



# Friday Bulletin

Friday 26th January 2024

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# Message from Mr Dachtler



Dear Parents

Mark's Gospel this weekend spotlights Jesus' authority as a teacher. He is authentic and true. Something new for those in the temple. Someone that stands out.

We are blessed in our wonderful school to have a raft of individuals who teach in a variety of ways illustrated below...

Children from the faith team leading assemblies, children from the eco team guiding our environmental decision making, children from the sports leader team assisting with cycling club.

Support staff teaching key concepts to individuals and groups and supporting children pastorally. Class teachers going the extra mile to share projects with school Governors, liaise with FOST and run the extra booster sessions starting this week for reading, writing and maths.

You, as parents are of course your child's first and foremost teacher. Set apart by God to guide and support your child into adulthood.

It is then, with the same authenticity of Christ's teaching received by those in the temple, that we receive today the gift of teaching.

An opportunity to do good.

Enjoy the weekend.

Mr Dachtler



# BOOK TALK

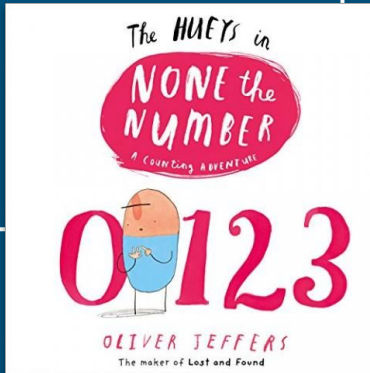
Last week, one of our book recommendations was illustrated by Oliver Jeffers, and we were reminded that he is a fantastic writer, too, so all of this week's book recommendations are written and illustrated by him.



## EYFS

### The Hueys in None the Number

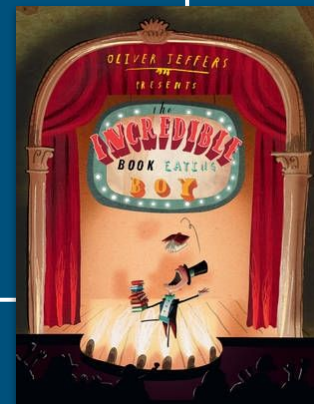
A counting book that begins and ends with a debate between two of the characters about whether or not none is a number. In between the numbers from one to ten are parade in imaginative and unexpected ways.



## Key Stage 1

### The Incredible Book Eating Boy

Henry loves to consume books, quite literally. By an amazing quirk of his digestive system, he absorbs the information from them into his brain. Ultimately, however, the number and speed with which he scoffs the books, leads to indigestion and Henry needs to change his culinary habits.

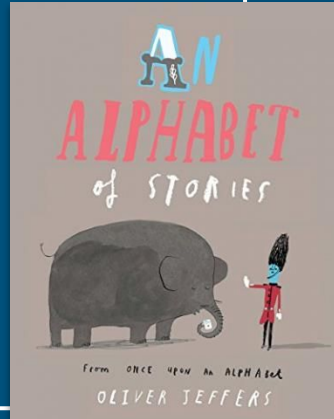


# BOOK TALK

## LKS2

### An Alphabet of Stories

A brilliant, humorously executed, concept based around the idea that each letter must have a story because 'If words make up stories, and letters make up words, then stories are made of letters'. A very brief story is attributed to each letter. Thus battling Bernard and Bob burn a bridge, and Mary discovers that molecules matter.

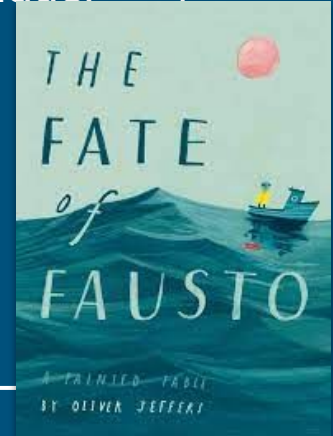


## UKS2

### The Fate of Fausto

Fausto is a man who stakes a claim on all he meets. He encounters compliance from a flower, a sheep and a tree. He meets resistance from a mighty mountain but overcomes this with overweening persistence.

