

Friday 24th November 2023 - AUTUMN 2 NEWSLETTER

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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,

I hope you have had some time this week to appreciate the glorious colours of the trees especially with a clear blue-sky backdrop from time to time. It is important to stand still sometimes to take this time for yourself.

Thank you to the parents who were able to come into school to work alongside their child whilst learning maths this week. The children look forward to these times whilst giving you an opportunity to see what goes on during the day too.

Your child may have come home telling you that over the past few weeks they have been included in a group feeding back to a teacher about their lessons. We call this pupil conferencing where we ask their children to tell us about the learning in a particular subject. This is part of our curriculum monitoring and is a useful way of gathering information.

I have also met with groups of pupils to establish what happens when things go wrong within friendship groups on the playground. Again it is an opportunity to get to know the children better whilst forming a picture of the informal times in school.

We are now well into the preparations for Christmas, starting with Yr 3 Penitential Service next week. After many years of having Mr Peto videoing the concerts, we are rethinking the filming of the Christmas presentations this year and will keep you informed.



This week, we must thank all members of our community for the support given to two projects at school.

Your generous donations to Operation Elf will enable many children to receive Christmas gifts this year from their parents who are in local prisons. This contact enables families to keep strong ties, which can reduce reoffending. Your generous donations to the Chocolate Raffle raised a huge amount of money. Across the Federation we have been able to send PaCT £516.

For more information on how this generosity will support other families, please visit <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/operation-elf#:~:text=Operation%20Elf%20supports%20parents%20in,strengthen%20family%20bonds.>

On November 22nd, we participated again in **#RedWednesday**. Some children and staff wore a red item to show their support and we all prayed in school for an end to the persecution of people for their faith.


5 Sycamore prepared an assembly for Years 5 and 6 to help us understand more about the need to break the silence on the difficulties some people face.

Year 5 also decided to **#go2Mass** for someone who cannot. They walked to Holy Cross to join parishioners for Mass, representing a child in Ukraine who is unable to go to a church and receive the Eucharist. Fr Henry was delighted that Mr Patrick organised the music (which was appropriate for St. Cecilia's Day - the patron saint of musicians!). Many parishioners commented on how reverent the children were, how lovely their singing was, and how delighted they were to see our children reading, serving and participating in Mass by singing and taking up the offertory.

More information (for adults) about why we participate in **#RedWednesday** please visit <https://acnuk.org/our-campaigns/redwednesday/>

Table Talks - Can you love someone too much?


News for the week



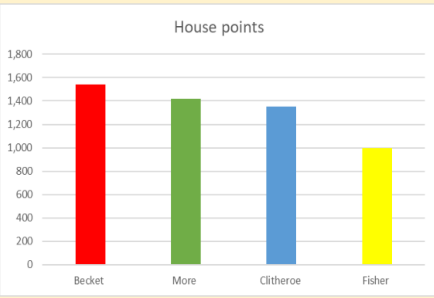
Star of the Week!

Reception Star of the Week will begin soon!

RH	Anna	1R	Isla
RF	Next week	1S	Nela
RS	Olivia	1W	Evie
		2H	Nathan
		2J	Katelyn
		2W	Nina



This weeks house points ...



House	Points
Becket	1,539
More	1,417
Clitheroe	1,352
Fisher	1,000

- In 4th place with 1,000 house points is Fisher
- In 3rd place with 1,352 house points is More
- In 2nd place with 1,417 house points is More
- And in 1st place with 1,539 house points is Becket

Medical

Please could parents/carers be reminded that when children have vomited, school policy states Children with [diarrhoea](#) or [vomiting](#) should stay away from school for 2 days (48 hours) after their symptoms have gone.



Star Writer

Star Writer will return next week.

Year 6 have been warmly welcomed at the Sutton Synagogue as part of the "other faiths" area of the RE curriculum. We have a range of faiths studied over the year across both schools. All "offsite" trips are prepared for and include an extensive risk assessment and this sometimes includes times when we get advice from LA Sutton. The visit to the synagogue was one of those times.

School Expectations

We respectfully ask you to keep to the expectations for both children and adults that no scooting or cycling happens in school grounds.

