



Friday Bulletin

Friday 3rd November 2023

LOVE | TRUST | TEAMWORK | AMBITION

Message from Mr Dachtler



It was great to see children refreshed and back in school after a very well deserved half term break!

The beginning of November is a busy time in the liturgical calendar as we think about the great many Saints that intercede for us before thinking about those souls called to be with the Father in heaven.

Class 4D celebrate the feast day of their very own Saint, St. Martin De Porres, a 16th century Peruvian trailblazer who was known for his work alongside the poorest of the working classes and his care for animals. His story echoes the themes of servant leadership illustrated through Matthew's Gospel this weekend as Christ promotes equality and warns against an abuse of power - a message that resonates today in our fractured world.

I sincerely hope that the month of All Souls and the acts of Remembrance we are encouraged to take part in for Armistice Day this weekend, remind us of what it is to love and care for one another as brothers and sisters in Christ.



Thinking of everyone

The Common Good

Community
spotlight.



EYFS and Key Stage 1



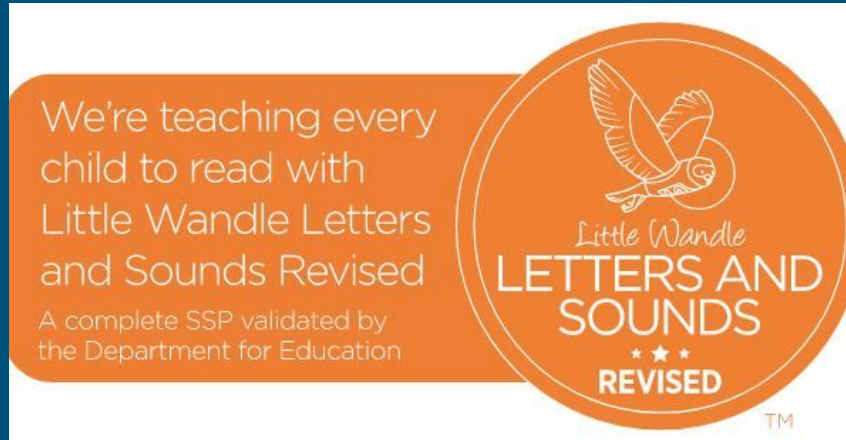
As mentioned in our Phonics presentation

Follow the links below for resources that will help you support your child with saying their sounds and writing their letters.

There are also some useful videos so you can see how they are taught at school and feel confident about supporting their reading at home.

[For parents | Letters and Sounds](#)

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Dear Parents, Grandparents and Guardians,

Peace be with You 🙏

I hope this message finds you well. I invite you to a special gathering planned for Monday, November 6th, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

I hope that you can attend the event. We look forward to seeing you and welcoming you. Our meeting is geared towards providing a space for mothers, fathers, grandparents, and toddlers to come together and build a sense of community.

During this time, we will be offering a buffet-style meal, where you can enjoy a delicious spread of food while mingling with other families. It's a perfect opportunity to share your joys, challenges, and experiences of raising children in today's world.

As part of the gathering, I will also be offering a special blessing for you and your family. It's important to remember that your role as a parent or guardian is a sacred one, and it deserves recognition and support. We will be distributing Miraculous Medals as a symbol of our prayers and blessings for your family.

Additionally, I would like to take some time for a reflection on family life. We will delve into the unique joys and struggles that come with nurturing and guiding young ones in faith and love. Your feedback on parish life will also be valued, as we strive to create a welcoming and supportive environment for families within St Teresa's community.

We understand that many of you may have to pick up your older children from school or nursery, so we have carefully chosen the time to accommodate those needs. Please let us know if you are able to attend, as it will assist us in organising the catering appropriately.

In closing, I want to extend my heartfelt blessing to you and your family, and especially your family home. May God's grace and love be abundant in your lives as you navigate the beautiful journey of parenthood.

Your brother in Christ,

Canon Michael 🙏



A message to parents,
grandparents and guardians
from Canon Michael.



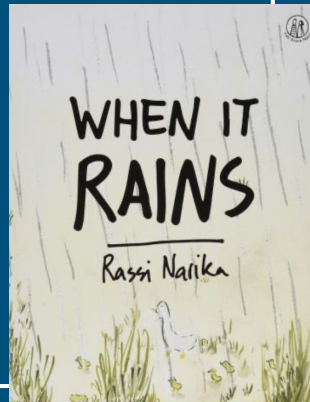
BOOK TALK - As Storm Ciarán sweeps across the country rain is the theme of our book recommendations this week.



