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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a good week. We have seen the glorious sun in the last few days.

It has been a very busy week for our choir. They performed at various places, including at the Royal Albert Hall.

Choir

The children have been working very hard since January, preparing for Prom Praise for Schools 2026. Over the past few months, they have practised the songs and learned about the exciting Bible story that follows four school children travelling through key moments in the Bible using a mysterious Covenant Clock. We are incredibly proud of how well they performed at the Royal Albert Hall alongside the All Souls Orchestra. The children represented the school brilliantly and showed great enthusiasm and confidence during this very special event. It was a wonderful experience for them and one we are very proud to have been part of.

It was wonderful to welcome Sing for Freedom back to our school to sing with our choir. The group is made up of inspiring individuals who have overcome great hardship, and singing is what brought them together. It was a very special experience for our pupils to perform alongside them, and we felt truly honoured to share such a meaningful moment through music.

Kidz Club

Recently, we have had a number of children still in school after 6:00 pm. We completely understand that from time to time, circumstances outside your control can cause delays, and we will always do our best to support families when this happens.

However, we kindly ask that you make every effort to arrive by 6:00 pm to collect your child. This allows our Kidz Club staff to finish their working day and return home to their own families on time.

Over the past few years, we have chosen not to charge parents who arrive late for collection. We hope that, with this gentle reminder, it will not be necessary for us to introduce late collection charges in the future.

Easter service

We hope you are able to join us for our Easter service at St Thomas. We will share the Easter story as well as some of the songs the children have been learning this term. This will be the first time in a while that we have visited St Thomas's, and you will also have the opportunity to meet Father Stephen Hearn, who will be working closely with the school. You are all very welcome to attend.





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Term-time holidays

I would like to gently remind parents that schools are unable to authorise holidays during term time. We appreciate that families may have important commitments; however, current regulations do not allow schools to approve holidays during the school term. Good attendance is vital for children's learning and development, and we thank you for your continued support in helping your child attend school regularly.

Eid Mubarak to all of our families who are celebrating.

From everyone at the school, we wish you a wonderful Eid and look forward to hearing about the celebrations from the children when they return to school.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

With thanks,

Ms Khan

Head of School

Key dates for next week

Monday 23rd March - MTC workshop Y4 parent - 9am

Wednesday 25th March - No Kidz club (staff training - Trauma informed practice)

Thursday 26th March - Easter service - 2pm St Thomas

Friday 27th March - 1pm Easter Bonnet parade

Friday 27th March - School finishes at 1.30pm

