



## Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - AUTUMN 1 NEWSLETTER

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**Executive Headteacher: Mrs S Hulme. Chair of Governors: Mr B Tomkins**

Safeguarding Statement: This school takes notice of and adheres to all the national and local policies and guidance in regard to Safeguarding Children and Young People.

Lead Safeguarding Person Junior School: Mrs M Kenny, Nursery & Infant School: Mrs. M Quinn.

Safeguarding Deputies: Mrs. S Hulme, Mrs F Black & Mr S Pratsis & Mrs E Heath, Safeguarding Governor: Mr. T Richmond

### **A message from Mrs Hulme**

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*Thank you for the kind donation of food that is currently being collected in each school. This will be given to St Philomena's School to be distributed by their foodbank team. These contributions are very much appreciated by our community in Carshalton and Sutton.*

*As a school group, you are most generous and this reflects the Catholic Social Teaching values that are used as a focus in lessons.*

*We are delighted to be celebrating Harvest Mass in each school: - this last week at the Junior School by Fr Anthony from St Margaret's Parish and next Wednesday at the Infant School by Fr Patrick from The Holy Family Parish.*

*Sharon Doherty, Deputy Director of Southwark Catholic Education Commission will be visiting each school on Tuesday. This forms part of their annual monitoring process.*

*Staff are looking forward to meeting with parents over the next two weeks to discuss their child's current learning. The routine has worked really well, having 5 minutes to look at the books and a strict timeslot to meet with the teacher. The feedback has been positive, as we have eliminated the waiting around time. This invitation is for parents only, we are unable to accommodate children on these evenings.*

*It is pleasing to have settled sunny weather continue into October, may you all continue to enjoy it, the children do every playtime! Long may it continue.*



**"Every person is worthy of our giving...they are God's handiwork, his creation."**

**Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium (The Joy of the Gospel) #274, 2013**

The gifts from God, which we receive through the harvest, has really been on our minds this week. The Junior Assembly on Friday afternoon helped us understand a little about the Jewish festival of Sukkot. Sukkot celebrates the gathering of the harvest and the protection God gave the children of Israel when they left Egypt. Your child(ren) may be able to tell you about how Jewish families celebrate together.

Year 4 organised our Harvest Mass, which was celebrated on Thursday by Fr Anthony. Your lovely pictures created as part of Family Homework look amazing when put together to fill giant baskets on the wall behind the altar. Your generous donations of food for our community foodbank have been collected into dozens of plastic bags and boxes and will be received gratefully by families who need them.

This week's assembly focuses on Human Dignity. Luc the deer reminds us that each of us is special and made in God's image. We recognise this dignity by our contributions to those less fortunate than us.

Thank you for your pictures, contributions and prayers.

**Table Talk: Does opening a window change the size of the room?**

# News for the week



## Star of the Week!

Reception Star of the Week begins from Autumn 2 Term

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| 1 Robin      | Bruno      |
| 1 Sparrow    | Blanka     |
| 1 Wren       | Millie P   |
| 2 Heron      | Penny      |
| 2 Jay        | Victoria K |
| 2 Woodpecker | Jack       |



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|----------------|---------|
| 3 Hawthorn     | Jacamo  |
| 3 Mulberry     | Cian    |
| 3 Willow       | Dexter  |
| 4 Ash          | Aaron   |
| 4 Poplar       | Martyna |
| 4 Rowan        | Olo     |
| 5 Birch        | Jan     |
| 5 Elm          | Zac     |
| 5 Sycamore     | Akshara |
| 6 Chestnut     | Ethan   |
| 6 Copper Beech | Louis   |
| 6 Oak          | Gayoon  |

## This weeks house points ...



- In 4th place is Clitheroe with 763 house points
- In 3rd place is Fisher with 803 house points
- In 2nd place is Becket with 971 house points
- And in 1st place is More with 1,323 house points



## Mayor's (Greater London Authority) Funding of Free School Lunches for Junior Children 2023/2024

Although the Mayor's initiative means that all Junior pupils can get free school meals for this academic year, it is still really important that where any pupil is eligible for means-tested free school meals parents should apply for them. This has several benefits:

- they are eligible for meal vouchers in the school holidays
- the school benefits from pupil premium funding which is linked to the claim
- the Mayor's scheme is currently only funded through to July 24, so where pupils are eligible for means-tested meals they can continue to receive these once the Mayor's scheme ends.

