

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Learn from Jesus, Love like Jesus, Live like Jesus

A message from the Headteacher

It has been great to see all that has been achieved at school during the first half of the autumn term. Children have made every effort to work hard and do their best learning. I have enjoyed watching the children become confident and grow in their new classes. Their courage and perseverance have definitely been on display!

During October, the children were bringing in their harvest donations for Farnborough Foodbank. Thank you so much for your generous donations and for helping the children to understand the importance of being part of an active and supportive local community.

Mrs Tong

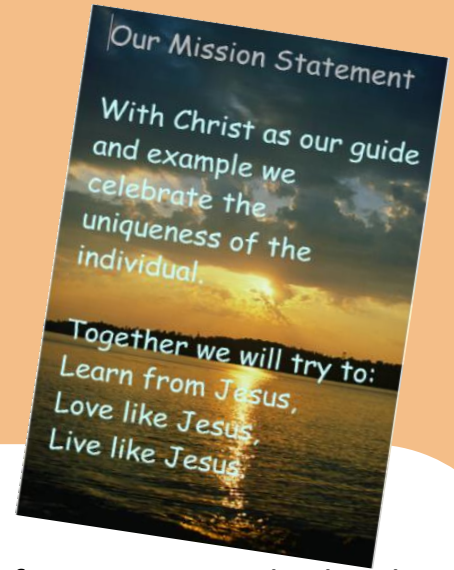


A big thank you...

A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Wilson who so generously donated new goal posts to the children at the beginning of the year!

They are so appreciated by the children and they have been getting lots of use out of them!

Our Mission Statement



Our Mission Statement is very much at the heart of our vision and school success. Any mission statement needs to be actively lived and practiced; so what does that mean for us in school?

At the core is how we relate to each other; staff to pupils; pupils to each other and staff with parents, aiming for mutually respectful relationships which show love and care for each other. Jesus gave time to those he met showing compassion and treating all with dignity; we aim to model that in all our interactions.

As you will know, we plan and organise many opportunities throughout the year where we can see our mission statement in action. For example, our recent harvest collection showed how we supported the dignity of others, ensuring they have food to eat and more importantly that those who have less than we have know people care for them.

RE Units - Our topics for next term are Catholic Social Teaching and Advent.



Catholic Social Teaching teaches us how we need to live our lives like Jesus through our actions and words. Our children will learn they are all unique individuals made in the image and likeness of God and loved by Him and therefore they need to care for God's world, our common home and all people who are school, local and world neighbours.

Advent

helps us prepare for the coming of the Christ child. We will be learning about how we get ready for Jesus' birth and how we mark Advent through our readings, prayers and hymns.



These are our Catholic Social teaching principles – perhaps you can talk as a family about them and why they are important?

	Human Dignity	All human life is sacred
	Common Good	What is best for everyone?
	Solidarity	We are one big family
	Subsidiarity	All people should participate and have a say
	Stewardship	We are part of and need to care for creation
	Options for the poor and vulnerable	Putting people in need first

Safeguarding Corner

Anger is a normal emotion that we all feel sometimes. But it's important to name it and let children know that it's OK to feel angry sometimes.

How to teach children to express anger?

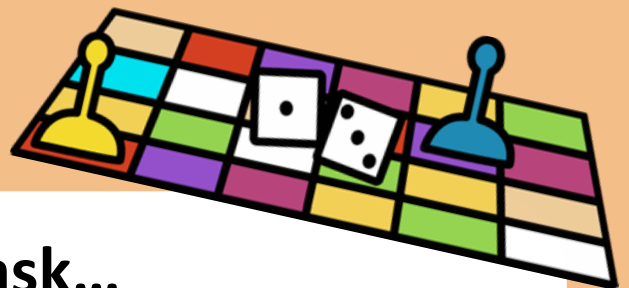
Be a role model with how you express your anger. This can include modelling how you respond to frustrations. For example, if something has sold out in the supermarket, voice your frustration, talk about how you're going to manage, show how you problem solve a negative situation. You might also try something like telling a child what you are going to do to feel better after getting stuck in a traffic jam. This is showing children, through observation, that it is okay to feel angry, and to start thinking about how to move through it.

