all God's people,
to embody your love for the world.

Amen.



Thank-you again for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend. Take care and God Bless!

*Christ
is
Risen!*