



Friday Bulletin

Friday 20th October 2023

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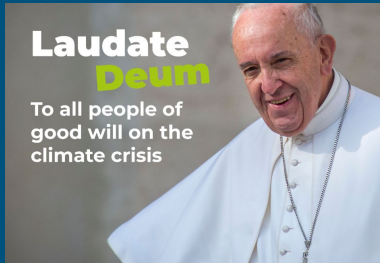
Message from Mr Dachtler



Dear Parents,

The theme of the Gospel this weekend is '**Gratitude**' and it is with this in mind that I would like to say a huge thank you to all of our hard working staff in school for their unwavering commitment to our school over the half term. Looking back through the Friday Bulletin's has been a joy and it is wonderful see the variety of activities going on in school throughout this time.

The message shared by Year 1 in their Harvest assembly encourages us to look after after our world, ensuring that there is enough food to go around. Your generous donations to the Dons Trust Foodbank (shared below) is evidence of our shared commitment and the timing of the Pope's recent exhortation, [Laudate Deum](#), is hugely relevant as an urgent call to reverse the climate crisis. Here in school our Eco team of pupils will be working hard on this agenda in the coming months.



When we come back to school we will be entering into a new month with a new focus on the Kingdom of Heaven that leads us towards the end of the Liturgical year and Advent - there is much to look forward too!

Wishing all of our families a wonderful half term break.

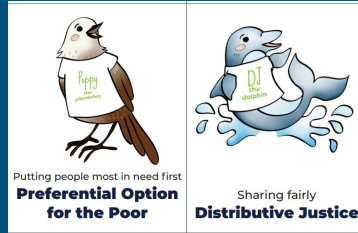
Mr Dachtler.

Community
spotlight.





Harvest collection



Food donations enable us to give back to those most in need in our local community and thanks to our families at St.Teresa's we have played a part in fighting food inequality. This year, we raised a whole car load full of food donations, thanks to you! Trevor and Anne, from Wimbledon Foodbank, were so impressed and grateful as they said that the food bank was running very low. Thank you to the year 5 Faith Team who helped load up the donations to be distributed!



EYFS and Key Stage 1



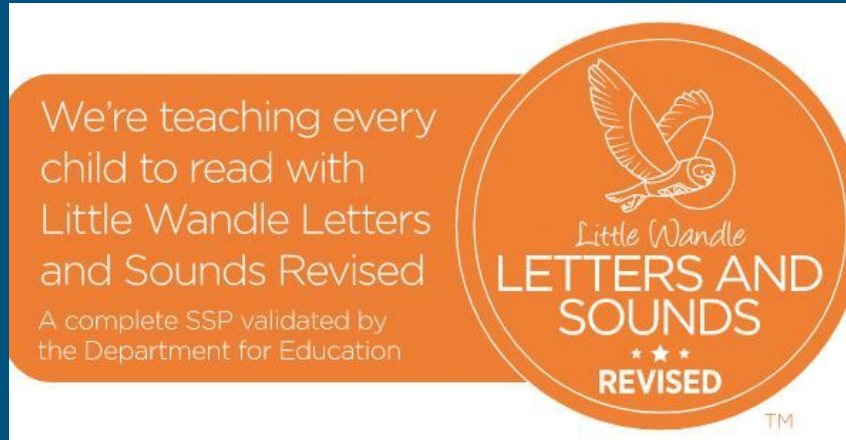
As mentioned in our Phonics presentation
this week,

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](#)

[2. LSPowerPoint-for-parents-presentation-1 \(1\).pptx](#)



