



Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together

Friday 17 November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

This week has provided many opportunities for our pupils to recognise how **British Values** are used to shape our lives. It began last weekend when pupils from Year Six represented our school at the community memorial services. It is always a privilege to take part in these services as it instils within our young people a sense of what has been sacrificed so that we can enjoy our civil liberties.

As part of **Anti-Bullying week**, everyone was invited to wear **Odd Socks**, symbolising that we are all different and that children should be themselves, accepting of one another and celebrate difference. Our school council have also been reviewing our child friendly anti-bullying policy, it is important that our young people are able to recognise their opinion matters.

Yesterday, **Democracy** was definitely a key word within school. Finding clues, the orienteering club quickly recognised the word they had found spelt **Democracy**. This was linked to our celebration of British Parliament week.

We have also received an invitation from the Children's Commissioner Dame Rachel De Souza to take part in a survey. The Survey is entitled **The Big Ambition**, the purpose is to hear from all children and young people in England aged between 6 and 18 years old. Once the Survey has been completed, the views of children and young people's will be taken to the Government. Children between the ages of 6 and 11 will be given the opportunity to complete their survey in school. www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition

Finally, I would like to congratulate all who took part in the St. Nicholas Music Festival on Wednesday evening. This was a wonderful event, showcasing amazing talent at St. Nicholas'. As always, I was very proud of our choir who performed with such confidence. For many, this was their first public performance as a member of the choir.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable weekend.

Best wishes

Eileen Murtagh

Attendance

Overall Attendance this week **96.3%**.

Across the school, **26 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Lower than 90% Attendance	90-95% Attendance	96-100% Attendance
	Reception	Year 1
	Year 3	Year 2
	Year 5	Year 4
		Year 6

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

98% attendance means **4** school days missed

95% attendance means **10** school days missed

90% attendance means **19** school days missed

80% attendance means **38** school days missed

5 minutes late each day means **3** school days missed

Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.

Please be aware that unauthorised absences that exceed 5 school days during term time will receive a fixed penalty notice (FPN).

Remembrance Day

Thank you to the children that represented St Luke's at The Remembrance Day Services at the weekend.



Little Church

Come and join us on Sunday during 11am mass to take part in some activities about this week's Gospel.

Lion Cubs

It was lovely to see so many Lions and Cubs come and play this week. Come and join us again next week.

Cherry Class

Cherry class loved having some parents visit last week for Stay and Play! We did some Diwali crafts and presented them in assembly. Thankyou very much for coming!

In English we have been pretending to be Nibbles and acting out what he might say. We have been writing a diary entry to describe the things Nibbles has seen.

In maths year 1 have been learning about subtraction and different ways to find answers using manipulatives, images and different calculations.

In history year 1 comparing whether things are different or the same as schools 100 years ago. We found that some things are a bit different and a bit the same.

Reception have been exploring magnets and finding things in the classroom that are magnetic.

We have all been learning about British Values and what they mean to us. We talking about Democracy and voted for what we wanted to play with as a class.



Elm Class

Elm class have had an extremely busy week this week! In English, we have carried on with looking at the Owl who was Afraid of the Dark. We have focused this week on using adverbs and the conjunctions 'but' and 'or'.

In Maths, we have been looking at subtracting a 2 digit number from a 2 digit number, we found it tricky to begin with but with our resources we started to get it. In Science, we have been looking at what humans and animals need to survive, with completing a little experiment linked with how animals blend into their surroundings to protect them from predators.

In Geography this week we have discussed which country we would like to live in and why. Linking it to how close the continent is to the Equator. In PE, we have been carrying on with our gymnastics unit, with focusing on different jumps this week.

In Music, we have been singing in Swahili as part of our focus on African music. In 'The Way, The Truth and The Life' we have looked at Mary and Joseph's preparation for Jesus' birth.

On Wednesday, some of us took a visit to our Reading Castle and loved reading the different books - we can't wait for our slot again next Wednesday! Throughout the week we have also looked at our British Values, Parliament week, Anti-bullying week and Children in Need!



Yew Class

Another exciting and wonderful week in Yew Class! On Monday we celebrated World Kindness Day, each child was given a special card with a message of kindness to hand out to anyone of their choosing in our school community.

In science this week, we have been looking at the digestive system. We started our lesson by chewing bread and observing what happened to the food in our mouths. We also explored the process of food being broken down in the stomach. We placed crackers in a plastic bag and used orange juice to represent the stomach acid. We then squeezed the bag to break down the crackers and made observations of the changes that occurred.

This week we also celebrated antibullying week by wearing odd socks to school on Monday and creating an anti-bullying poster.

On Thursday, we took part in a lantern workshop for the Frodsham Christmas parade. The children had a wonderful time and the lanterns look amazing!



Cypress Class

We have had a great week in Cypress Tree Class! We started our new class novel this week called *The Last Wild*. We are already hooked and wondering what will happen next. In English, we have also started our new text and, on Wednesday, we watched a thought provoking advert which made people think about what they need to do to protect the tiger.

This week has been anti-bullying week and, as part of our RHE lessons, we have been thinking about what we can do to 'speak up' if we feel someone is not being kind towards others. We talked about who we could speak to and how we can make sure we promote kindness within our classroom and school.

It has also been Parliament Week this week and we have been finding out more about British Values and thinking about ways in which we can promote them within our school.

Today, the sun was shining again for our cricket sessions where we have been focusing on developing our catching technique before applying this to a game at the end of the lesson.



Award winners

Well done to this week's award winners...Please note we can only invite parents/carers of headteacher and subject award winners

Headteacher Awards



Subject Awards



Pride Awards