If any parents/carers have any questions, please contact Mrs Allen at either school.  
<https://www.sutton.gov.uk/w/apply-for-free-school-meals>



As a school, we aim for 97.4% attendance, which would bring us in line with expectations; unfortunately, many children had not achieved this percentage last term. We really need the help of our parents to raise our attendance this term by ensuring children are attending school each day.

|               | Yearly Total to Date % |
|---------------|------------------------|
| Infant School | 97.8%                  |
| Junior School | 97.6%                  |

| Registration Group | Attendance % | Punctuality (late) % |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Froglet N          | 96.4         | 0.46                 |
| R Fox              | 99.2         | 0.15                 |
| R Hedgehog         | 98.4         | 0.07                 |
| R Squirrel         | 95.3         | 0.52                 |
| 1 Robin            | 96.6         | 0.50                 |
| 1 Wren             | 98.3         | 0.08                 |
| 1 Sparrow          | 97.9         | 0.07                 |
| 2 Jay              | 99.2         | 0.14                 |
| 2 Woodpecker       | 97.8         | 0.43                 |
| 2 Heron            | 98.5         | 0.30                 |
| 3 Mulberry         | 98.5         | 0.14                 |
| 3 Willow           | 99.9         | 0                    |
| 3 Hawthorn         | 98.0         | 0.28                 |
| 4 Poplar           | 97.9         | 0.42                 |
| 4 Ash              | 98.4         | 0.07                 |
| 4 Rowan            | 97.7         | 0.07                 |
| 5 Elm              | 96.3         | 0.67                 |
| 5 Birch            | 99.3         | 0.07                 |
| 5 Sycamore         | 98.0         | 0.22                 |
| 6 Chestnut         | 96.5         | 0.07                 |
| 6 Oak              | 95.1         | 0.15                 |
| 6 Copper Beech     | 95.6         | 0.19                 |



Nine of our Year 6 students had fun attending a multi-sports event at Purley Sports Club on Monday. There, the students took part in cricket, tennis, squash and hockey training and we received lots of positive feedback about their attitude, listening and behaviour. Thanks to the parents who took them to the event and stayed to cheer them on.

## Wednesday Word

Please click on the link below to access the weekly Wednesday Word - <https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday->

