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Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

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

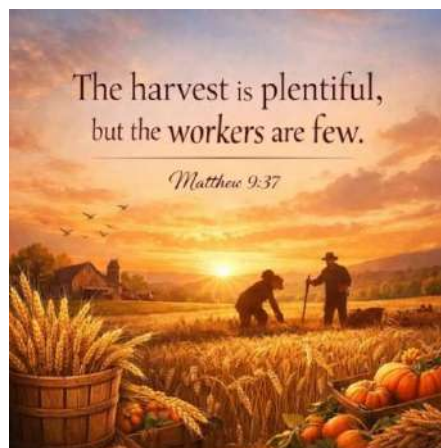
CAFOD Family Fast Day 2026

Today we have celebrated CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day at St Margaret Mary's. The School Council and GIFT Teams have met this week and discussed how we need to put our faith into action and consider the needs of the most vulnerable.

A special word of thanks for your kind and generous donations today. We have been overwhelmed with the food items and money that will all be given to worthy causes. As mentioned previously all foods will go to our local food banks and monies will go towards CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development).

Your donations have helped us to raise £73.00 today. These monies will be forwarded towards another CAFOD fundraising event in the coming months.

Pupils have watched in assembly the impact that their money will have on providing even the most basic of needs such as running water and toilet facilities, all everyday experiences that we take for granted. Together through prayer and reflection we have committed to putting love into action.



SEND Drop-In Coffee Morning

On Wednesday 7th October we are inviting parents/carers of our SEND children to attend a SEND Drop-In Coffee Morning should you wish to discuss any concerns you may have or speak to our SENDCO, Mrs McHugh. Our CARITAS Social Worker, Alexis Slater, will also be available to speak to, should you wish to do so. If you wish to attend the drop-in we ask that you consent in School Gateway to ensure we can facilitate the number of parents/carers who may wish to attend by Monday 5th October.



Arbor App

You will have received an email from us this week to inform parents/carers that we now ask that you download the Arbor app.

Arbor helps us improve how we communicate with families and manage school data in one place.

Through the Arbor Parent Portal and Parent App, you can:

- View your child's attendance and updates
- Update your contact details and consents
- Manage trips, clubs (once these are active), and school payments for meals, at the moment we will still use School Gateway for Breakfast Club payments and bookings until October half-term.

How to get started

We have set up an account for you using this email address ([Guardian Email Address]).

1. Download the Arbor App from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
2. Click **Forgot your password?** to set your first password and log in.

If you have any trouble logging in, please contact the school office.



LSC Holiday Club & After School Club

LSC will be running their Holiday Club over October half-term from school and providing our After School Club on site from Tuesday 3rd November.

To book a place for your child please visit <https://wearelsc.co.uk/book/>

We look forward to working with LSC.



Parents Evenings

Our Parents' Evenings this half-term will take place as follows:~

Monday 19th October 2026: Parents' Evening – Reception & KS1 (Rec, Y1 & Y2) from 3.25-6.00pm

Tuesday 20th October 2026: Parents' Evening – KS2 (Y3 - Y6) from 3.25-6.00pm

Wednesday 21st October 2026: Parents' Evening for Nursery children in EYFS from 3.25-6.00pm

- We have emailed our Nursery parents/carers with the amended date of Wednesday 21st October as per the above information.

