

Friday Flyer

Friday 28th
February 2025

Headteacher Awards



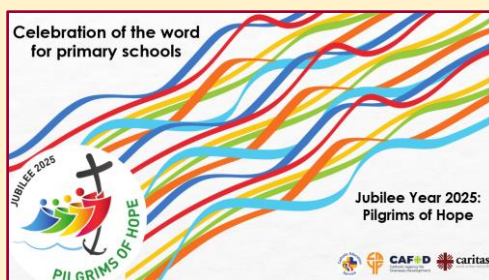
Compassion: Charlie B (Year 6) for showing compassion to a friend.

Kindness: Daisy (Year 1) for showing kindness to others at playtimes.

Headteacher Weekly Message

This week, we welcomed Mr Simpson, who is the Director of the Diocese. He was impressed with Year 5's English learning and the improvements that we have made to the school site. Tuesday was a very busy day, we started with KS1 Come and Celebrate, followed by an excellent pupil led Year 6 Class Assembly. The Year 6 pupils showed a huge range of talents and skills – well done! We also had a visit from our Opal Play consultant to move the play into the next stage for the children. We are very grateful for all the help that people gave on Friday 14th February to improve the school outside environment – Mr Collins, Mr Bean, Mr Railton and Mr Murray. We are hugely grateful for the new PE shed that has been donated by Mr & Mrs Taylor – thank you! Thank you for providing welly boots for your children and bringing in spares. The children are having a whale of a time at lunchtimes – see the report on Opal Play below. On Wednesday, teachers in all the primary schools in South Woodham met to discuss the subjects they lead on and plan how to move the subjects forwards in the different schools, which was very productive. Have a lovely weekend. Miss North

Catholic Life and Mission



We pray for Mrs Huish and her family at this time.

GOSPEL

Luke 6:17, 2-23

At that time: Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven.'

Wonder Questions

Why do you think Jesus looked at his disciples when he gave this teaching?

Why does Jesus let difficult times come?

MISSION

It can be easy to forget the good things you are thankful for. At the end of the day, take a moment to think about the good things God has given you.



Terrific Teddy Awards



Pre-School: Eleanor-Rose

who has been working very hard on her phonics.

Reception – Florence

who has been a fantastic class member, by helping and organising.



Pot of Gold Awards

Year 1: Alfie, for working hard in Maths and Phonics. He is making lots of patterns with numbers and is showing his knowledge of sounds in lessons. Well done!

Year 2: Valentina, for developing her learning focus and work rate so well this term, now completing recorded tasks in good time and with careful thought. Very well done, Valentina!

Year 3: Megan, for working very hard in her writing this week. She has been challenging herself and applying feedback in her work. Well done!

Year 4: Isla Mi, for being a wonderful friend in our class this week. She has been seen lifting others up and encouraging her peers. Well done Isla.

Year 5: Joanna, for being kind and helping younger children.

Year 6: The Whole Class, A big well done to year six for preparing and performing their class assembly. They have set a high bar for future assemblies, and embraced the challenge of making their own content.



Year 5 have produced some lovely learning on the Ten Commandments.



It has been a busy sporting week this week with a football tournament, recreational gymnastics session and a tag rugby tournament!

Year 5 Football Tournament – William de Ferrers

On Tuesday, two teams of Year Five pupils took part in a B/C Football Tournament (for children who haven't already represented their school at a football event this year) at William de Ferrers. The teams of; Jude, Joey, Jack, Freddie L, Ethan, Violet, Isabella, Benjamin, Isaac, Stanley, Freya, Sophie, Marlow, Sienna, Freddie B, Theo, William, Owen and Blake played five games against teams from other local primary schools. They also had to play each other in a fantastic game!

Both teams played brilliantly, demonstrating great skill, determination and teamwork throughout the tournament. It was lovely to see how supportive they were of each other. The teams were a credit to St. Joseph's and finished in sixth place and fourth place, very well done!

A huge thank you goes to Mr Birch for assisting with trials and team managing one of the teams and to Mr Read and Mr Hearn who also gave up their time to manage a team too, thank you. I would also like to thank all of the parents who came to support the teams, thank you.

Recreational Gymnastics – Swallows Gymnastics

On Wednesday, Ms Minton took a group of seven pupils (Luhan, Ronnie, Messiah, Joanna, Bobby, Gracie and Kendreah) to Swallows Gymnastics Club for a recreational gymnastics session. The children enjoyed a session run by the Swallows staff and enjoyed completing floor work, using parallel bars, beams and vaults. Everybody had a fantastic time and thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to try new activities. The children were also very supportive of each other.