EYFS

When It Rains by Rassi Narika

Kira has always felt gloomy whenever it rains. She can't read outside, can't play in the park, and has to wear all her thickest clothes. Then one day her friends Ana and Ilo ask her to join them on an adventure outside during another downpour. Kira discovers the joy of all the things that happen outside when it rains.

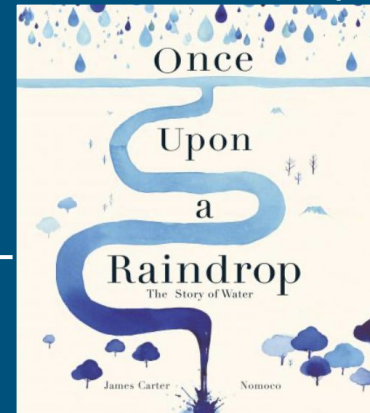


Key Stage 1

Once Upon a Raindrop

by James Carter

This poetic narrative explores the story of water. He begins by pondering its origins in time and space, goes on to relate its movement through the water cycle and describes how essential it is to our survival.

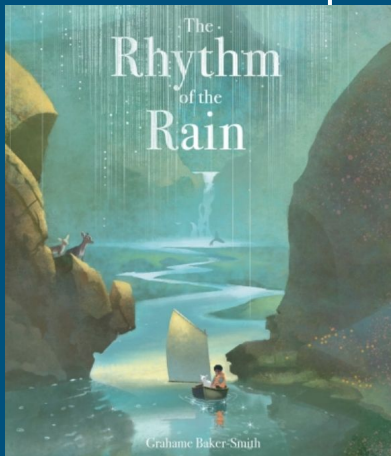


BOOK TALK

Lower Key Stage 2

The Rhythm of the Rain by Grahame Baker-Smith

The ubiquity of water throughout the world, its necessity to humans and animals and how the water cycle works are all explored in an imaginative combination of words and pictures.



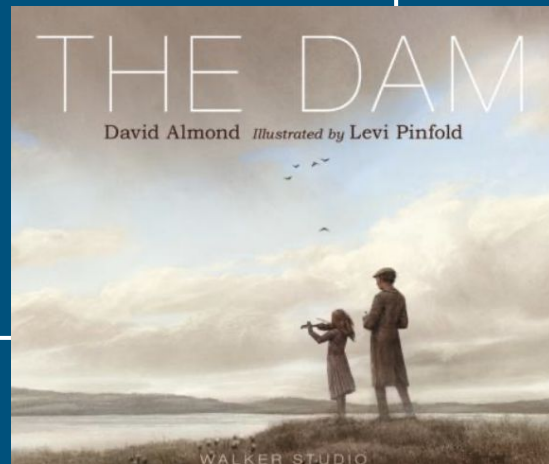
[Click here for St Teresa's Library Wishlist.](#)

Upper Key

Stage 2

The Dam written by David Almond
& Illustrated by Levi Pinfold

Before the dam is completed which will result in the flooding of the valley where they have wandered and wondered, Kathryn and her father take a walk and fill the places that will be drowned with music; she with her fiddle, he with his voice.



Headlines of the week



Nursery



A great first week back to Mini T's!

We have been very busy this week, creating lots of different masterpieces such as Pumpkins, Fireworks and using paint to recognise our sounds. We are beginning to recognise and form our numbers. This week we have been using whiteboards and pens to trace numbers 1-5.

Mini T's have an exciting term ahead :)



Reception

3/11

Ahoy there, me hearties, Reception have been sailing the seven seas this week to start our new half term.

We have been busy already, using adjectives to describe pirates in our writing, exploring 2D shapes and their properties in maths and designing and building our very own pirate ships and telescopes. Some of us have even found gold coins by following our treasure maps!

Prayer for All Saints Day

Dear God, thank you for the example of the Saints. We desire to join in their company, worshiping you forever in Heaven. Please help us to follow in their footsteps
Amen



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Year 1



We have had another great week in Year 1. This week, we have started our new book, 'The Way Back Home' by Oliver Jeffers. We have written some fantastic descriptive sentences based around the story and used amazing teamwork skills to share our ideas.

In Science, we started our new topic, 'Everyday materials' and sorted different classroom objects by their materials. We also thought about the properties of these materials.



1LH NED: **Mirabel** has returned to school this week with a wonderfully positive attitude to her learning. She has been actively contributing in all lessons which has been wonderful to see and has shared some excellent 'noisy words' to help us write our sentences in English.

Keep up the good work :)

1KH NED: **Alessio** has tried his best to concentrate and stay focused this week. He has produced some amazing work independently and put his hand up to contribute in lessons.

Well done Alessio!

