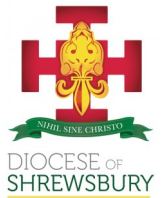




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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we get closer to the end of term, the children have been continuing on the Lent journey—deepening their prayer life through our Lent assemblies. The Mini Vinnie group have led a prayer writing competition for prayers on the theme of courage and the upper juniors have held Lent Reconciliation services in church with Canon Browne. Our Skylark class finished their Lent fundraising activities today and I look forward to sharing with you how much they have raised for The Good Shepherd appeal for Caritas (Diocese of Shrewsbury charity).

This Sunday is Palm Sunday and marks the beginning of our final journey through Holy Week, ending with Easter, the celebration of Jesus' resurrection. Next week we will have a number of activities to lead the children through Holy Week, including each class going to church on Tuesday morning for the Stations of the Cross. We are excited for the Lower Junior Passion play performance, which the staff and pupils have worked so hard on.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs J Pearson

### The Brindley



On Tuesday night our amazing school choir wowed the audience of The Brindley when they took part in Accent Music Hub's concert - "With One Voice". We were so proud of our singers - they might be small in number, but they were mighty when standing on the stage and performing on their own a St Monica's favourite, My Lighthouse by the REND collective. The whole evening was thrilling and such a fabulous experience for our children. Thank you to those who came to support us! Here are a few pictures from the dress rehearsal in the morning, and then from backstage on the evening!



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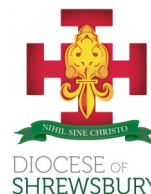


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### OPAL



**DONATIONS WANTED**

To help us to continue to develop our play provision we are on the look out for resources. If you are having a clear out or know anyone who is able to donate resources, we would be extremely grateful. Please leave any donations in the donation station (the small green container in the staff carpark). The car park will be open daily 7.30 - 9.30 and from 2.30 - 5.30. If you would like to drop donations off outside these hours please contact the school office.

**WHAT DO WE WANT?**

- Small world items such as plastic animals, dinosaurs, cars, trains.
- Dolls
- Suitcases
- Plastic crates
- Road signs and cones
- Kitchen pots, pans, baking trays, large spoons, mixing bowls, chopping boards
- Tools like spades, trowels, brooms
- Buckets/containers
- Nets and ropes
- Fabric (large sheets, waterproof tarps)
- Wooden pallets
- Metal frames
- Sledges
- Cable drums/reels
- Guttering
- Noodles (the type you use in the swimming pool)
- Clothes pegs
- Plastic crates
- Briefcases, especially hard cases
- Large plastic bins/water butts
- Watering cans
- Dressing up items such as old scarves, handbags, hats (children's and adults)
- Old buggies/strollers
- Storage boxes
- Scooters/balance bikes/trikes
- Building blocks/Lego/Duplo
- Planks (decking/scaffolding)

This list is not extensive - please let us know if you have anything else you are unsure about!

This week, Miss Lambert led a play assembly to launch the OPAL (outdoor play and learning) project. The atmosphere was electric in the hall, with the children very excited to see the changes coming to playtimes. The children looked at the changes happening over the next few weeks and came up with their own guidelines for safe play.



**PLAY ASSEMBLY**  
Monday 18th March 2024

**Changes happening now...**

- Lego trays
- Chalks
- Bubbles
- Music
- Small world
- Dressing up

### Key Dates:

Tuesday 26th March 6pm	-	Passion Play in church
Thursday 28th March 3.30pm	-	School breaks up for Easter Holidays
Monday 8th April	-	Summer Term commences
Tuesday 30th April	-	KS1 trip to Tatton Park Farm

### Weekly Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Robins	96.7
Wrens	95.8
Blackbirds	94.9
Kingfishers	95.5
Swifts	96.1
Skylarks	96.3
Totals	95.8

**Well done to Robins for the best attendance this week!**

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### Curriculum enhancements—Visitors to school

March 21st was World Down Syndrome Day. In the afternoon the children at St Monica's welcomed Yvonne from the local charity Down Syndrome Cheshire into assembly, where they learned all about Down Syndrome; the science behind the condition, the superpowers and the challenges that it can bring, and examples of people in the DS community who are paving the way for inclusion in the world of music, TV presenting, acting, modelling, dance and more. The children learned that the date chosen (21/03) to celebrate and raise awareness about the amazing world of people with Down Syndrome, helps to highlight that people with Down Syndrome have 3 copies of chromosome 21. We all had a go at some Makaton signing too, which is a visual way that some children with Down Syndrome use to communicate. It was a really informative assembly and the children were fantastic. Huge thanks to Yvonne and Down Syndrome Cheshire for coming to raise awareness on this special day!



### Olivia Forster (ex pupil)

On Thursday the 21st of March, Olivia, a tram driver, came to our school to talk to us about her job because it's not a job that women would be expected to do.

The children enjoyed it and did a quiz. They really appreciated the time she spent with us. By Sophia and Liesel—Swift Class



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### EGG-CITING EASTER SPOON COMPETITION

Order your spoons by paying on parent pay  
your child will then bring a spoon home with them  
**OR**  
**EXTENDED DATES (not sold many spoons)**  
Spoons can be bought outside school with cash on:  
Friday 22nd March before and after school  
Monday 25th March before and after school  
Please return your Egg-cellent spoons, to your class  
teacher with your name and year for judging by  
Tuesday 26th March at 3pm

**Prizes to be won**  
1st prize – £20 Amazon voucher  
2nd prize – £10 Amazon voucher  
3rd prize – £5 Amazon voucher

Spoons £1 each

enter as many spoons as you like

### Warrington Wolves

Here is a great offer for families.

Tickets for under 16s are just £1 and all other tickets are £5.



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