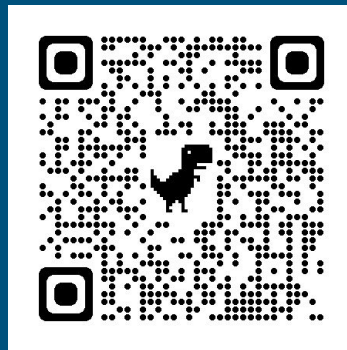
Then Fausto sets out to conquer the sea and finds that the calm strength of nature is more powerful than human avarice and pride. This modern fable has a clear message for its readers.



# School Library Wishlist



Our children at St Teresa's love to read, and by buying a book from our wish list, you will help to continually improve the range of books we can offer in the school library. Each book will be labelled with the name of the family who donated it, so please remember to add your child's name and class to the gift message so we know who donated the books. Click on the link [here](#) or scan the QR code opposite to buy and donate a book. Please choose the St Teresa's delivery option when you check out.



Thank you to the **Dudek and Quilty families** for their generous donations.

# Headlines of the week



# Nursery



## SUPERTATO!

This week we began a brand new story called 'Supertato'. Nursery have loved exploring this story and the two characters, 'Supertato' and 'Evil Pea'.

They have been busy making their own supertato's, superhero masks and exploring with paint during messy play. As well as shopping in our fruit and veg shop, our super math brains have been matching the fruit with the correct number too.

A SUPER week Nursery!!



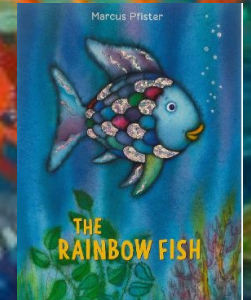
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# Reception

Reception have had another wonderful week! The children have been creating their own storyboards following the story 'The Rainbow Fish'. They have included the characters, setting and the plot.

In Maths, the children have been exploring 3D shapes through playing 'shape shop' and going on a 3D shape hunt!

The children also visited the Church and had the opportunity to ask Canon Michael questions in relation to their 'Religious Celebrations' topic in RE.



# Year 1



We have had another great week in Year 1. We have been writing character descriptions, adding numbers within 20 and thinking about why Jesus is a special person. We also learnt about real life heroes in our PSHE lessons and how they help us.

Our highlight for this week was attending the KS1 Phase Liturgy in which we sang hymns and had time to reflect with God.

## Our NED champions this week:

**1KH:** Gabriel is our NED champion this week. He has been showing a fantastic growth mindset in maths, which he can sometimes find tricky and he has been making excellent contributions in class discussions. Well done Gabriel!

**1LH:** Noah is our NED champion this week, he has been working extremely hard with his handwriting to ensure he is forming all letters correctly. He also made some wonderful contributions in our PSHE lessons sharing all about who his real life hero is.

# Year 2



Hello parents, it's been **another busy week in Year 2.**

Children were lucky enough to **visit Deacon Con at St Teresa's Church** on Tuesday, to find out more about the **different special books** that are used during **Mass**.

In **English lessons** we have been working hard to improve writing by creating a **setting description of a storm** in the middle of the sea.

In **Maths** we have been learning about **money, money, money** and getting used to counting in both **pounds and pence**.

And during **Geography** this week we have been **learning more about** the wonderful country that is **China**.

This week our **wonderful NED champions** are: **Milita in 2LM** and **Mathias in 2CM**. **Well done to you both!** 😊

# Year 3

Another fun week was had! We started a new topic in maths about measurements. We used a ruler to measure in millimetres and centimetres. In RE, we went on our own pilgrimage around the school singing psalms and exploring why it was important in Jesus' time. Newspaper article writing was the focus in English this week- we wrote about the discovery of Tut's tomb. We have also been exploring the importance of the River Nile on life in Ancient Egypt in History.



## ★ NED CHAMPIONS ★

### 3EW- Joshua E

Joshua has worked incredibly hard in all lessons this week. He has concentrated, listened and contributed some great ideas. He has particularly worked well on our new topic in maths.