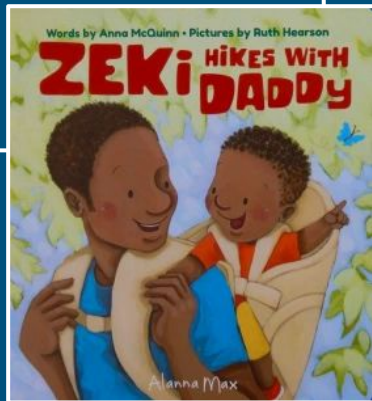
BOOK TALK - on our library wish list



EYFS

Zeki Hikes With Daddy by Alanna Max

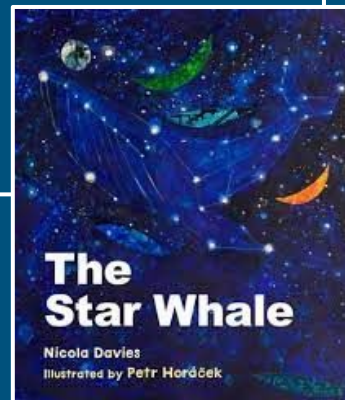
Zeki and Daddy are off on a hike!
They explore the trail, from tall trees
to tiny leaves and everything in
between. Zeki gets up close to nature
- he finds smooth stones, delicate
feathers and slow snails! An exciting
day of discoveries.



Key Stage 1

The Star Whale by Nicola Davies and Petr Horáček

This book is an illustrated collection
of animal- and nature-themed poetry,
celebrating nature at the bottom of
the garden, around the world,
endangered and even extinct
creatures.

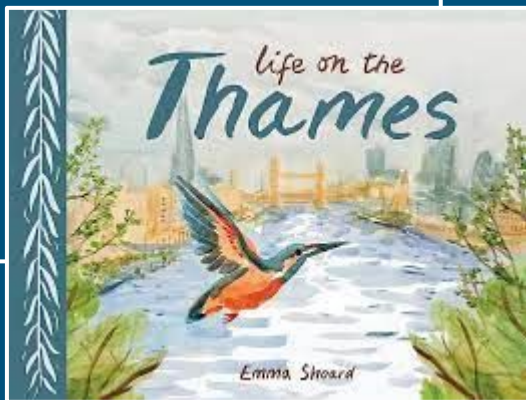


BOOK TALK

Lower Key Stage 2

Life on the Thames written & illustrated by Emma Shoard

Life on the Thames follows the wildlife, habitats and human histories of the River Thames, all the way from source to sea.



Upper Key Stage 2 Foxlight by Katya Balen

A novel about sisterhood and family in which twin girls, found curled up amongst foxes as children, set off together on a journey of self-discovery, and into different kinds of wilderness. A stirring and emotional adventure, filled with evocative and immersive depictions of the natural world.



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



Headlines of the week



Nursery



Let's celebrate Autumn!

This week Mini T's have been reading a storybook called 'Fletcher and the falling leaves'. As part of our learning we have been singing songs about Autumn, discussing what we see outside during this time of year and using some of our findings such as leaves and conkers in our work. For example this week we have been busy making fox faces using leaves and creating colourful autumn trees. However we were super creative and used broccoli to print the paint.

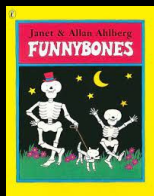
We also had our first Mini T's Teddy bear picnic on Monday. It was a fantastic afternoon full of parents, teddy bears and cake! A lovely celebration to end our first half term of Nursery. Thank you to all of our Nursery parents for their food donations.



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Reception

Down a **dark dark** corridor, in a **dark dark** classroom some Reception children have been reading the Funny bones story! We have had so much fun making our own skeletons, writing some amazing sentences about the Funny bones story and naming bones in our bodies.



To celebrate our end of topic in RE, we gathered together with Nursery for a Liturgy. We talked about how special and unique we all are and how we can shine our light by doing good deeds for others.



Year 1

We have had such a fantastic week in Year 1!

We started off the week with our Harvest Assembly in which we celebrated and reflected on the hard work of farmers all around the world. We did a fantastic job and our teachers were very proud of us! We have also started our learning in Black History Month and completed some work around inspirational black women.

In Science, we completed an Autumn walk this week and used our Science skills to observe seasonal changes.