## Dates for the Diary

**TBC means To Be Confirmed (dates may be subject to change)**

|  | NURSERY & INFANT SCHOOL  | JUNIOR SCHOOL   |
|--|--|---|
| <b>Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>                            | SEND Parent Consultations at 4pm – 5.45pm  |   |
| <b>Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>                          | SEND Parent Consultations at 4pm – 5.45pm  | 3 Hawthorn Class Assembly @ 2.45pm – Parents Welcome  |
| <b>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>                         | Recp – Yr 2 Flu Immunisation forms need to be handed in by today<br>1 Robin Class Assembly at 2.45pm – Parents Welcome<br>School Governors Inclusion Committee Meeting | Primary Borough Cross Country 2-4pm 4,5 & 6 at Sutton Grammar School<br>SEND Parent Consultations at 4pm – 5.45pm<br>School Governors Inclusion Committee Meeting |
| <b>Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>                           | Y2 After School Treat Sales  | Year 6 Swimming Lessons 1.30pm – 3pm<br>SEND Parent Consultations at 4pm – 5.45pm   |
| <b>Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>                           | Parent Consultations at 3.30pm – 6pm<br>Book Fair – More information to follow   | Book Fair – More information to follow<br>Privilege Tie Assembly at 2.30pm<br>Football (Boys) St. Mary's vs Hackbridge Primary playing away                       |
| <b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>                          | Parent Consultations at 4pm – 7pm  | Parent Consultations at 4pm – 7pm   |
| <b>Weds 18<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>                          | Individual & Sibling Photo Day   | Individual & Sibling Photo Day<br>Parent Consultations at 3.30pm – 6pm  |
| <b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>                         | Recp – Yr 2 – Flu Immunisations<br>1 Wren Class Assembly at 2.45pm – Parents Welcome   | Flu Immunisation Years 3 - 6  |
| <b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>                           |  | Year 6 Swimming Lessons 1.30pm – 3pm  |
| <b>Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> | <b>OCTOBER HALF TERM<br/>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>   | <b>OCTOBER HALF TERM<br/>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>  |
| <b>Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>                           | <b>FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN 2 TERM</b>  | <b>FIRST DAY OF AUTUMN 2 TERM</b>   |
| <b>Tues 31<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>                          |  | 3 Mulberry Class Assembly at 8.50am – Parents Welcome   |
| <b>Weds 1<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>                           |  | 4 Rowan Class Assembly at 2.45pm – Parents Welcome<br>Football St. Mary's A&B Teams vs Stanley Park Juniors at St. Philomena's field                              |
| <b>Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>                          | 1 Sparrow Class Assembly at 2.45pm – Parents Welcome   |   |
| <b>Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b>                            |  | Year 6 Swimming Lessons 1.30pm – 3pm  |
| <b>Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>                           |  | Year 6 Height & Weights   |
| <b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>                           |  | Year 6 Swimming Lessons 1.30pm – 3pm<br>Y5 After School Treat Sales   |
| <b>Tues 14<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>                          | PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School  | PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School   |
| <b>Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>                          |  | 3 Willow Class Assembly at 2.45pm – Parents Welcome<br>St. Mary's<br>Netball St. Mary's A&B Teams vs Holy Trinity at St. Philomena's court                        |
| <b>Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>                         | School Governors Resources Committee Meeting<br>School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting  | School Governors Resources Committee Meeting<br>School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting   |
| <b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>                           |  | Year 6 Swimming Lessons 1.30pm – 3pm  |
| <b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>                          |  | Yrs 5 & 6 Athletics at Wallington High School   |

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| <b>Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>                          |   | 5 Sycamore Class Assembly at 8.50am – Parents Welcome<br>Red Wednesday                                    |
| <b>Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>                           |   | Year 6 Swimming Lessons 1.30pm – 3pm  |
| <b>Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>                          |   | <b>Yrs 3 &amp; 4 Sports Hall Athletics 1.30-3.30pm at Wallington High School</b>                          |
| <b>Weds 29<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>                          |   | 6 Oak Class Assembly at 8.50am – Parents Welcome  |
| <b>Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>                         |   | <b>Yrs 5 &amp; 6 RFL A, B Festival 10-12.30pm at John Fisher Playing Field</b>                            |
| <b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>                            |   | Year 6 Swimming Lessons 1.30pm – 3pm  |
| <b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>                           | School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting  | School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting  |
| <b>Weds 6<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>                           |   | 4 Ash Class Assembly at 2.45pm – Parents Welcome  |
| <b>Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>                            | PTA Bottle Mufti Day – More details to follow!  | PTA Bottle Mufti Day – More details to follow!  |
| <b>Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>                            | PTA Christmas Fayre – More details to follow!   | PTA Christmas Fayre – More details to follow!   |
| <b>Weds 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>                          |   | 5 Birch Class Assembly at 8.50am – Parents Welcome  |
| <b>Weds 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>                          |   | 6 Copper Beech Class Assembly at 8.50am – Parents Welcome<br>Junior School Fayre – More details to follow |
| <b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>                         | <b>LAST DAY OF AUTUMN 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM</b>   | <b>LAST DAY OF AUTUMN 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM</b>   |
| <b>Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>                            | <b>INSET DAY 3 SCHOOL CLOSED</b>  | <b>INSET DAY 3 SCHOOL CLOSED</b>  |
| <b>Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>                           | <b>FIRST DAY OF SPRING 1 TERM</b>   | <b>FIRST DAY OF SPRING 1 TERM</b>   |
| <b>Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Jan – Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>  | SEND Parent Academic Review Week  | SEND Parent Academic Review Week  |
| <b>Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>                          | PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School   | PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School   |
| <b>Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>                            | PTA Coffee Morning at 9am in the Infant School  | PTA Coffee Morning at 9am in the Infant School  |
| <b>Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>   | Parent Academic Review Week   | Parent Academic Review Week   |
| <b>Weds 7<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>                           | School Governors Inclusion Committee Meeting  | School Governors Inclusion Committee Meeting  |
| <b>Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>                            | Y1 After School Treat Sales   |   |
| <b>Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> | <b>FEBRUARY HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED</b>   | <b>FEBRUARY HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED</b>   |
| <b>Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>                           | <b>FIRST DAY OF SPRING 2 TERM</b>   | <b>FIRST DAY OF SPRING 2 TERM</b>   |
| <b>Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>                           | PTA International Fayre – More details to follow!   | PTA International Fayre – More details to follow!   |
| <b>Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Mar</b>                            | PTA Wine/Gin Tasting (Adult Event) – More details to follow!  | PTA Wine/Gin Tasting (Adult Event) – More details to follow!  |
| <b>Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>                           | School Governors Resources Committee Meeting<br>School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting | School Governors Resources Committee Meeting<br>School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting |
| <b>Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Mar – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Apr</b> | PTA Sponsored Read Event – More details to follow!  | PTA Sponsored Read Event – More details to follow!  |
| <b>Weds 27<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>                          | School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting  | School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting  |
| <b>Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>                         | <b>LAST DAY OF SPRING 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM</b>   | <b>LAST DAY OF SPRING 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM</b>   |

