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Advent Term - Week 3 – Friday 26th September 2025

Theme of the week:

Focus on God

Key Scripture: Luke 16:10-13

It can be hard to focus on God when our hearts are distracted! In this week's Gospel, Jesus recalls the two most important commandments - love God and love your neighbour. The children discovered that removing earthly distractions can help us focus on putting God first in our lives, which in turn helps us to love our neighbour well. Our visit this morning from Frank from Street Kids Direct focused our hearts on children in Guatemala and how we can show love to them.



Awards this week go to:

Stars of the Week –

St Peter's Class: Olivia for excellent joining in with lessons this week- well done Olivia!

St Cecilia's Class: Anthony for super effort in handwriting - it's looking beautiful!

St Bernadette's Class: Electra for having so many talents that make her shine!

St Christopher's Class: Loic for wonderful work in Maths this week. Well done!

Disciples of the Week –

St Peter's - Jozef for always being so helpful at tidy up time - thank you Jozef!

St Cecilia's - Millie for being a lovely friend and Mia for spreading enthusiasm.

St Bernadette's - Maxim has taken it upon himself to help tidy the hall and stack any left over chairs every lunchtime- without being asked or seeking praise - thank you Maxim 😊

St Christopher's - Lorcan for being a good friend to the younger children in Key Stage 2 at break and lunch. Real kindness on display.

Explorers of the Week - Emily (St Cecilia's) for using what she has read to help with her enquiries and excellent ideas.

No afternoon assembly today due to our special assembly this morning.





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Temporary Changes to Field Access and Wraparound Care

We've recently spotted a badger on the school field during the early morning hours. As a protected species, badgers require special consideration, and we have recently become aware of a sett located in a quiet, inaccessible part of the field. Occasionally, badgers have been known to sleep under the music room. To ensure the safety of both the children and the wildlife, we have temporarily taped off the field as a precaution.

We will be relocating our wraparound care into the main school building. This change is especially important as the mornings and evenings grow darker, reducing activity near the sett and helping to avoid unnecessary disturbance.

Any work involving badger setts is strictly regulated and can only be carried out during specific times of the year, and only when there has been no sign of badger activity for several consecutive weeks. We are working closely with the appropriate authorities and will obtain the necessary licenses before making the area under the music room inaccessible in the spring. These measures are in place to keep the children safe and ensure the wellbeing of these protected animals.

FOSP Welcome Picnic

Thank you to those who came along to our Welcome picnic- we were lucky with the weather and it was lovely to see a great mix of families new and 'old' coming together to share being part of our school community. Special thanks of course to FOSP for organising and running such an event.

Street Kids Direct – A visitor from Guatemala



We were delighted to welcome Frank and Helen from *Street Kids Direct* who came in to deliver a powerful and inspiring assembly. Their visit gave the children a deeper understanding of the charity's work supporting vulnerable children and young people living on the streets. Frank and Helen shared real-life stories about children living in Guatemala and how the fund raising we do can make a huge impact. It was a moving and memorable experience for all and they were able to help hand out the new Mission Team

badges! If you would like to donate to this amazing charity who get us back on the radio again this Christmas, please use the link below. <https://streetkidsdirect.org.uk/index.php/donate>



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Annual Consent and Photography Consent

Thank you to those of you who have completed **both** the consent forms using the links below. We still have lots of children for whom we do not have permissions. Y5 and 6 are having a trip on Monday 6th October, but only those with permissions will be able to attend. Thankyou in advance for your co-operation on this. These forms are compulsory annually, so that we can ensure our records are up to date.

RECEPTION PARENTS PLEASE COMPLETE THE SHORT PHOTO CONSENT FORM THOUGH AS THIS IS SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT TO THE ONE YOU ALREADY COMPLETED- THANKYOU.

If you've moved over the summer or changed your phone number, please email your new details to the School Office.

<https://forms.office.com/e/HECKUh9aBq>



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Flu Immunisations

This week you will have received an email from the School Office with a letter regarding the Flu Immunisations on Thursday 2nd October. Getting the yearly flu nasal spray is important for children because it protects them from a potentially severe illness and its complications like bronchitis and pneumonia. It also protects vulnerable family members, such as babies and the elderly, as children are significant spreaders of the virus. The vaccine is updated annually to protect against the most prevalent flu strains, so a new vaccine is needed each year to maintain immunity.

Class Highlights:

St Peter's Class

The Reception children are working really hard, embracing all the new learning that is taking place for them! They have learnt several phonics sounds now and are beginning to use them to blend to make words! They have also been starting to form their cursive letters - and are showing great determination! In maths they have been learning to sort objects according to type, size or colour. Some of them also



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enjoyed sharing their first reading book with a reading volunteer. In RE they were learning about what makes them special, and made their own 'Me Soups' containing things that they like doing that make them unique. What a busy week!



St Cecilia's Class

The children have really been enjoying their PE football lessons. They have shown great skills and team work so far! All the children have got involved and those that are more confident have been a great help to the children who haven't ever played. The children are also thoroughly enjoying their science topic: Living Things. This week, they were exploring and discussing habitats. Their investigations led them to identify the differences between large habitats and micro-habitats. The new garden raised beds have arrived and are being built (**if anyone can lend us a hand in the garden, we'd love some support!**). These beautiful broad beans are well on their way to being 'over wintered' in a new veg bed! Watch this space for more updates. Well done St Cecilia's!





