

# St Michael and St Martin Catholic Primary School

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*Learning our faith, Living our faith, Loving our faith*

16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents / Carers of Yr5

As Caritas Ambassadors Yr5 children have been invited to attend this year's Caritas Festival at Westminster Cathedral on:

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025.**

Yr 5 have been learning about what the Caritas vision is:

*'For the Church, charity is not a kind of welfare activity which could equally well be left to others, but a part of her nature, an indispensable expression of her very being.'*

Pope Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est* (2006)

Caritas Westminster is a Catholic social action agency that serves those most at risk of exclusion through poverty, disability, isolation and exploitation. Their mission is to love and serve our neighbours through coordinated social action that upholds their dignity, engages their support, provides practical responses to their needs, and improves their wellbeing.

Children will leave school at approximately 11.30am and will travel to and from the venue by London Underground accompanied by staff. They will return to school at approximately **4.15pm - dependent on underground services**. This means that children will *not* be able to attend any after school clubs that they are registered for. You are kindly asked to ensure that you are able to meet your child at school at this time.

A healthy packed lunch will be provided by school for all children who do not have a food allergy recorded at school. Children will choose their filling for the baguette which is included with the lunch. Please ensure that they have additional water with them. You may supply an additional healthy snack if you so choose in a small back pack.

## **Cake Sale**

In conjunction with this festival Yr5 will be holding a cake sale on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025** after school in the main playground to raise money for Caritas.

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All children in Yr5 are kindly asked to donate a cake or some cupcakes which can either be homemade or shop bought. These should be brought into school on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025** for this in preparation for the cake sale on Friday.

**A reminder** also that Yr5 will visit Wintershall on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025** to immerse themselves in 'The Life of Christ'. The year group will visit this beautiful retreat to reflect on the life of Christ where the story of Jesus is brought to life in an immersive theatre experience.

All children must arrive at school by 8am for a prompt **8.15am**. They will travel to and from the venue by coach accompanied by staff. They will return to school at approximately **2.15pm** - **dependent on local traffic**.

Again, a healthy packed lunch will be provided by school for all children who do not have a food allergy recorded at school. Children will choose their filling for the baguette which is included with the lunch. However, you may supply an additional healthy snack (*no chocolates or nuts please!*). Please ensure that they have additional water with them in a small back pack.

**Children are required to wear their full school uniform for both of these trips.**

Trips are designed and planned to help children gain a greater understanding of many topics. Please also note that during these trips that photographs may be taken and used for social media purposes.

We hope that all our children enjoy these planned trips.

Yours sincerely



**Mrs N Duggan**  
**Headteacher**