Another term has flown by as we move into our Easter break. The children have worked so very hard this term, it is important that they have a good rest during the break and enjoy spending time together as a family unit.

As we reflect on the weeks gone by, St Peter’s class enjoyed their trip to Nailsworth Primary School, where they took part in a multi-skills inter school event. The children, as always, were great ambassadors for the school, setting a great example in all that they did.

The school rugby team took part in a local school’s tournament last week. The children were in a pool of 6 and successfully won their pool which took them into the semi final and then final. The final match was very tense and at full time, the score was 0-0! However with an additional two minutes the other team managed to score! St Joseph’s children was fabulous in their efforts and striving for excellence at all times. The team have been invited to play against other schools at Hartpury College next term—how exciting! I would like to thank Mr Hammonds for all of his time and dedication in training the children.

Our school hockey club again, took part in a hockey tournament. We were fortunate enough to take two teams. Both teams were superb in their performance and the A team won the final! A big thank you to Elaine Noone, Mrs Elliott and Hannah Barron for coaching the children.

Several of our cross country runners represented the Wotton schools at a cross country festival last Saturday. A big well done to Daniel and Oliver Beeston, Lillie Morgan, Archie Morgan-Dykes and Holly Howells. It was a tough run but once again—you all were fantastic!

We are truly blessed with our children here and our St Joseph’s Feast Day Mass was indicative of this. The children served exceptionally well, they read beautifully and sang their hearts out! I would like to thank Fr Alex not only for Mass, but for his continued support to the school. We are very lucky to have such a proactive and supportive priest. Thank you to those who were able to share this day with us. It really was a great Feast Day!

Thank you to the fabulous team of PTA parents who kindly organised the school disco. It really was a great success, the children had a wonderful time so thank you!

As we look ahead, we look forward to our summer term and all of the excitement and challenges it brings. We will be reviewing the after school clubs so that we are in line with summer sports.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff and governors for their hard work and dedication to the school. We strive for excellence in all that we do and this is evident in all that the children achieve.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter

"If Jesus is risen, then - and only then - has something truly new happened, something that changes the state of humanity and the world. Then He, Jesus, is someone in whom we can put absolute trust; we can put our trust not only in his message, but in Jesus himself, for the Risen One does not belong to the past, but is present today, alive."

Pope Benedict

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**In Your Prayers**

All of the families and friends who have been affected by the recent plane crash in the Alps.

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**Class News!**

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<td><strong>St Mary</strong></td>
<td>Isabelle has been learning how to tell the time. Laila liked listening to the story ‘Whatever Next’ about Baby Bear who finds a rocket and a helmet.</td>
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<td><strong>St Peter</strong></td>
<td>Betty and Thea have had lots of fun this term with the class topic of Toy Story. Betty’s favourite character is Woody and Bullseye is Thea’s.</td>
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<td><strong>St Patrick</strong></td>
<td>Erin Stokes-Richardson said for the class topic ‘How to train your dragon’ the children had to write to the school governors to ask if they could bring their dragons into school! Ruby loved playing in the hockey tournament at Rednock on Tuesday; St Joe’s took two teams and won! She saw the eclipse last Friday with special glasses Callum Taylor’s mum had brought in.</td>
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<td><strong>Blessed Teresa</strong></td>
<td>Martha has been writing sequence poems in literacy about space; in numeracy she is dividing 3 and 4 digit numbers. Patrick said Fr Alex came into class to discuss the different stages of Mass. He watched the eclipse whilst the class were on a trip at Renishaw where they made rockets out of paper and different materials then later launched the rockets.</td>
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Forthcoming events
Fri 27th March: End of Term 4
Mon 13th April: Term 5 starts
Tues 14th April: Swimming lessons begin for Y3-5 1pm
Wed 15th April: Last Dance Club session for KS1 to replace one missed during Parent’s Evening week
Sat 18th April: Quiz at St Dominic’s Parish Hall, Dursley—£1.00 per person to enter, max team of 6. Shared supper—all welcome, always a good fun evening.

SWIMMINGS LESSONS FOR Y3-5 begin after the Easter break, Tuesdays from 14th April to 23rd June 2015. Thank you to parents who have paid; payment of £43.00 for the 10 lessons is due by the end of this term please via Parentpay.

GOVERNOR’S SPRING APPEAL—Recently you should have received a letter regarding the Governor’s Spring Appeal. If you did not receive the letter, or if you know of someone who might like to contribute, please let the school office know and we can send you another.

Thank you £99.60 was raised at the Welly Walk for CAFOD’s Lent Appeal. Thank you to all the parents/carers who helped with this event.

PARENTPAY—please keep your child’s dinner account in credit. Thank you.

Y5/6 Easter Egg Raffle raised £94.40 winners were Daniel, Erin SR, Siobhan, Holly H, Mrs Elmer, Lily, Connor, Mathew, Iona, Freddie, Ava, Georgia, Kobe, Emily and Kara. A very big thank you to Ms Cowle and Mrs Knight for running this fundraiser to subsidise the Y5/6 residential.

SCHOLASTIC HALF PRICE BOOK FAYRE in school from 23rd April to 28th April. Everything will be half the marked price. Great time to stock up on birthday or Christmas presents. The school receive books from the sales, so the more books sold the more books school can receive. Thank you for your support.