1LH - Our NED this week is **Alicja**, she wrote a wonderful retell of Jack and the Beanstalk this week including a range of sequencing words. Alicja as puts 110% into all her learning and has had a wonderful first half term in year 1. :)

1KH - This week, our NED champion is **Eleri**. She gave an amazing performance as a farmer in our Harvest Assembly and demonstrated fantastic teamwork skills when we went on our Autumn walk in science. Well done Eleri!

Year 2



This week in **RE** children have started to look **at the importance** of and **different stages within the sacrament of Baptism**. On Monday children were role playing what they had learned so far.

In **English**, we have had another **visit to the library** and were looking at the appreciation we have for books and have been incorporating the use of **personification, similes** and **dialogue** into our work.

In **Maths** we have made use of **our number bonds to 10** when **adding beyond 10** and to be honest we have found things a little tricky, but hard work has been seen across the year group, well done Year 2!

And in **Science** we have wrapped up our learning about everyday materials with an **interactive revision session** before completing an **end of unit test**.

A huge well done to **Audette in 2LM** and **Natalie in 2CM** for achieving **NED** this week. **Great work ladies!**

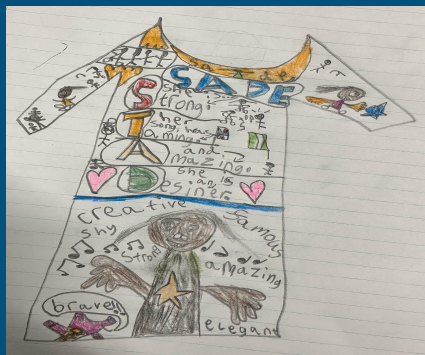
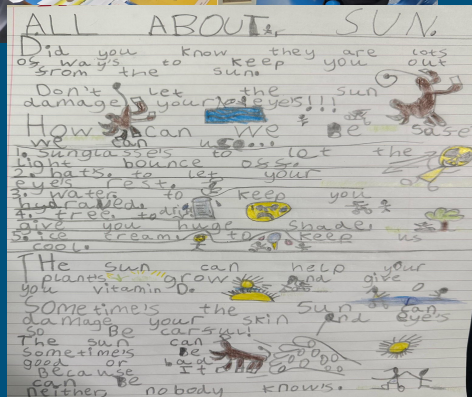


Year 3

As part of Black History Month, all of the children in Year 3 have enjoyed learning about the inspirational singer and songwriter Sade Adu.

We rounded off our science topic on light by thinking about the sun as a hero and villain and made a poster about staying safe in the sun.

In English, we have been writing our own stories about a Stone Age girl arriving in our world. We have been thinking like writers and spending time editing and improving our work. We wish all our families a lovely half-term break.



NED CHAMPIONS

3EW Charlie - 3M Floriana

Charlie has displayed fantastic NED values this week, especially with 'Doing his best' during English and Science. He has happily shared some great facts on our topic of 'Light' and has written some lovely sentences on his independent write.

Floriana's work in english this week has been superb. She used all of the steps to success we have discussed in the last few weeks and wrote a fascinating story about a Stone Age girl arriving in 2023.

Well done Floriana and Charlie.



Year 4



Year 4 have completed their topic on sound by making their own 'telephones' which they tried out together. They had to think about why the sound vibrations travel better along a taut line of string rather than a loose one. They also had to think about how distance impacts sound. They had some very interesting 'phone' conversations! In English, the classes are writing their own versions of Anglo Saxon legends with some varied and exciting characters.

Well done to our NED champions in Year 4

Bertie in 4D is our NED champion this week for writing his own version of an Anglo Saxon legend and showed great awareness of his characters, the audience and the language he used. Well done Bertie!

In 4P Ganidu has settled into the school so smoothly, making friends and seeking to 'Live Our Values Everyday'. He is always an enthusiastic contributor to class discussions and is tirelessly hardworking.

