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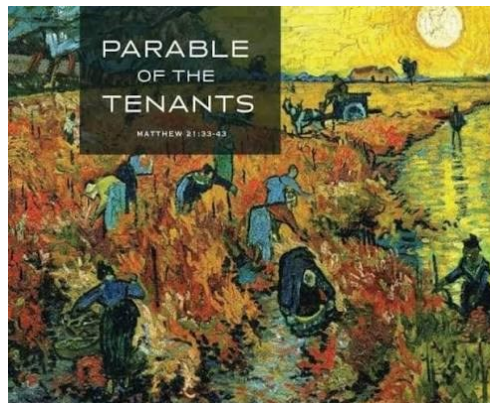
Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

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

Gospel Reflection – God's Patience

Matthew 21:33-43



In this week's Gospel, we have reflected upon the Parable of the Wicked Tenants that Jesus told. The events and characters in this reading are very symbolic. The landlord represents God, the tenants are the people of Israel and the servants are the prophets, whom God sent to remind the people that they had been specially chosen. All were rejected and despised. Finally God sends his only son Jesus, who like the son in the parable, will be killed by those he came to teach and save. The parable is a reminder of God's love and his patience. God never gives up on us and never abandons us. Jesus, his only son, displayed similar patience. People resisted his message, many opposed it, even his closest friends did not understand him. Jesus never gave up on them. Even after Peter denied him three times, he welcomed him back and forgave him.

God shows that same patience towards each of us. God is always ready to forgive and accept us with open arms. Let us give thanks for this love and patience and may it draw us closer to him.

SEND Drop-In Coffee Morning - Thank you!

We would like to thank all our parents/carers who attended our SEND Drop-in Coffee Morning on Wednesday. The morning was very well attended and we hope parents/carers found it useful and informative. We look forward to welcoming parents/carers to future events.



Donations to The Lighthouse Project

Today we dropped off your generous donations of food items which were donated last week to local foodbank, The Lighthouse Project in Middleton.

We were overwhelmed with your generosity and kindness.

Donna Williams, Community Development Manager of The Lighthouse Project said, "Thanks to you all for your amazing harvest collection and donation to our foodbank. We are very grateful and this will go a long way to helping families and filling our shelves in the foodbank."



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 3.15-6.00pm

Tuesday 20th October 2026: Parents' Evening – KS2 (Y3 - Y6) from 3.15-6.00pm

Wednesday 21st October 2026: Parents' Evening for Nursery children in EYFS from 3.15-6.00pm

This evening your child will have been given a Parents' Evening letter explaining how you can arrange a timeslot for your child. Please return the reply slip by Wednesday 14th October at the latest to your child's class teacher.

Many thanks.



Year 5 Bikeability

Bike Right will be in school from Tuesday 20th October – Thursday 22nd October working with a small number of our Year 5 children for their Bikeability sessions.

This company helps children build their cycling confidence working in small groups of 6 and with instructors. If children have their own bike and helmet at home they are able to use these but the instructors will bring enough for them to borrow.

Class teachers will inform children of the day they will be completing their Bikeability session.

The logo for Bikeability, featuring the words "BIKE" and "RIGHT" in a bold, red, sans-serif font, stacked vertically.

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.



Arbor App

A reminder to our 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.



Look at our great work!

wonderful writing

Nursery have been working hard on their pencil grip/control this week ...



The children in Reception have been learning about space and doing activities for Space Week ...





1/2 took part in some activities for Space Week based around our solar system labelling the order of the planets ...



5W have been practising scoring a try in pairs during PE ...





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!





2M are this week's class attendance winners with a fantastic 100% attendance!

Nursery 96.1%	Mrs Welch 93.2%	Miss Blackwell 92%	1H 96.3%	1/2 98.5%	2M 100%
3C 96.9%	3/4D 98.5%	4H 99.7%	5W 99.6%	5/6J 97.8%	6G 98.2%

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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

St Francis of Assisi

On Sunday we celebrated the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. This marks the end of a church-wide focus, during the month of September, upon creation and nature. In school this week, we have been looking at his life and his example. Though born into wealth, he left everything behind to follow Christ. St Francis listened to God's message of love and this helped him to make choices that showed love and respect to others. He cared for people who were poor, welcomed those who were forgotten, and treated all of God's creation with kindness.

May he be an example to us and our care for one-another and God's creation.