### 3M - Rachael

Rachael has shown her determination to succeed in every subject we are working on. Her positive attitude and perseverance is an inspiration. Keep up the great work Rachael!



# Year 4



Year 4 deepened their knowledge and skills in Science this week based on their continuing topic on 'States of Matter.' We created an investigation, thinking about variables, to find out the melting point of chocolate. We used varying temperatures of water to see how long it would take for the chocolate to melt.

We are also reading on in 'Odd and the Frost Giants' and thinking about adventurous and descriptive language to describe 'Asgaard' within the story and linking this to learning and using grammar terms like prepositional phrases. In Maths, we are coming to the end of our topic on 'Length and perimeter' which the children have enjoyed.

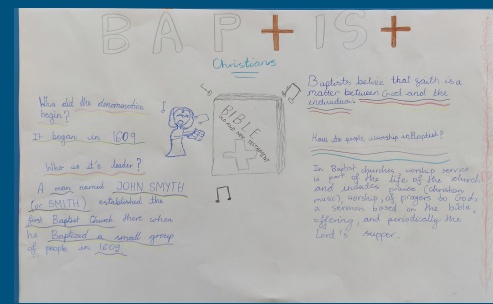
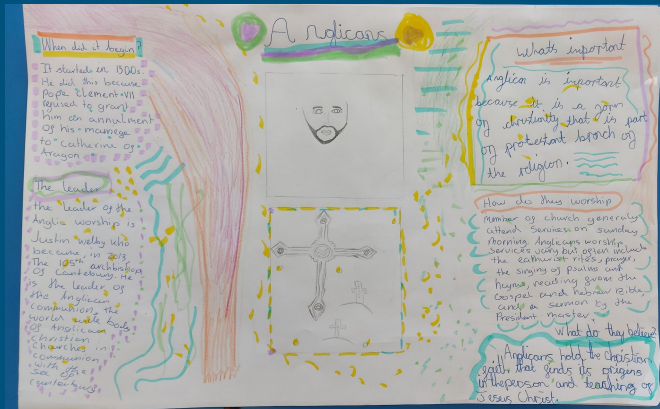
## Well done to our NED champions in Year 4

In 4D, Erick is our NED champion this week for his exemplary behaviour for learning! He does his best in everything he does and has consistently impressed me with his approach to any lesson. He is a shining example to others and should be so proud of himself!

In 4P, Elijah has been a superstar in maths this week, trying his best, working hard, learning from his mistakes and, in booster, working with focus and a determination to improve. He shows that 'smart' isn't something you are but something you become if you have a growth mindset.

# Year 5

Year 5 have had a fantastic week! They have worked hard to multiply fractions by an integer in maths as well as acting out many role plays in English. The children have been starting to consider how they will write a poem inspired by The Malfeasance. During RE, we discussed Christian unity and how we can follow our mission to unite everyone.



## Our NED champions this week:

5G - Geet ALWAYS puts in 100% effort and it has been so great to see her continued success and ambition in everything from maths to handwriting and, especially this week, spelling! Well done, Geet, and KEEP IT UP!

5C - Sam is our NED champion! He has approached our maths learning with a resilient attitude and a determination to continue working. During our geography lessons, he demonstrated a wealth of knowledge when it came to plate tectonics and mountains. Keep it up!

# Year 6

This week, as part of our exploration into Ancient Greece, we delved into the captivating world of Greek theatre. Our students explored the similarities and differences between contemporary theatre and its ancient counterpart. Engaging with a Greek tragedy script, the children showcased their acting talents, preparing for our upcoming end-of year production.

**Congratulations to our NED champions...**

**6W - Victor  
6F - Rianne**



# Noticeboard



## Reminders

Polite reminder - The playground toilets are for use by children **only**, if you are in need please go to the front office where there is an adult toilet.

Please see the next slides for all the exciting upcoming FOST events during the Spring Term!

