



# HALF-TERM NEWSLETTER

11th April 2025

Dear parents and carers,

As we reach the end of the spring term, we give thanks for all that we have shared together during this special season. It has been a time of reflection and growth as we journeyed through Lent, focusing on prayer, fasting and acts of kindness. The children have embraced this time living out our school Golden Values in so many ways and this was reflected in our lovely end of term mass on Tuesday. The parishioners all commented on how well the children read and sang - a credit to Notre Dame.

We've had many highlights this term. The children looked fantastic for World Book Day, with such imaginative costumes and a real buzz around reading. A special mention must go to Year 6 for their fantastic achievement in the De Putron Challenge—they did so well and represented the school brilliantly with their teamwork and problem-solving. Our pupils have had a term full of exciting opportunities. From winning the Trinity Shield and travelling to Jersey for our football tournament, to taking part in the Arts for Guernsey Turner exhibition in Mill Street, the children have made us incredibly proud. Our Guernsey Eisteddfod art display was another standout moment—many people commented on the quality and creativity of the work. It really was a crowd-pleaser! A real highlight this term was the performance of Joseph on Wednesday evening—what a truly uplifting and memorable event.

We are especially grateful to our staff who give their time so generously to run clubs and extra curricular activities. These opportunities help enrich school life and offer the children experiences they'll remember for years to come—we couldn't do it without them. I also want to take this opportunity to thank every member of staff at Notre Dame. From our breakfast club team, to the office staff, to Mr Le Page, Learning Support Assistants, lunchtime supervisors, and of course our brilliant teaching staff—everyone plays their part. Thank you all for everything you do.

This term has also brought some changes. We said a fond farewell to Mrs. Batiste, who has been a valued member of our team for over eight years. We thank her for everything she has given to the school and wish her every happiness in the future. At the same time, we are delighted to welcome Mrs. Fish to the office team. We haven't yet had the chance to properly say goodbye to Mrs. Cable, but we look forward to welcoming her back into school soon so we can show our appreciation for her years of loving service as our Deputy Headteacher. Please continue to keep Mrs. Cable and her family in your prayers. We've also been delighted to welcome several new families to Notre Dame—we hope you already feel part of our school family.

Throughout Lent, the children have walked many miles for CAFOD as part of the Big Lent Walk, showing true compassion for those in need. If you would still like to contribute, please use the fundraising link <https://schools.walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/notre-dame-du-rosaires-big-lent-walk> or send donations into school. All proceeds will go to CAFOD's vital work supporting communities around the world.

Looking ahead, we'd love your children to take part in the Notre Dame Liberation 80 Art Competition over the Easter holidays. This year marks the 80th anniversary of Guernsey's Liberation at the end of World War II, and we want to celebrate it in a special way. Please bring all entries into school by Friday 2nd May. We will be celebrating the work on our party day on 7th May when all the children are invited to dress up in a liberation style.

As we move into the summer term, we have so much more to look forward to—beach trips, residentials, celebrations and more! Please keep a close eye on Class Dojo for updates and reminders so you don't miss out on any of the wonderful events coming up.

On the reverse of this letter, you'll find details of events next term, local Mass times and our Liberation competition.

Wishing all our families a joyful, peaceful and blessed Easter. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 29th April.

Best wishes,

Mrs R

# *Dates for the Diary*

## **APRIL**

Mon	28	INSET Day
Tue	29	Back to school
Wed	30	Y5 & 6 Residential meeting Y5 Author event at Beau Sejour Nadia Shireen

## **MAY**

Thur	1	Y4 Residential meeting
Fri	2	Y4,5 & 6 Author visit – Louie Stowell
Mon	5	May Day bank holiday
Tue	6	Beginning of term Mass
Wed	7	Liberation Day Party
Thur	8	INSET day
Fri	9	Liberation Day
Tue	13	New Reception Parents' Evening
Thu	16	Y6 – Hockey festival at Footes Lane
Fri	23	Break up for half term

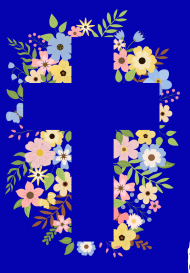
## **JUNE**

Mon	2	Back to school
Fri	6	Y5/6 – girls cricket tournament
Tue	10	Y6 – Transition day (1 of 2)
Wed	11	Y5 – Fauxquets Valley Y6 – Herm
Thur	12	Y5 – Fauxquets Valley Y6 – Herm
Fri	13	Y5 – Fauxquets Valley Y6 – Herm
Wed	18	Y4 – Les Maingys
Thur	19	Y4 – Les Maingys
Fri	20	Y4 – Les Maingys Y5/6 – boys cricket festival
Sat	21	First Holy Communion
Mon	23	Y6 – Transition day (2 of 2)

## **JULY**

Fri	4	Sports Day - JUNIORS - Footes Lane
Mon	7	Sports Day - INFANTS - Government House
Tue	8	Leavers' Mass Y6 Leaver's Evening
Sat	12	PTFA Beach BBQ
Fri	18	Term Ends





# MASS TIMES

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2025

### **PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - SUNDAY 13TH APRIL**

- 8:00AM – ST JOSEPH'S – MASS
- 9:15AM – OLSS – MASS
- 10:30AM – ST JOSEPH'S – MASS
- 5:30PM – NOTRE DAME – STATIONS OF THE CROSS
- 6:00PM – NOTRE DAME – MASS

### **HOLY THURSDAY – 17TH APRIL**

- 7:00PM – ST JOSEPH'S – MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### **GOOD FRIDAY – 18TH APRIL**

- 10:00AM – ST JOSEPH'S – STATIONS OF THE CROSS
- 10:00AM – OLSS – STATIONS OF THE CROSS
- 3:00PM – ST JOSEPH'S – SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

### **HOLY SATURDAY – 19TH APRIL**

- 11:00AM – ST JOSEPH'S – SWIECONKA – BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS
- 8:30PM – ST JOSEPH'S – SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF EASTER

### **EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD – 20TH APRIL**

- 8:00AM – ST JOSEPH'S – MASS
- 9:15AM – OLSS – MASS
- 10:30AM – ST JOSEPHS – MASS
- 11:00AM – NOTRE DAME – MASS

*NO EVENING MASS*



# 80 YEARS OF LIBERATION



Create a poster, picture or take a photo to celebrate the 80th Anniversary of the Liberation of Guernsey.

Entries to be in by Friday 2nd May