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| <b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>                           | <b>INSET DAY 4<br/>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>  | <b>INSET DAY 4<br/>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>  |
| <b>Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>                          | <b>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 1 TERM</b>   | <b>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 1 TERM</b>   |
| <b>Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>                           |   | PTA Junior School Disco – More details to follow!   |
| <b>Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>                           |   | Y3 After School Treat Sales   |
| <b>Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>                         | PTA AGM Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School   | PTA AGM Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School   |
| <b>Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>                            | <b>EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY<br/>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>   | <b>EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY<br/>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>   |
| <b>Fri 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>                           | PTA Ladies Night (Adult Event) – More details to follow!  | PTA Ladies Night (Adult Event) – More details to follow!  |
| <b>Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>                           | YR After School treat Sales   |   |
| <b>Tues 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>                          | PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School   | PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School   |
| <b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May</b> | <b>MAY HALF TERM<br/>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>  | <b>MAY HALF TERM<br/>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>  |
| <b>Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>                           | <b>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM</b>   | <b>FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM</b>   |
| <b>Weds 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>                          | School Governors Inclusion Committee Meeting  | School Governors Inclusion Committee Meeting  |
| <b>Mon 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>                          | <b>INSET DAY 5 – TBC<br/>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>  | <b>INSET DAY 5 – TBC<br/>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>  |
| <b>Fri 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>                          |   | Y4 After School Treat Sales   |
| <b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>                         | School Governors Resources Committee Meeting<br>School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting | School Governors Resources Committee Meeting<br>School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting |
| <b>Fri 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>                           | PTA Bottle Mufti Day – More details to follow!  | PTA Bottle Mufti Day – More details to follow!  |
| <b>Sat 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>                           | PTA Summer Fayre – More details to follow!  | PTA Summer Fayre – More details to follow!  |
| <b>Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>                        | School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting  | School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting  |
| <b>Weds 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>                         | <b>LAST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM<br/>SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM</b>   | <b>LAST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM<br/>SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM</b>   |

**General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR)**

The 'UK General Data Protection Regulation' (UK GDPR) brought about changes about how we can use your personal data and keep it safe, and strengthens your rights over your own data. Please refer to our privacy notices on the school's website for details of how sensitive or private information about yourselves and your children stays safe.