## Upcoming key dates

- 2nd Feb - FOST Valentine's Disco

## Useful links

- [Contacting the school](#)
- [Term times](#)
- [Reporting absence](#)
- [School menu](#) (New for Autumn Term)
- [Religious Education](#) Spring Curriculum

# FOST

Spring 2024  
event schedule...



 **Friday 2nd  
February  
Valentine's  
Disco**

in the school hall  
[Click below to purchase tickets](#)

EYFS/KS1 3:30-5:15

KS2 5:30-7:15



**Thursday 29th  
February  
'Leap for Leap Day'**

during school time



**Friday 22nd  
March  
Easter Film  
Night**



in the school hall













**Times and ticket  
information coming soon.**



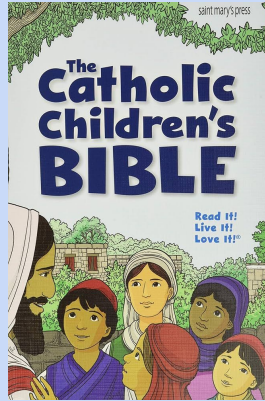
# FOST

## Spring 2024 event schedule...



What?	Where?	When?	How?
 <b>Valentine's Disco</b> 	<b>School Hall</b>  	<b>Friday 2nd Feb</b> <b>EYFS/KS1 3:30-5:15</b> <b>KS2 5:30-7:15</b> 	Click on the correct link below to purchase your tickets. <a href="#"><u>EYFS/KS1 3:30-5:15</u></a> <a href="#"><u>KS2 5:30-7:15</u></a> 
<b>Leap for Leap Day</b> 	<b>In school</b>  	<b>Thursday 29th Feb</b> During the school day	This is a <b><u>new event</u></b> to celebrate the rare occurrence of 29th February. <b><u>More information</u></b> about this fundraising event will be <b><u>available soon.</u></b>
 <b>Easter Film Night</b> 	<b>School Hall</b> 	<b>Friday 22nd March</b>  <b>TBC</b>	As promised, we are rescheduling our film night. <b><u>Times and ticket information coming soon.</u></b>

# Wonderful Word club!



Dear Parents/Carers,

Wonderful Word Club has been happening in school since Autumn one term.

Please encourage your children to join us and build a deeper knowledge of scripture or you may indeed like to do this together at home.

Come and discover the wonderful Word of God. Journey with us through the hot deserts of Israel, across the deep, Red Sea into Egypt, up into the cooler mountains around Sinai. Come and meet Jesus and His ancestors in the scriptures!

Take some time to open your mind and let God's words sink deep inside. We'll wonder, question, pray and together discover what God is asking us to do. **Every Wednesday 12:30-12:55pm.**

# Family Coffee Morning - Friday 26th January 2024

Please join us for the next family coffee morning. This will be led by Merton's NHS Wellbeing Service and Miss Gregory.

## Family Coffee Morning



The sessions will have a short presentation which will include different strategies, support and information on how to support your children. The sessions will be fun and informal. There will be lots of time to ask questions and share experiences.

**Friday 26th January 2024**

### 'Helping your child's fears and worries'

*Different ways you can:*

*Talk with your child about worries*

*- Identify key worries*

*- Support your child with their anxieties and worries*

*- Provides some key resources*

Time: 8.45am-9.30am

Location: The School Library

Miss Gregory (SENCo) and Mrs Cain (Jigsaw4u) will be at the session.

No need to book, just turn up!



## HELPING YOUR CHILD'S FEARS AND WORRIES

Wellbeing  
Support Service  
NHS In-School

**A webinar for St Teresa's parents delivered by Merton's NHS Education Wellbeing Service**

It can be hard sometimes to know how best to support your child's fears and worries. This webinar provides a range of guidance, tips and tools for supporting common childhood fears and worries including around loss.

This free webinar looks at different ways you can:

- Talk with your child about worries

- Identify key worries

- Support your child with their anxieties and worries

- Provides some key resources

**Dates:**

-Friday 26th of January 12.30-1.30pm

-Thursday 8th of February 7.30-8.30pm

Scan the QR code or [click here](#) to hear more and sign up. Limited free tickets available.

