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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this very busy term, it has been a real joy to celebrate all that our children have achieved.

It's been lovely to see so many of our pupils getting involved in activities beyond the classroom too. Year 3 gave a fantastic performance at the Recorder Festival, and our dance club wowed the audience at Victoria Hall as part of Dance 25. We've also seen great teamwork and effort in recent sports events – well done to everyone who took part!

A big thank you to all who helped make these events such a success – our wonderful staff, kind volunteers, and of course, the children themselves. They always represent our school so well, showing pride and enthusiasm wherever they go.

A special thank you also to our Events Team, who have worked really hard this term to organise some brilliant activities for our children. The school disco and Easter Chocolate Bingo were both hugely enjoyable for our pupils and families, and they also raised a fantastic amount of money for the school. Thank you to everyone who gave their time to organise these events, and to all who supported by coming along.

This term, we have also shared some special moments during our Lenten prayer services. These times of reflection have helped the children think more deeply about the meaning of Lent and their own faith journey. As we move into Holy Week, we invite you to continue this time of reflection with your children by attending parish Masses over the Easter weekend.

As Holy Week begins, we hope you're able to find some peaceful moments together as a family, remembering the journey Jesus made, starting on Palm Sunday. Don't forget to check our Facebook page for updates and messages during this special time in the Church's year.

And finally, over the Easter holidays, Miss Boon will also be celebrating something very special as she gets married and will become Mrs Edwards. I am sure you will join us in sending congratulations to Miss Boon and wishing her a wonderful wedding day full of special memories and love.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We've had a fantastic term, and we look forward to welcoming the children back for the summer term on **Monday 28th April**.

Wishing you all a peaceful and joyful Easter.

Warm wishes, Mrs Rathbone

Executive Principal

