



Roots to grow,  
Wings to soar

# Newsletter

Autumn Term

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2026

## FROM THE HEADTEACHER

### Value: Community and Responsibility

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and lovely week we have had in school! Yesterday, we had the opportunity to visit church for our Collective Worship with Rev'd Lynn. It was particularly special as, for some of our children, this was their first ever visit to church. It was wonderful to see them experiencing this together as a school community, and we are very grateful to Rev'd Lynn for welcoming us and leading such a thoughtful Collective Worship. Going forwards, we are planning on all worship led by Rev'd Lynn to be in church, as we are so lucky to have it so close to our school. Woodpecker Class were lucky enough to stay on at church after the worship to learn more about the church itself. It was a lovely opportunity for them to explore, ask questions and find out more about this important part of our local community.

#### **Date for the Diary – Parents' Coffee Morning at St. Mary's**

St. Mary's are delighted to be planning our first Parents' Coffee Morning on **Friday 16th October**, from **8.45am–10.30am**. All parents, carers and grandparents are very welcome! It will be a lovely opportunity to come together, have a chat and get to know other members of our school community. We would love to see as many of you as possible, so please do pop in for a coffee and a catch-up.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the Dumbleton family for their wonderful work re-planting our planters outside of the school hall. They have made such a difference and look beautiful. A special thank you to Lily and Ivy, who helped with the planting. Please do take a moment to admire them when you see them — they are gorgeous, so much tidier, and really brighten up the entrance to our school.



A little reminder too that if there are any parents who might be interested in becoming a Parent Governor, please do come and find out more from myself. We would be very happy to have a conversation with anyone who would like to learn more about the role and how they could contribute to our school community. The skills you can bring from within your own work and interests can be of great benefit to the school.

Finally, the weather is looking set to become cooler and more changeable into next week, so please do make sure your child comes to school with a coat each day. Hopefully we will still see some sunshine, but it is always best to be prepared.

Have a lovely weekend,

Sarah Cook  
Headteacher

### Woodpecker Class

This week in Woodpecker Class, the Reception children have been practising writing their names and developing pencil control. The children have been learning to recognise the letters in their names and are becoming increasingly confident when forming letters. To help develop the children's fine motor skills needed for writing, we have been strengthening the muscles in our fingers and hands. One of our fun activities has been hanging out socks! The children have been using pegs to hang socks on a washing line, which is a great way to build finger strength, coordination and hand control. We have been talking about feelings and emotions and thinking about how different situations might make us feel. The children have been sharing their ideas and learning that it is perfectly normal to experience lots of different emotions. We have been encouraging the children to talk about their feelings and think about what they can do when they feel happy, sad, worried, angry or excited.



## Kingfisher Class

Kingfisher Class started the week particularly impressively on Monday, where after learning about the Bayeux Tapestry in Worship, some came straight back to class and decided to create their own! They applied all of the information they had retained from Mrs Cook and tried to use similar colours and images. We also continued our portraits, applying all of the skills we have learnt, and I think you'll agree how impressive they are looking already! In maths, we have finalised our 'Place Value' unit and are looking forward to using all of this knowledge in our next unit of 'Addition and Subtraction' next week. In English, we have started our new unit, a narrative on the text 'Puffin Peter'. The class have made some fantastic predictions. In outdoor learning/crafts, we have carried on exploring signs of Autumn, combining our understanding of colour and created our own woodland Autumn fairies! These have been fantastic at developing our story telling/imaginative skills.