Christmas Cards in school

We will be preparing cards for each other in school once again this year. Please do not send cards into school for friends to be distributed. We will however, be inviting messages once again to be played on the screen at the junior school with a donation for CAFOD.



Gaelic football

On Wednesday afternoon, two teams from Year 6 took part in a number of Gaelic football matches against St Peter and Paul Primary School. Year 6 have been learning Gaelic football in their PE lessons for a number of weeks and this was a great opportunity to put their skills into practice. The teams played brilliantly together, winning a number of games and having a great time while they did so. Thank you to all the parents and family members who took the children to and from the event, it was a great success!



Boys B team football

Our boys B team played their first game on Monday against Foresters Primary School. The boys played really well together and worked hard on passing the ball well to each other and looking for space. Unfortunately, the boys did not come away with a win, but I am sure they will be back stronger for the next game! Thank you to all the families who came to support.





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	96.3%
Junior School	96.5%

Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (late) %	Registration Group	Attendance %	Punctuality (late) %
Froglet N	93.3%	0.56%	3 Mulberry	98.1%	0.21%
R Fox	96.3%	0.19%	3 Willow	97.6%	0.06%
R Hedgehog	97.0%	0.74%	3 Hawthorn	96.7%	0.43%
R Squirrel	96.2%	0.82%	4 Poplar	97.1%	0.39%
1 Robin	96.5%	0.92%	4 Ash	97.4%	0.52%
1 Wren	96.4%	0.20%	4 Rowan	96.9%	0.19%
1 Sparrow	95.9%	0.37%	5 Elm	93.9%	0.81%
2 Jay	97.5%	0.12%	5 Birch	97.5%	0.25%
2 Woodpecker	97.2%	0.22%	5 Sycamore	96.7%	0.34%
2 Heron	95.8%	0.52%	6 Chestnut	96.8%	0.35%
			6 Oak	96.3%	0.19%
			6 Copper Beech	96.7%	0.09%

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
Tues 28th Nov		Selected teams in Yrs 3 & 4 Sports Hall Athletics 1.30-3.30pm at Wallington High School Year 3 Penitential Service 6.30 – 7.30pm in the school hall
Weds 29th Nov	Year 2 visiting St. Philomena's Year 3 Open Day for September intake 2024 at the Junior School Tour at 2pm, Talk from 2.30pm – 3pm	6 Oak Class Assembly at 9am – Parents Welcome Year 3 Open Day for September intake 2024 at the Junior School Tour at 2pm, Talk from 2.30pm – 3pm Boys A Football Team St. Mary's vs Tweedale at St. Philomena's field
Thurs 30th Nov	Year 2 Maths Workshop – Sign up via email link	Year 3 to St. Philomena's to watch the GCSE Performance at 9.15am Year 4 Maths Workshops – Sign up via email link Year 5 Maths Classroom Drop Ins Selected teams in Yrs 5 & 6 RFL A, B Festival 10-12.30pm at John Fisher Playing Field
Fri 1st Dec		Year 6 Swimming Lessons 1.30pm – 3pm 6 CB return at 3.30pm
Tues 5th Dec	School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting	School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting
Weds 6th Dec		4 Ash Class Assembly at 2.45pm – Parents Welcome
Thurs 7th Dec	Nursery Nativity at 10am – TBC	Year 3 Maths Workshops – Sign up via email link

