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| Dear Parents/Carers  **MISSION STATEMENT:** *“I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me”*  It has been so lovely to see the children keen to get back to school and embracing their learning.  We know that the traffic around the town has been very stressful this week, please ensure that you drive calmly and considerately around the school and are sure to park safely. We continue to see instances of parents mounting pavements when parking around the school site. Please be aware that pavements are for all our pedestrians, very small children included.  Next week is the start of Lent. We will be celebrating Ash Wednesday Mass at school, all are welcome to attend but please contact the school office to advise that you will be attending. This will ensure that we have enough seats and ashes for everyone.  To mark Lent we will be fundraising for CAFOD through our Big Lent Walk. This will take place around the school grounds each Thursday morning in Lent, from 08.30. Parents and children are welcome to participate and we would welcome all donations via the below link:  <https://donate.justgiving.com/fundraising/st-edwards-aylesbury-big-lent-walk-2025/donation-amount>    We are also excited to be celebrating World Book Day next week. We have lots of exciting and fun activities planned and hope the children enjoy sharing their love of reading with each other.  Please see below for some reminders for the first week of next half term:   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | **Day** | **Activity** | |  |  |  | | **Whole school** | Monday 3rd March | Author visit from Jennifer Bell | |  |  | Crochet club | |  |  | Beginners knitting | |  | Tuesday 4th March | Debating & Philosophy club | |  |  | Science club | |  |  | Spanish club | |  |  | Chess club | |  | Wednesday 5th March | Ash Wednesday Mass 11:30 | |  |  | Cross Country club | |  | Thursday 6th March | World Book Day | |  |  | Choir | |  | Friday 7th March | Theatre Production: The Railway Children | |  |  | FOSE Mufti-Day – wear non uniform for a £1 donation to FOSE | |  |  | Street Dance – please see ParentMail for details on how to book | | **Year 4** | Thursday 6th March | 4S Forest School | |  |  |  | | **Year 5** | Tuesday 4th March | Year 5 swimming | |  |  | Year 5 & 6 Football club | |  |  |  | | **Year 6** | Tuesday 4th March | Year 5 & 6 Football club |   Please see below for the Wednesday word:  [Holiday Booklet - Magazine - Page 1](https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/holiday-booklet?pid=MTA101634&v=167.5)  Have a lovely weekend! |