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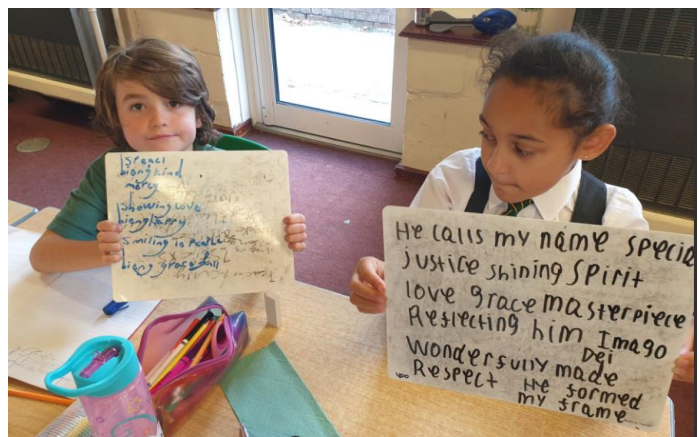
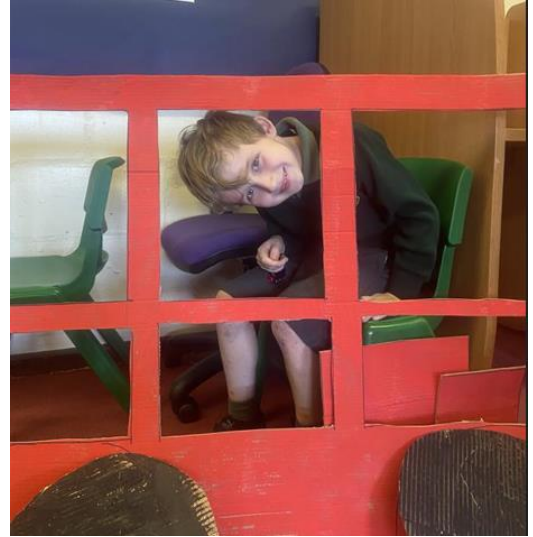
St Bernadette's Class

This week, the Year 3's have continued to explore numbers by using Base Ten Blocks. This concrete apparatus has reinforced their understanding of numbers and place value and we have been very proud of their efforts in this area. This week in their RE lesson, the children reflected on understanding that they are made in 'The image of God' showing love, respect, humility and care towards all people. Some of St Bernadette's class are reading a book called 'The Naughty Bus!'. They have enjoyed learning about buses and have been out and about in Marlow finding out about bus stops and timetables. This week they retold the story using props which was fun. The naughty bus loved to drive through a plate of baked beans, the grass in the garden and ended up sinking to the bottom of a pond!





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This week the children have been creating their own poem portraits. Their use of watercolour is beautiful! Miss McCornick was feeling brave so got the drums out to play along to a Bon Jovi classic – next week sees the addition of recorders. As we have come to the end of our class text *The Man Who Walked Between the Towers* Mrs Thomas has arranged for a tightrope walking session with thanks to Katy Kartwheel.





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Upcoming Dates:

Saturday 27th September- Anniversary Mass

This year marks 60 years since the SVP was first founded here in Marlow. To commemorate this significant milestone, we will have a special Mass on Saturday 27th September (the Feast of St Vincent de Paul) at 2pm followed by afternoon tea in the Pugin Rooms. Mrs Boyle looks forward to seeing some of the children there. (children that were keen will have brought home a letter this week)

Next Children's Mass

On Sunday 12th October at the 11am mass children will again be invited to join Mrs Boyle in leading the readings and singing at St Peter's church. On this occasion, children are also asked to bring their school bags with them, and Father John will bless the bags and the children, wishing them a positive and encouraging year ahead. These children's masses are a wonderful opportunity for children to be actively involved in the mass. The parishioners are always so grateful for their involvement. Please note, we realise this is **NOT** the first Sunday of the month on this occasion, as Mrs Boyle is away visiting family on the 5th October.

Parents' Evenings

We will be holding our parents' evenings on Thursday 09th October 15.30-18.30 and Monday 13th October 15.30-18.30. More details will follow soon.

Useful reminders

School start times

The school gate onto the playground will be open at 8:40am and will close just before 8:50am. Children in KS1 should go straight into their classes where teachers will greet them. KS2 children should line up by their class teacher who will take them to class. By 8:50am the children should be in their classes to be registered. Children who arrive in class after this time will be marked as late.

Anyone arriving after the gate has closed must head to the Main Entrance, where you can sign your child in on the electronic screen.

Celebration Assembly every Friday

Parents are welcome to attend our Friday Celebration Assembly if their child has been awarded a certificate. During this assembly, children reflect with staff on the week passed and refer to the theme of the week shared with them on Monday. Parents and carers can arrive from 2:35pm for the 2:45pm assembly in the School Hall and must sign in at the School Office. This is a lovely opportunity to share in the celebrations and successes of our wonderful children.



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Attendance - Two polite reminders:

- 1) Vomiting and diarrhoea both require 48 hours away from school, counted from the **last** bout of sickness. These are both highly contagious and can spread to other pupils and staff alike.
- 2) **Please do not request holiday to be taken during term time.** Headteachers are not allowed to authorise this.

For additional information, please refer to our Attendance Policy on our school website.

<https://www.stpetersschoolmarlow.org.uk/assets/St-Peters-Catholic-Primary-School-Attendance-Policy-2024-2026.pdf>

Parental Parking information:

Please park safely and considerately when dropping off and picking up your children at the start and end of each day. Do not park in the car park of The Duke, Sir Aubrey Ward or blocking access to our neighbours' drives. The yellow lines are there for a reason.

IFG Catering - Ordering Meals - Deadline Reminder and Gluten Free and Halal Options:

Please remember that the cut off for ordering meals for each following week is 11.30pm on a Saturday evening. If your child requires a Gluten Free or Halal option, please indicate this when ordering online.

Contact us:

Please either:

- email office@stpetersrc.bucks.sch.uk
- or call 01628 472116 (please leave a message if need be)
- or contact your child's class teacher directly via TEAMS inside standard office hours