	Year 2 Christingle service at Holy Cross at 6pm Year 1 Maths Workshop – Sign up via email link Year 2 Maths Classrooms Drop Ins	Year 4 Maths Classrooms Drop Ins
Fri 8th Dec	PTA Bottle Mufti Day – More details to follow!	PTA Bottle Mufti Day – More details to follow!
Sat 9th Dec	PTA Christmas Fayre – More details to follow!	PTA Christmas Fayre – More details to follow!
Mon 11th Dec	No Clubs running from this week Year 1 Maths Classrooms Drop Ins Year 1 Carols around the crib at 3.30pm	No Clubs running from this week Year 3 Maths Classrooms Drop Ins
Tues 12th Dec	Reception Hedgehog Nativity at 9.30am	
Weds 13th Dec	Christmas Lunch – Christmas Jumper/Accessory Day	5 Birch Class Assembly at 8.50am – Parents Welcome Christmas Lunch – Christmas jumper/accessory day
Thurs 14th Dec	Reception Squirrel Nativity at 9.30am	Year 3 Christmas Nativity at 1.30pm Year 3 Christmas Nativity at 7pm
Fri 15th Dec	Reception Fox Nativity at 9.30am	Christmas Accessory Day in exchange for chocolate donations – Junior School Only St. Mary's Got Talent 'In House' Chess Club – Last session this week
Mon 18th Dec	PTA Christmas Shop	Music Night
Tues 19th Dec	PTA Christmas Shop	Whole School visit to the Pantomime at Epsom Playhouse
Weds 20th Dec		6 Copper Beech Class Assembly at 9am – Parents Welcome Junior School Fayre
Thurs 21st Dec	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM	LAST DAY OF AUTUMN 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM
Mon 8th Jan	INSET DAY 3 SCHOOL CLOSED	INSET DAY 3 SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 9th Jan	FIRST DAY OF SPRING 1 TERM	FIRST DAY OF SPRING 1 TERM
Mon 29th Jan – Fri 2nd Feb	SEND Parent Academic Review Week	SEND Parent Academic Review Week
Tues 30th Jan	PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School	PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School
Fri 2nd Feb	PTA Coffee Morning at 9am in the Infant School	PTA Coffee Morning at 9am in the Infant School
Mon 5th Feb – Fri 9th Feb	Parent Academic Review Week	Parent Academic Review Week
Weds 7th Feb	School Governors Inclusion Committee Meeting	School Governors Inclusion Committee Meeting
Fri 9th Feb	Y1 After School Treat Sales	
Mon 12th Feb – Fri 16th Feb	FEBRUARY HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED	FEBRUARY HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 19th Feb	FIRST DAY OF SPRING 2 TERM	FIRST DAY OF SPRING 2 TERM
Sat 24th Feb	PTA International Fayre – More details to follow!	PTA International Fayre – More details to follow!
Fri 1st Mar	PTA Wine/Gin Tasting (Adult Event) – More details to follow!	PTA Wine/Gin Tasting (Adult Event) – More details to follow!
Tues 5th Mar	School Governors Resources Committee Meeting School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting	School Governors Resources Committee Meeting School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting
Mon 25th Mar – Fri 19th Apr	PTA Sponsored Read Event – More details to follow!	PTA Sponsored Read Event – More details to follow!
Weds 27th Mar	School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting	School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting

Thurs 28th Mar	LAST DAY OF SPRING 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM	LAST DAY OF SPRING 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM
Mon 15th Apr	INSET DAY 4 SCHOOL CLOSED	INSET DAY 4 SCHOOL CLOSED
Tues 16th Apr	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 1 TERM	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 1 TERM
Fri 19th Apr		PTA Junior School Disco – More details to follow!
Fri 26th Apr		Y3 After School Treat Sales
Thurs 25th Apr	PTA AGM Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School	PTA AGM Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School
Mon 6th May	EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED	EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 10th May	PTA Ladies Night (Adult Event) – More details to follow!	PTA Ladies Night (Adult Event) – More details to follow!
Fri 17th May	YR After School treat Sales	
Tues 21st May	PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School	PTA Committee Meeting at 7pm in the Infant School
Mon 27th May – Fri 31st May	MAY HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED	MAY HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED
Mon 3rd June	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM	FIRST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM
Weds 5th June	School Governors Inclusion Committee Meeting	School Governors Inclusion Committee Meeting
Mon 17th June	INSET DAY 5 – TBC SCHOOL CLOSED	INSET DAY 5 – TBC SCHOOL CLOSED
Fri 14th June		Y4 After School Treat Sales
Tues 25th June	School Governors Resources Committee Meeting School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting	School Governors Resources Committee Meeting School Governors Curriculum & Standards Committee Meeting
Fri 5th July	PTA Bottle Mufti Day – More details to follow!	PTA Bottle Mufti Day – More details to follow!
Sat 6th July	PTA Summer Fayre – More details to follow!	PTA Summer Fayre – More details to follow!
Thurs 11th July	School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting	School Governors Full Governing Body Committee Meeting
Weds 24th July	LAST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM	LAST DAY OF SUMMER 2 TERM SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2PM

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.