Thank you to Ms Minton and Miss Blanchfield for accompanying the children.

Year 3-4 Tag Rugby Open Tournament

On Thursday, the Year 3-4 tag rugby team were back in action, representing our school at the William de Ferrers Open Tag Rugby Tournament. The team of; Harry, Vinny, Ellis, Jacob C, Jacob P, Izzy, Bella, Messiah, Ronnie, Alfie and Mia played five games against other teams from schools across the partnership. They all played brilliantly and showed a huge improvement since their first tournament, earlier in the year. Some fantastic tries were scored as well as some very well-timed tagging. It was great to see everyone working together as part of a team, as well as showing great sportsmanship throughout the tournament. They finished in fourth place, very well done everyone!

Thank you to all the parents who came to watch and support the team, thank you.

Opal Play



Our INSET day on the 14th February was a very busy one! It was a real team effort to take down the old PE shed (thank you to Mr Collins, Mr Bean, Mr Minton and Mr London) and build our brand-new shed (thank you Mr Railton), which was kindly donated to our school by Mr and Mrs Taylor, parents of Mila in Year 4. Thank you both so much for your extremely generous donation. The new shed has been re-situated to enable children to have more space when using bikes and scooters at lunchtimes.

Mr Railton has also kindly built the children a mud kitchen to play with as part of OPAL provision, it is fantastic and has already been very well used, thank you! A huge thank you also goes to all staff and parents who have donated pots, pans, cannisters and utensils to use in the mud kitchen.

Mrs Webster and Miss Murray's Dad were also busy creating a music wall for the children to use to further broaden the range of activities available to our children at lunchtimes. It is a brilliant addition to the playground and has already proved to be very popular, thank you.

Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies in school so that they can access the field.

Thank you,

Mrs Hillier

PTA News

Total raised this academic year: **£1915.22**

We appreciate all your support. Thank you!

We are currently fundraising for:

- 1) A bank of 6 ipads for each class. £329 per ipad, £1,316 per class.
- 2) A greater range of books for more able readers - £500

Attendance

Reception Class	97%
Year 1 Class	98%
Year 2 Class	94%
Year 3 Class	97%
Year 4 Class	98%
Year 5 Class	97%
Year 6 Class	98%

A huge well done everyone – attendance is very much improved across the school!

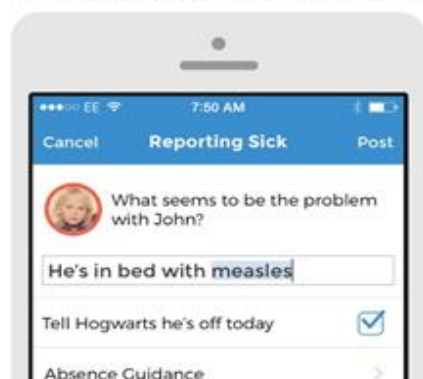
Notices

Should I send my child to school, if they are ill?

During the winter months we are seeing an increase in children being off school because they are unwell. We support you, as parents to decide what is best for your child, but the guidance below is useful. Alongside this guidance, please support your child's health, by ensuring that they are getting all the vitamins and minerals they need to stay healthy. Where appropriate, consider whether your child could come back to school a day or so earlier when they have been off with a cold/cough.

file:///ctkf.christthekingfederation.uk/users/Staff/Work/TNorth/Downloads/DS23_7975%20What%20to%20do%20-%20child%20illness%20A4.pdf

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Diary Dates:

2:00pm 4th March	Year 3 Library visit
10:00am 5th March	Ash Wednesday Mass in Church – parents welcome.
9:30am 5th March	Year 2 Library visit
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
10:00am 18th March	St Joseph's Feast Day Mass in the Church – parents welcome.
9:15am 19th March	Reception Class Assembly
9:15am 27th March	Come and Celebrate KS2 – Year of the Jubilee focus.
9:15am 25th March	Year 5 Class Assembly
9:15am 29th April	Year 1 Class Assembly
9:15am 20th May	Year 4 Class Assembly
9:15am 25th June	Year 2 Class Assembly
9:15am 2nd July	Year 3 Class Assembly



St Joseph's After School Club



Children will be able to access a range of age appropriate activities and crafts. A healthy snack and drink will also be offered.

Session timings and cost

3:20 -4:15pm - £5.00

3:20-5:00pm - £7.00

3:20-5:30pm - £9.00

3:20-6:00pm - £12.00

If you would like your child to attend, please contact the school office,