If you do lose control and express anger in a less healthy way in front of your child, you can apologise and reflect on it in an age-appropriate way when you've calmed down.

You can also point out when characters in books and TV shows handle anger particularly well or badly or use it as a jumping off point for conversations later.

Consider what helps you express your anger. It might be screaming into a pillow or doing deep breathing exercises. Both of these are healthy ways to release anger as they don't hurt anybody. You can tell your child about how you cope with feelings of anger.

This information comes from the NSPCC – you can find the whole article [here](#) including activities to do with your child to talk about anger and tips to de-escalate an angry child. There is also a section specifically for toddlers.



A small ask...

Do you have any spare games or activities that can be used by the children during wet break? With the colder and wetter months approaching, we are looking for ways to keep the children entertained if they have to stay indoors during break times.

If you do, please consider dropping them into the office for us to distribute to classes. It would be so appreciated – thank you!



Dates for your diary!



14th November – Odd socks day

17th November – Inset Day

19th November – Open morning @ 9:30

21st November – Jubilee celebration day

5th December – Reconciliation

10th December – Year R Nativity @ 2:30pm

11th December – KS1 Nativity @ 9:15am and 2:30pm

15th December – Pandas nativity @ 2:00pm

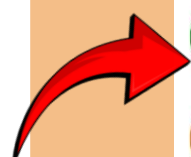
16th December – KS2 Advent Liturgy @ 2:30pm and 6pm

17th December – Christmas lunch and jumper day

22nd December – **2nd January** – Christmas holiday

Attendance Corner

Year Group	Attendance %	Days missed in the class
Year R	94.87%	23 days
Year 1	96.77%	10.5 days
Year 2	96.61%	25.5 days
Year 3	97.13%	12 days
Year 4	95.27%	17.5 days
Year 5	96.19%	36.5 days
Year 6	95.56%	30 days