Year 2



Year 2 have had a **fantastic flight themed** first week back in school! On Tuesday, we all boarded a flight to Madagascar for our **Aviation dress up day**. We worked in groups to create our own **hot air balloons** and **design our own future aircraft**. On Thursday we were lucky enough to visit **Brooklands Museum** where we made our own paper gliders, walked through a Concorde and visited the bus museum! Thank you to our **wonderful parent helpers** who came :)

Our **NED champions** for this week are...
2LM: Orion for brilliant participation and work in maths this week.
2CM: Favian for showing kindness to others and being helpful around the classroom.



Year 3



Year 3 have had a great start after the half term break. It was wonderful to join the rest of school to celebrate All Saints' Day on Wednesday.

In our English lessons we talked about all the things we might see, hear and smell on a visit to the circus as we dived into our new book *Leon and The Place Between*.

Geography this week saw us exploring The United Kingdom and discovering how the Union Jack flag was created.

Our hands were the only musical instruments we needed this week as we explored hand clapping music.



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★ NED Champions ★

3M - Eli

Eli has applied his usual high standards to everything he does and produced excellent work all week. His Black History Month homework researching the author and poet Joseph Coehlo was outstanding.

3EW- Samson

For consistently working very hard in **ALL** lessons. His learning behaviour is amazing and he is a perfect role model for his peers!

Year 4



Well done to our NED champions in Year 4

Nikodem in 4D is our NED champion this week for his enthusiastic participation in lessons and for showing resilience by always having a go, even if he's unsure. He has especially impressed me in maths, listening attentively then completing maths tasks with thought, strategy and effort. Well done!

In 4P Talia has effortlessly settled into the school since joining in September and this week in particular has worked tirelessly hard to learn how to use part-part-whole models, number lines and bar models to answer reasoning problems in maths.



This week we continued our topic in art on drawing with a lesson on tone and shading. We used charcoal and other charcoal-based media to replicate images of lace in our art books.

In PSHE, we began learning about Zones of Regulation which will help us to focus our attention, control our emotions and manage our thinking, behaviour and feelings.



Year 5



In Year 5, we have had an extremely exciting week exploring the origins of the ancient Kingdom of Benin, a civilisation that lasted almost a thousand years in a part of West Africa that is now Nigeria! The children have been fascinated by our new History topic and should be able to tell you lots of interesting facts!

In English, we have also began reading *Children of the Benin Kingdom* by Dinah Orji, a brilliant adventure story about a child called Ada who lived in that ancient civilisation.

We have also started our fractions topic in Maths after wrapping up multiplication and division. The children have been working really hard at remembering our new vocabulary, with concepts such as multiples, factors, prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers. Well done, everyone!



NED Champions

5G - Leo could be NED every single week! He constantly puts in maximum effort and always has something enthusiastic and insightful to contribute to class discussions. I have been especially impressed this week with Leo's work in History, when we explored the origins of the ancient Kingdom of Benin, and RE, when we learned about the sacrament of marriage. Well done, Leo

5C - Alessandro is the 5C NED champion! He has come back to school with fantastic resilience and a growth mindset! In every single lesson his hand continues to go up and he will eloquently share his thoughts or answers. During our English lessons, Alessandro was able to make interesting predictions with evidence that linked to our History learning. Keep up the good work!

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Year 6



This week, Year 6 students returned to school, proudly bearing their Greek vases, which served as both artistic masterpieces and vessels of historical knowledge. With brushes in hand and history lessons in their hearts, these young artists demonstrated their pottery prowess, perhaps even giving the old Greek masters a run for their drachmas. The amalgamation of art and history in this project truly paints a picture of learning that's both creative and culturally enriching.

THIS WEEK'S NED CHAMPIONS!

Derin

Derin is this week's NED champion as I have seen a huge increase in contribution to class discussions. Derin is consistently doing the right thing and it was been lovely to watch her confidence grow this term. Well done Derin!

Rafael

Rafael, our NED champion of the week, penned a remarkable book review that delved into his reader's journey, sharing his preferences, criticisms, and an overall synopsis. In addition, Rafael, is a considerate and humble member of year 6 and has no idea how awesome he is! #NEDChampion #YoungReaderReview



Noticeboard



Reminders

EYFS/KS1 Stay and Pray sessions every Monday - see the next slide.

Friday 10th November - STEM Mufti Day - We look forward to seeing your creative costumes! Don't forget to bring in any recyclable materials to build with!

Please use the following link if you would like to sign up as a Library Helper

<https://forms.gle/wXUw5zrU7dq6xAuS8>

Please see invitation to the Parish Parent/Grandparent/Guardian and toddler event.