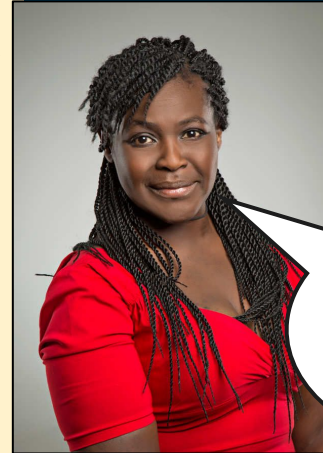
Year 5



The theme of this year's Black History Month is 'Celebrating Our Sisters'. The aim is to learn, talk about and celebrate Black or Mixed Heritage women from around the world, highlighting their achievements and accomplishments. This week, in Year 5, we learned all about Dr Maggie Aderin-Pocock MBE, British space scientist, science communicator and educator.

Mr Gallagher and Miss Culleton would like to say a massive, "Well done!" to all the children for completing their independent writing over three days this week. We have been so impressed by the results!

Finally, we would also like to thank all parents who attended this week's Parents' Evening. It was fantastic to see you all and discuss the children's amazing achievements!



It's the true wonder of science that can get people excited and get people to aspire.

NED Champions

5G - Tianna has been putting in a massive effort this entire half term and I have been so impressed by her understanding and confidence in all subjects, from Maths to Geography to Computing. It has been brilliant to see her putting her hand up more and more and offering truly fantastic answers and insightful contributions to classroom discussions. Very well done, Tianna, and keep it up!

5C - Johith is our NED champion! He continues to reach our Year 5 expectations and is contributing to lessons more and more. While completing our first big independent write, Johith approached it with great perseverance and managed to include each step to success. Well done and keep up the great work.

Year 6



Throughout this week, the enthusiastic Year 6 students have made significant strides in conquering the intricacies of long division.

Their commitment and hard work were evident as they systematically worked through various strategies to enhance their division skills. With each passing day, they have been steadily advancing toward confidently tackling SATs-style questions.

Their dedication and progress are truly commendable, showcasing their determination to excel in mathematics.

Noticeboard

Reminders

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

Please see the following slides for the FOST Autumn event schedule.

Polite reminder- dogs are **not** allowed into the playground during after school pick up.

Click [here](#) to see the Religious Education Autumn Term Plan

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

<https://forms.gle/wXUw5zrU7dq6xAuS8>

Upcoming key dates



- 31st Oct - Year 2 aviation dress up day
- 2nd Nov - year 2 trip to Brooklands Museum
- 3rd Nov - FOST Spooky Halloween Disco

Useful links

- [Contacting the school](#)
- [Term times](#)
- [Reporting absence](#)
- [School menu](#)



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

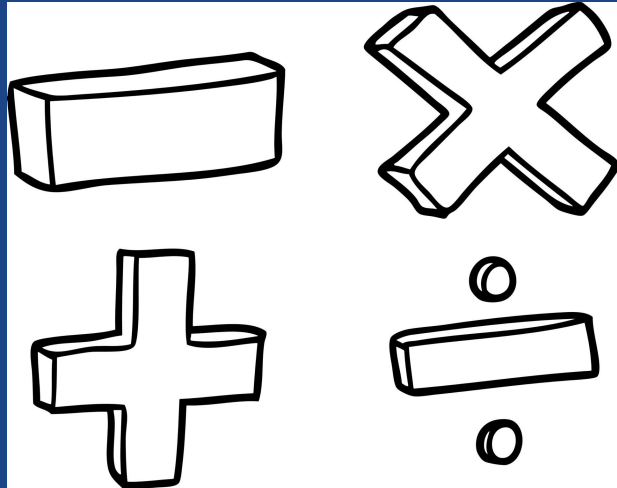
**Library helpers/volunteers
needed.**

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 3:30-5:15
KS2 5:30-7:15**



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



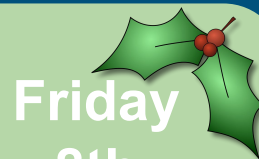
**Friday
24th
November**



**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**.