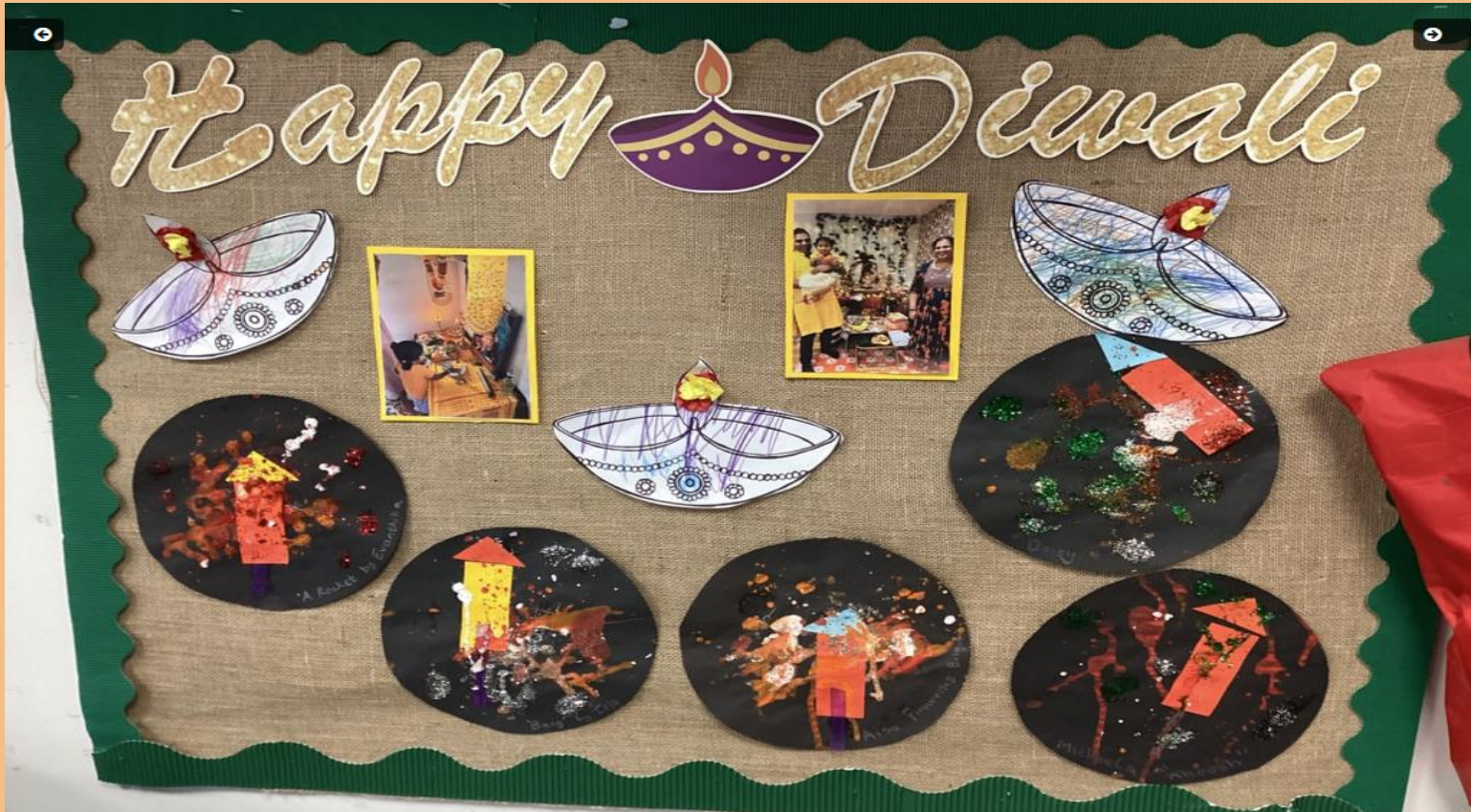


Attendance Ladder



This week, our Pandas celebrated Diwali – the Festival of Lights!

Through glittery firework art, colourful rangoli patterns and festive playdough fun, we explored the beauty of this special celebration. It's a wonderful way to learn about different cultures and to be inspired by those who light up our lives with kindness and love.



Some of our School Council recently enjoyed an exciting visit to the Rushmoor Council offices. The children had a fantastic time learning about how both local and central government work and what happens behind the scenes to help our community run smoothly.

They explored the impressive Council Chambers and discovered what is discussed during council meetings.

A highlight of the visit was meeting the Mayor, Councillor Calum Stewart who spoke to the children about his important role and responsibilities. It was a fascinating and inspiring experience that gave our School Council a real insight into local democracy in action.



This month, we celebrated **World Mental Health Day**. Each child created a colourful paper chain link and we joined them to make one long school chain — a symbol of how we are one big team who support each other.

The children learned about the importance of talking to someone if they feel worried and how to be a good friend to others who might be feeling the same. It was a lovely reminder that we are all connected and that kindness and understanding make a big difference.



We want to say a big thank you to everyone that has kindly donated anything to our Harvest collection to donate to the local food bank. I love seeing the community come together and give to those in less fortunate positions. It's lovely to see such a big collection of donations and I know how much the food bank will truly appreciate this.



Willow class went on a visit to Milestones this half term. They enjoyed looking at the old toys and the teddy bear museum. We walked around the museum and loved looking at the old buildings and especially loved playing on the pier at the arcade!



Thank you so much to everyone for coming together and helping to raise money for Macmillan during our bake sale, whether this was through buying a cupcake or helping to sell them! Seeing the queue wrap around the Shamrocks paddock was amazing and every donation is so appreciated. We ended up raising nearly £400 for a great charity.

Oak Class had an exciting surprise this week — our **mystery reader** came to share a story! The children were full of guesses and giggles as they tried to work out who it might be. Everyone loved listening to the story and joining in with the fun.

A big thank you to our mystery reader for making story time so special! If you'd like to take part, please let us know — we'd love to keep the surprises coming!



Mystery Readers Wanted!



Who is this masked reader???

WHO?

All parents, older siblings, grandparents, relatives, or other special people! Surprise your child by being a "Mystery Reader" this year in our classroom.

WHY?

Students LOVE having their family, friends, and relatives visit our classroom to share in our learning by reading a favorite story aloud to our class.

WHAT?

Mystery readers can bring a book from home or read a teacher chosen book from our class library.