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Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Please see below news and important information regarding this week and the weeks ahead.

The Season of Creation 2026

The Season of Creation is an annual campaign that runs from 1st September to 4th October, uniting Christians around the world in reflecting upon our call to be responsible and loving stewards of God's creation. This year the theme for the Season of Creation is Living Water. The call is for transformation – that Christians would be immersed in the living water flowing from the throne of God – stepping in deeper and deeper, inspired by the Spirit of God, working together for the renewal of Creation.



The symbol for the Season of Creation 2026 [see above]. The orb of the logo is the planet Earth filled with the waves of God's Spirit. The veins of the leaf suggest the web of creation. The leaf forms a tree of life that is also the cross of Christ. Leaves from the tree of life are for healing (Revelation 22:2). This year's theme "Living Water", explores Ezekiel 47:9 and 12 as a powerful biblical vision of hope and ecological healing. Set amid exile and loss, the image of living water flowing from God's sanctuary reveals divine healing and renews land, water, biodiversity, and human responsibility towards the whole of creation.

Over the coming weeks in school, we will be exploring this important campaign and the significance of 'Living Water' from a spiritual, life-giving and practical sense.

"Everything will live where the river goes." Ezekiel 47:9

PE Day Reminders

A reminder that class PE Days are as follows:

Reception : Tuesdays

1H (Miss Hall): Mondays and Tuesdays

1/2 (Mrs Potts): Mondays and Thursdays

2M (Mrs Murphy): Tuesdays & Thursdays

3C (Mr Clarke): Wednesdays & Fridays

3/4D (Miss Dobie): Wednesdays & Thursdays

4H (Miss Handrick/Mrs Heaton): Wednesdays & Fridays

5W (Miss White): Wednesdays & Fridays

5/6J (Mr James): Tuesdays & Wednesdays

6G (Miss Ganley): Wednesdays & Thursdays

No jewellery, earrings removed or covered with tape on a PE day.

Children must not come into school wearing trainers on PE days.



Pupil Leadership Applications

Pupils across the school are applying for roles in a number of teams and groups. Over the year this will give our pupils the voice, opportunity and platform to support change, improvement and work together on projects within the school and beyond. A reminder that the closing date for applications is Monday 14th September. We look forward to reading these and sharing our newly formed teams with you next week.



MacMillan Coffee Afternoon – Save the Date

On Friday 25th September we would like to invite you to a Coffee and Cake Afternoon that will be organised by the newly elected GIFT and School Council Teams. This will be held in the school hall from 2:30pm in aid of raising monies for the MacMillan Cancer Trust Charity. We hope, with your help and support, that we can host a lovely event bringing people together all in aid of a worthy cause. Donations of boxed cakes/biscuits in support of this would be greatly appreciated and can be brought into school from the week beginning the 21st September. We will share more details of the event in next week's newsletter.



School Gateway App

We are currently experiencing technical difficulties with our app, School Gateway. This has meant that parents/carers have been unable to see correct balances, pay for items or register for the app.

We hope to have a resolution to this very soon and will keep you updated.

We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.



Look at our great work!

wonderful writing

Our new Nursery children have settled fantastically well into their new classroom and made some new friends ...





The children in 1/2 have been looking at partitioning tens and ones in Maths this week ...



The children in 3/4D have been exploring how sound travels through vibrations using a range of musical instruments ...





Well done to this week's 'Stars of the Week' ...





Well done to this week's children who have demonstrated our school virtues – of being
"loving and compassionate" ...





Congratulations to our Times Table Rock Stars and Numbots winners!
Keep up the good work!





3C are this week's class attendance winners with a fantastic 99.7% attendance!

Nursery 99.4%	Mrs Welch 95.2%	Miss Blackwell 99.1%	1H 99.3%	1/2 97%	2M 98.3%
3C 99.7%	3/4D 96.2%	4H 95.3%	5W 96.4%	5/6J 98.5%	6G 96.4%

Dates for the calendar:

Thursday 17th September 2026: St Matthew's Open Evening

Friday 25th September 2026: Macmillan Coffee Afternoon from 2.30 p.m.

Monday 19th October 2026: Parent Evenings – EYFS/KS1 (Nurs, Rec, Y1 & Y2) from 3.25-6.00pm

Tuesday 20th October 2026: Parent Evenings – KS2 (Y3 - Y6) from 3.25-6.00pm

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

Once again, thank you for your on-going support. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Take care and God Bless!

Mr Sutton

Headteacher

Our Lady, Mary the Undoer of Knots

On Tuesday we celebrated the Birthday of Mary, Our Lady, The Mother of Jesus. Pope Francis shared the importance of this special devotion to Our Lady, Mary the Undoer of Knots. Under his Pontificate as a Church, we became more aware of this devotion that dates back to the second century. Before this many had never heard of the devotion.

Across the school this week we have taken time to reflect on her significance in our lives and the special qualities that she had which we can use as our example. Pupils have created prayers, gifts and reflected on Mary's importance to us and her devotion to God.

Today we ask Mary to help us untie the knots in our lives – the worries, the stresses and the distractions that take us away from God.

May we use you her as an example of devotion, faithfulness and compassion.

Hail Mary, full of grace...