Upcoming key dates

- 7 Nov - Individual and sibling photographs
- WB 6 Nov - STEM Week
- WB 6 Nov - Maths Workshops start this week

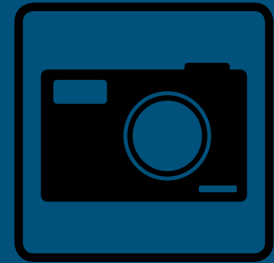
Useful links

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



Reminder.

Tuesday 7th Nov - Individual and sibling photographs





EY/KS1 Stay and Pray Sessions

This will be a chance for us to share with you more about the faith life of our school and how we plan to help parents 'unpack' the Gospel each week in our brand new weekly 'Stay and Pray' sessions Every Monday 8.50am - 9.20am.

Where? [Tiny T's Nursery room](#)

(Please use the Nursery side entrance after drop off)

Coffee, Biscuits and a time
to meet and reflect!



St Teresa's

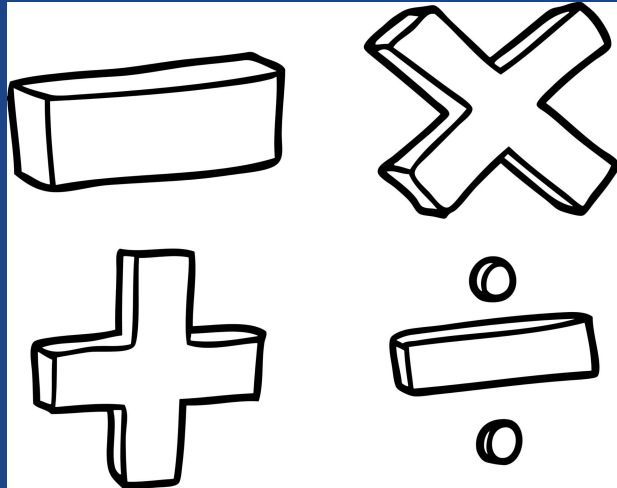
**Library helpers/volunteers
needed.**

Scan the QR code below if you are
interested in helping in the library
after school.

Thank you :)



Maths Workshops



You are invited to join your child at their maths worksop. See below for the date of your child's workshop. They will all take place between **9 and 10 am.**

Nursery - Friday 17th November

Reception - Thursday 16th November

Year 1 - Monday 6th November

Year 2 - Thursday 9th November

Year 3 - Wednesday 15th November

Year 4 - Friday 10th November

Year 5 - Wednesday 8th November

Year 6 - Tuesday 14th November

Please arrive at 8:55am and wait at the entrance by Mrs Druce's office.

FOST

Autumn 2023
event schedule...



**Tuesday
10th
October**

**Cake and
uniform sale**

in the
ground
3pm



**Friday
3rd
November**



Spooky Disco
in the school hall
EYFS/KS1 4:00-5:15
KS2 5:15-7:15



Scan the QR code or
[click here for tickets](#)



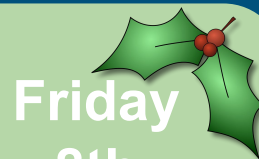
**Friday
24th
November**



Film Night
in the school hall
EYFS/KS1
3:30-5:15
KS2 5:30 - 7:15

**Friday
1st
December**

Whole School
bottle tombola
'Mufti Day'



**Friday
8th
December**

**Christmas
Family Fair**
after school in
the hall



FOST

Autumn 2023 event schedule...



What?	Where?	When?	How?
Thank you parents and carers for your cake donations and for supporting our uniform and cake sale on Tuesday where a wonderful £415.50 was raised!			
 Spooky Disco	  School Hall 	 EYFS/KS1 3:30-5:15 KS2 5:30-7:15	 Click on this link to start purchasing your tickets now and join us for a spooky boogie.
 Film Night	 School Hall	EYFS/KS1 3:30-5:15 KS2 5:30-7:15	Look out for further information about tickets.
Mufti Day	In school 	All day	Children wear their own clothes to school and bring an <u>unopened</u> bottle of pop/other (alcohol permitted) or a £1. 
Christmas Family Fair 	School Hall	After school	Look out for further information and join us to enjoy numerous Christmas themed stalls at the Family Fair , see Father Christmas and enjoy the festivities.

Family Coffee Mornings



Thank you to those who attended and contributed to Friday's Family Coffee Morning.

For those of you who could not attend, please see the slides by clicking [here](#).

The next coffee morning will be lead by a nurse with a focus on 'Sleep'. It will be held on **Friday 17th November 2023**.