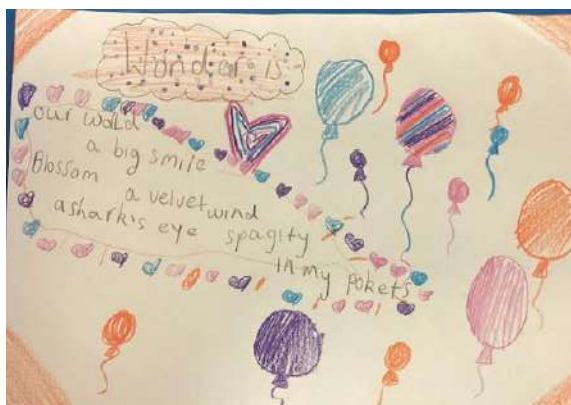
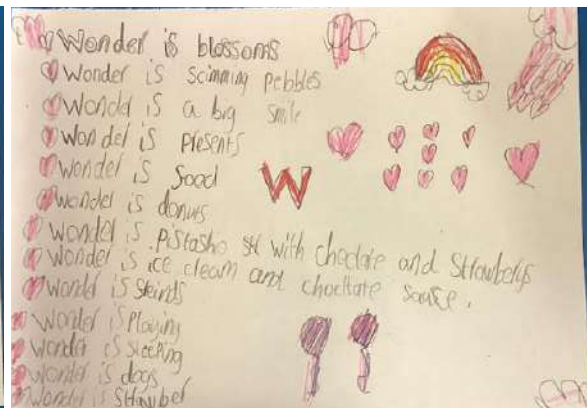
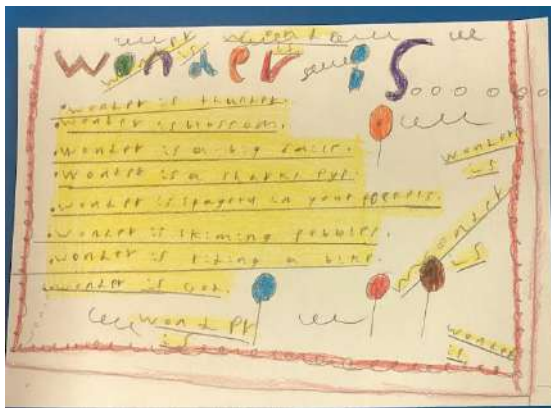
Further details of our Parents' Evenings will follow in the near future.



Look at our great work!

wonderful writing

To celebrate National Poetry Day, Years 3 & 4 took part in an online assembly with author Michael Rosen and created their own poem called 'Wonder is'...





The children in Reception have been learning about two and three step patterns ...



Year 1 used playdough to explore the forces of push and pull ...



1/2S enjoyed listening and joining in with the poet Joshua Seigal...





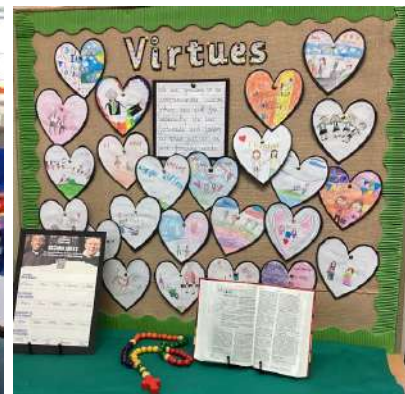
3C have been practising a variety of passing techniques in Tag Rugby ...



3/4D explored how the volume of a sound can change and why sounds are quieter the further they travel ...



4H have been praying a decade of the Rosary every day as part of October - the month of the Rosary ...





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!





Congratulations to our Rollama winners!
Keep up the excellent work!





3/4D are this week's class attendance winners with a fantastic 100% attendance!

Nursery 89.8%	Mrs Welch 96.1%	Miss Blackwell 98.2%	1H 97%	1/2 98.5%	2M 96.6%
3C 96.2%	3/4D 100%	4H 99.3%	5W 96.8%	5/6J 95.6%	6G 94.3%

Dates for the calendar:

Wednesday 7th October 2026: SEND Drop-In Coffee Morning at 9.00 a.m.

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

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

Tuesday 20th October - Thursday 22nd October 2026: Year 5 Bikeability sessions

Wednesday 21st October 2026: Parents Evening for Nursery children in EYFS from 3.25-6.00pm

Thursday 22nd October 2026: Reception and Year 6 Height & Weight Checks

Friday 23rd October 2026: School closes for half-term

Monday 2nd November 2026: School closed for Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 3rd November 2026: School re-opens at 8.45 a.m.

**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

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.



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