## Nightingale Class

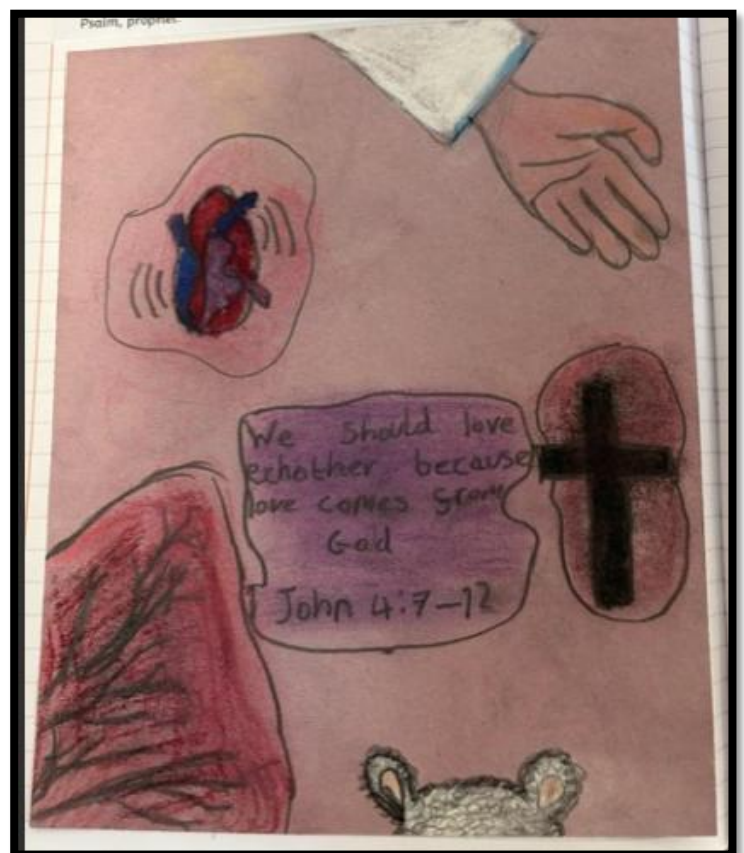
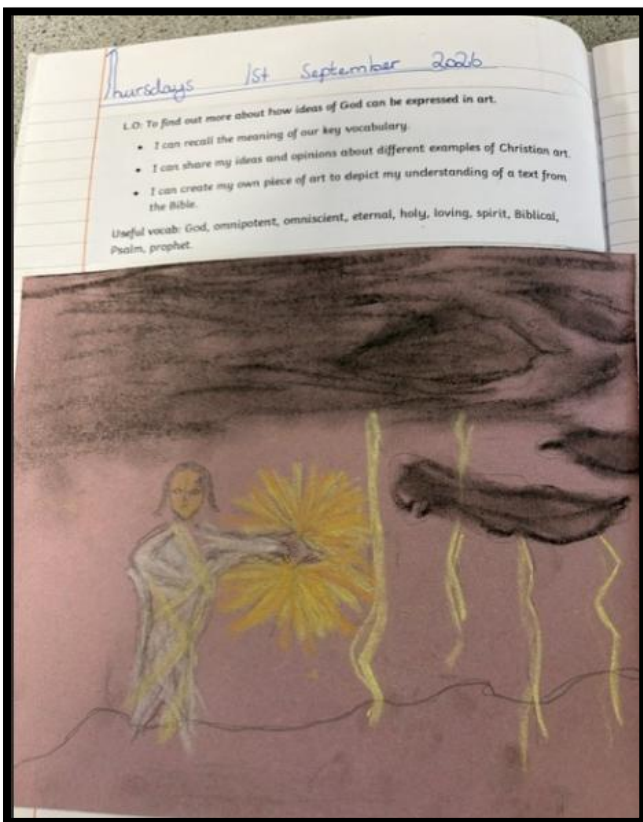
Nightingale have been thoroughly enjoying their learning this term! In Art, the children have been developing their observational drawing skills by creating self-portraits. They have carefully studied their own facial features, paying close attention to shape, proportion and detail. The portraits are looking fantastic, and the children have shown great perseverance and creativity throughout the project.

