

Upcoming events

Year 5 Stations of the Cross



Monday 13th April

- Children return to school for summer term
- Clubs to start this week

Thursday 16th April

- Art exhibition in hall

Friday 17th April

- Art exhibition in hall

Tuesday 21st April

- VR workshop for Years 3 & 4

We would like to say a massive well done to all the Year 5 children and staff for a moving and reverent performance of the Stations of the Cross this week.

The children have been working really hard on this with a number of rehearsal and performances taking place throughout this week.

We hope that all the families who attended will take time to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice and consider the meaning of Easter in a way that is personal and meaningful to them.

KS2 Prayer Garden Stations of the Cross Blessing

On Monday, we welcomed in our Parish Priests to bless our new Stations of the Cross art installation in the KS2 Prayer Garden. Governors, members of the RE team and Pupil Chaplains were there too. Pupil Chaplains gave a reflection on how the refreshed Prayer Garden could be used by classes to bring to life their learning about the final stages of Jesus' life. Classes will also now benefit from using these religious images in collective worship in the summer term, as the weather improves.



Lectio Divina for Parents

On Tuesday, we welcomed in parents for Lectio Divina— a traditional, Scripture based meditation service. Some of our Pupil Chaplains in Year 5 led this and it was around the Mark 14:41 quote 'The hour has come'. Pupils got the adults to reflect on how God wants us to act now out of faith. The Pupil Chaplains will be leading this once a month now and the next date is **Friday 1st May**.



Sacrament of Reconciliation



Year 5 received the sacrament of reconciliation this week as part of our Lenten practices.

We are grateful to Fr Joseph, Fr Paul Peter, Fr Chris and Fr Krystof for assisting with this.

Swimming Gala

We would like to say a huge well done and thank you to all of the children who took part in the recent swimming gala.

Although we did not come away with a win this time, every single swimmer gave their absolute best. Their determination, effort, and willingness to push themselves in each race was amazing. Taking part in a competitive event like this requires courage and commitment, and all of our swimmers should feel very proud of what they achieved.

What stood out most was the incredible team spirit shown throughout the event. The children supported one another, cheered each other on, and represented our school with enthusiasm and positivity from start to finish.

We were also delighted to receive compliments from other schools about our pupils' excellent behaviour. Their respect, sportsmanship, and attitude did not go unnoticed and are a true reflection of our school values.

You did us all proud—well done to each and every one of you!

Friends of Botwell



News from FOB

Just a reminder that you can take part in our Bingo lucky number sales that happens after school - £1 buys a number - it is drawn weekly and the prize is £25 - with the remaining money going to support the FOB continue to raise further funds for the children at school.

Thank you to everyone who entered the Easter raffle and well done to those who won the Easter Egg hampers and individual eggs. You can see from the photo just how happy they were to win!

Please do sign up to help raise more funds for our school via the following link. [Fundraising for Botwell](#) .



Hillingdon's Easter 2026 Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme!



Just a reminder that bookings are now open for Hillingdon's Easter 2026 Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme!

This exciting programme is available to school-aged children from Reception to Year 11 who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals in Hillingdon.

Through our **fully funded** programme, children and young people can:

- Enjoy healthy meals every day
- Take part in fun, creative, and physical activities
- Learn about food, cooking, and nutrition
- Develop new skills and make new friends

This Easter's activities include:

- Sports sessions; football, paddle boarding, martial arts, rock climbing
- Creative arts programmes; film making, music production, photography, drama
- Multi-activity camps
- SEND-friendly activity camps
- ...and much more!

Full details of our programmes can be found on our webpage [Hillingdon HAF Programme](#).

How to book:

- Parents/Guardians can browse the list of available activities and choose the one that suits their children's interests.
- Book directly through the EEQU website. Click the link below for details and help on how to book a HAF session including short videos on how to book on a mobile phone or desktop computer [🔗 Booking a HAF session guide](#)
- During the Easter holiday, each child can book up to one week of activities with any of our listed providers.

Do you need more information or help?

Contact us via HAFprogramme@hillingsdon.gov.uk or on **01895 277881**.

Free Learning English Sessions

Are you interested in learning or improving your English?

If so, great news!!

Minet Infant & Nursery School are offering free sessions for adults to learn English over a 10-

week course of two hour sessions. This is a fantastic opportunity and we would encourage any parent who wants to improve their English to make the most of this offer.

The course does not start until September but you need to register an interest well in advance by using this [Link](#).

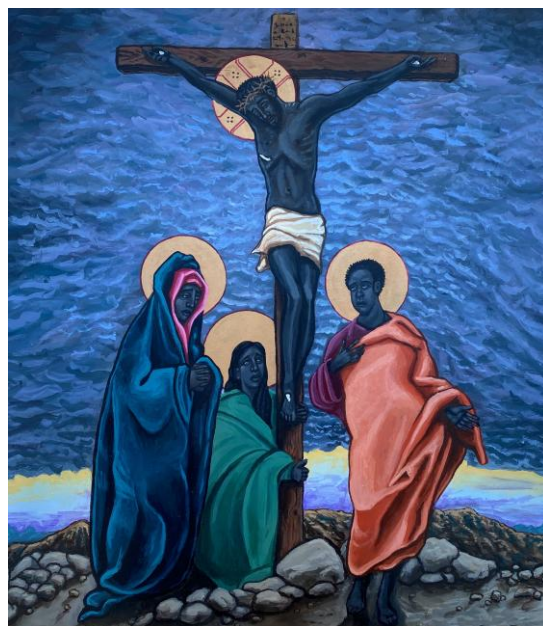
The school is located in Avondale Drive and the post code is UB3 3NR.

Attendance

Once again, we have reached the end of term and so we will be looking at the highest overall attendance over the half term. Our winners this time, with an overall attendance of 97.4% was 4 Lewis class. Well done to all our families in that class. The year group with the highest overall attendance for this half term is Year 3. Well done to all!

Prayer and Reflection

As we enter the joy of Easter, we are reminded of the hope and new life brought through the Resurrection of Christ. This season invites us, as a Catholic school community, to reflect on our faith and the ways we show love, forgiveness, and kindness to others. During the Easter break, may we take time to rest, be with our families, and grow closer to God. Let us carry the message of Easter in our hearts and actions each day. May we return renewed, ready to live out our values with faith and joy.



Loving God,
We thank You for the peace and happiness this Easter season brings.
Guide us to make good choices and to care for those around us.
Watch over us and our loved ones during this holiday time.
Help us return refreshed, ready to learn and to live as Your people.
Amen.