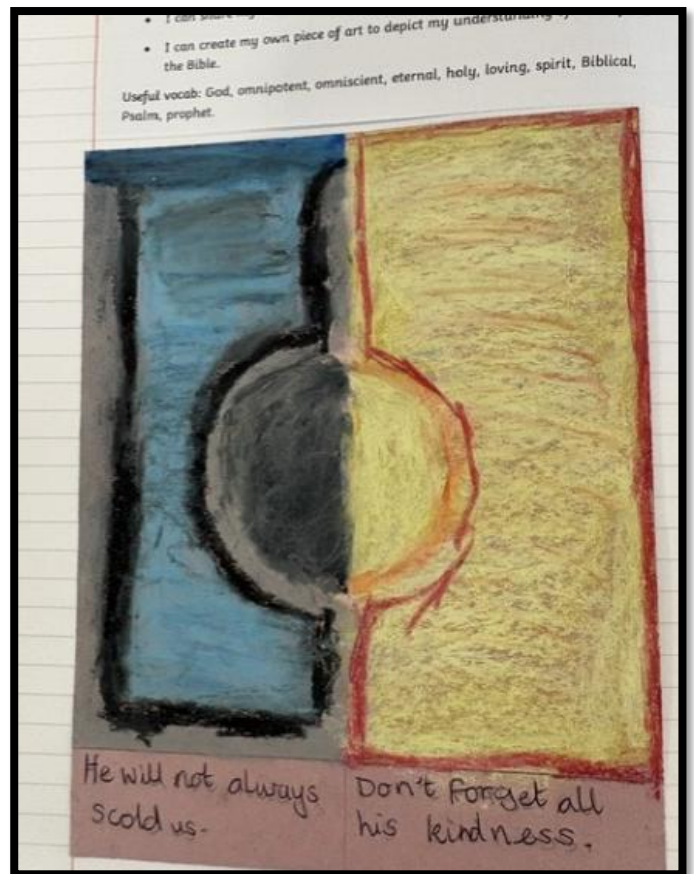
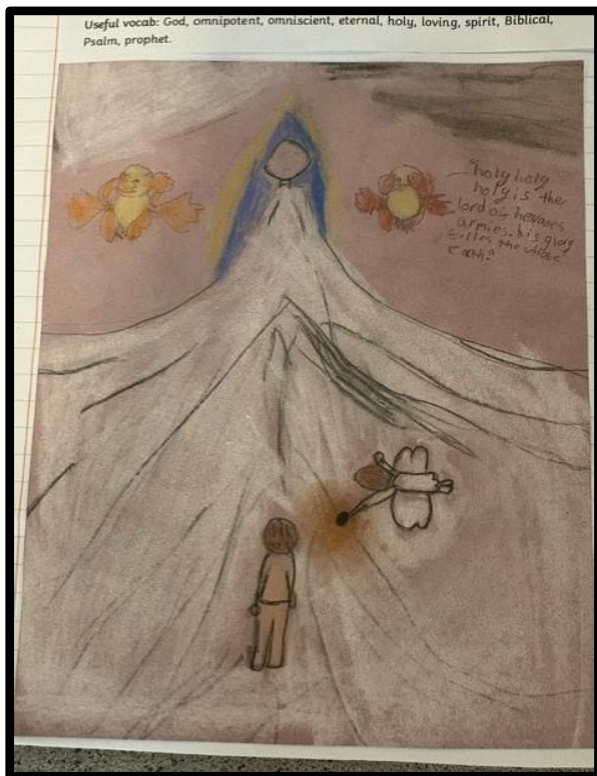
In History, we have been learning all about Ancient Egypt and have been fascinated by the mystery of hieroglyphics. The children discovered how the Ancient Egyptians used this unique form of writing to communicate and record important information. They have loved decoding messages and gaining an insight into life thousands of years ago.



## Skylark Class

Skylark have been working on their independent non-chronological reports this week. They were tasked with writing about their own invented planets, and it has been fantastic to read their creative ideas and to see them putting our grammar learning into practise. In History, we have been finding out more about the evacuation of children from towns and cities during World War 2. We have been exploring a range of oral and written sources to learn more about the evacuees' experiences and the impact that this had on them and their families. In RE, we explored a range of artworks that depict the Christian understanding of God, and the children were then given the opportunity to create their own images. The results were fantastic and the children enjoyed taking time to look at each other's work in our mini gallery.





**Woodpecker**  
Lily

**Kingfisher**  
Louis

**Nightingale**

**Skylark**  
Darcey



## ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARDS

### Woodpecker

**Gracy** for being a kind friend.

**George C** for persevering within his learning.

### Nightingale

**Minnie** for her fantastic attitude to learning and always trying her best in everything she does.

**Tommy** for the amazing progress he has made in his handwriting and his reading.

### Kingfisher

**Jay** for working unbelievably hard this week, particularly in Phonics.

**Sky** for working exceptionally hard in maths this week, applying her knowledge in independent work.

### Skylark

**Ada** for her super independent write.

**William W** for his great focus and effort in English.

## HEADTEACHER AWARD

**Arabella** for being such a kind and caring friend to others.

| READING AWARDS                                                                                        |                             |                             |                       |
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| <b>Woodpecker</b><br>Lila                                                                             | <b>Kingfisher</b><br>Bertie | <b>Nightingale</b><br>Tommy | <b>Skylark</b><br>Leo |
| CREATIVE AWARD                                                                                        |                             |                             |                       |
| <b>Isabel H</b> for her fantastic art skills and attention to detail when painting her self-portrait. |                             |                             |                       |

| WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <p><b>Attendance this week – 95.6%</b></p> <p><b>Whole School Target Set – 96%</b></p> <p>Please contact school <b>every day</b> of any absence. This can be done by calling <b>01279 777344</b> and leaving a message.<br/> <b>If you are going to be late and will need to order a school lunch, you can either make your own selection on Arbor before 8.15 am or ring the school office before 9.15 am. Orders placed after this time may not be accepted.</b></p> |

| MENU w/c 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2026 |                                                                                                                                                      |                                                          |                                                 |
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| Day                                   | Menu                                                                                                                                                 |                                                          |                                                 |
| Monday                                | Pulled Paprika Chicken<br>Flatbread <b>Red</b><br>Bean &Vegetable Grill<br>(Ve) <b>Green</b><br>Jacket Potato with<br>Salmon Mayo <b>Blue</b>        | <b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October</b>                  | Flu Vaccinations<br>Y6 Height and Weight checks |
| Tuesday                               | Beef Burger <b>Red</b><br>BBQ Bean Loaded Hash<br>Browns (Ve) <b>Green</b><br>Jacket Potato with Grated<br>Cheese (v) <b>Blue</b>                    | <b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>                  | Harvest Festival 2pm - all welcome              |
| Wednesday                             | Roast Chicken, Stuffing &<br>Gravy <b>Red</b><br>Roasted Summer Veg<br>Quiche (v) <b>Green</b><br>Jacket Potato with Baked<br>Beans (Ve) <b>Blue</b> | <b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>                    | Parent Consultations 1.30 – 6pm                 |
| Thursday                              | Quorn Hotdog (v) <b>Red</b><br>Cauliflower Cheese Pasta<br>Bake (v) <b>Green</b><br>Jacket Potato with Grated<br>Cheese (v) <b>Blue</b>              | <b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>                  | Skylark class trip – IWM Duxford                |
| Friday                                | Fish Fillet Fingers <b>Red</b><br>Margherita Pizza (v)<br><b>Green</b><br>Jacket Potato with Beans<br>& Cheese (v) <b>Blue</b>                       | <b>Mon 26<sup>th</sup> – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> October</b> | Half Term                                       |
|                                       |                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October</b>                  | Secondary admissions deadline                   |
|                                       |                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>                    | Reception Open Morning 9.30 – 11 am             |
|                                       |                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>                    | Bags 2 School                                   |
|                                       |                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>                    | Bikeability week                                |
|                                       |                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b>                 | Decorating Day (KS1 am, KS2 pm)                 |
|                                       |                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>                   | Occasional Day                                  |
|                                       |                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>                    | FPSA Christmas Fair                             |
|                                       |                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>                   | Panto @ South Mill Arts                         |
|                                       |                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>                | Christmas Lunch                                 |
|                                       |                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>                   | Term ends at 1.30 pm                            |

## NOTICES AND INFORMATION

- **FPSA Event – Paint and Sip** taking place on **Friday 13th November at 7.30 pm.**  
**Booking information below.**

### Could you help shape the future of our school?

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing Board and are looking for a parent or carer to join a supportive and pro-active governing body.

As a Parent Governor, you will play an important role in helping to shape the strategic direction of our school, supporting the Headteacher and leadership team, and ensuring that every child receives the best possible education. It is a rewarding opportunity to develop new skills, gain insight into how schools operate, and make a real contribution to the school community.

If you would like to find out more about the role or receive a nomination form, please contact the school office.



*Paint & Sip*

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9AM-3PM  
£25 PER DAY OR £45 FOR X2 DAYS

TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER FOOTBALL CAMP  
WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER MULTI SPORTS  
Please bring a packed lunch, plenty of water and shin pads if  
participating in football camp.



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