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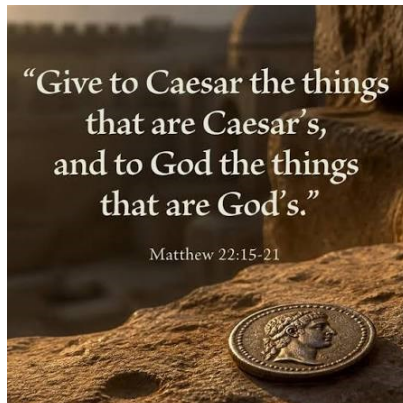
Mr M Sutton, Headteacher

Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

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

Gospel Reflection – Matthew 22:15-21



In this week's Gospel, we have reflected upon our connectedness to God. Everyone on this Earth belongs to God. All are made in His image. The Pharisees set out to trap Jesus asking 'Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' Jesus aware of their attempts to trap and trick Him replied, 'You hypocrites! Why are you putting me to the test? Show me the money you pay the tax with. They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose portrait is this? Whose title?' They replied, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Very well, pay Caesar what belongs to Caesar -- and God what belongs to God.'

Just like the Pharisees in Matthew's Gospel reading, we too can sometimes become too focused on earthly power, material possessions and issues that are not relevant or of importance in God's eyes. Jesus reminds us that we may live in a world that has many demands, pressures and responsibilities, but that ultimately, we are children of God, made by God and belong to Him.

Half-term Reminder

School is closed for the half-term break and INSET Day on Monday 2nd November. A reminder that there will be no after-school provision on this day. It will resume when school opens on Tuesday 3rd November.



Parents' Evenings—Thank You!

A special word of thanks for your support and attendance at our Parents' Evenings held this week. I do hope you found them useful, to celebrate your child's start to the year and how they can be supported moving forward.



Nursery Parent Workshop

On Wednesday 4th November we welcome parents/carers of our Nursery children into school for a Nursery Parent Workshop from 2.45 - 3.15 p.m.

This will be an opportunity for you to speak to EYFS staff and for us to share more information on your child's learning in Nursery.

We look forward to seeing you there.



PTA Meeting

Our PTA, The Friends' of St Margaret Mary's, will be meeting on Wednesday 4th November at 6.00 p.m. at The Fairway Inn.

New members are welcome to come along if you wish to join our PTA and take part in our future events.



Flu Immunisations

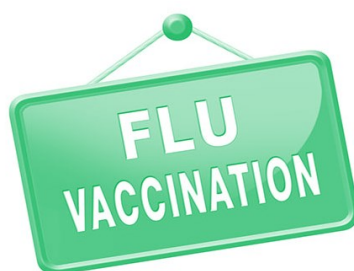
Intra Health will be in school on Friday 6th November to administer flu immunisations for our Reception to Year 6 children.

All consent information has been emailed out to parents/carers online this year. Children will not be immunised unless consent has been given by parents/carers.

If you have not received an email with a link Intra Health can be contacted on the details below:

Telephone: 03333 583 397 Option 1

Email: contactimms@intrahealth-co-uk.stackstaging.com



EYFS Open Evening

On Wednesday 11th November we welcome any prospective families and children to our EYFS Open Evening. We look forward to seeing you between 3.30 - 5.30 p.m. where EYFS staff will be available to speak to.



Poppies On Sale

In support of The Royal British Legion and Remembrance Day, we will be selling poppies and other remembrance items after school during the first week back after half-term.

All donations will go to The Royal British Legion.

We thank you in advance for your support with this.



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 went on an Autumn walk to collect leaves and also investigated what was inside a pumpkin and how it felt and smelt ...



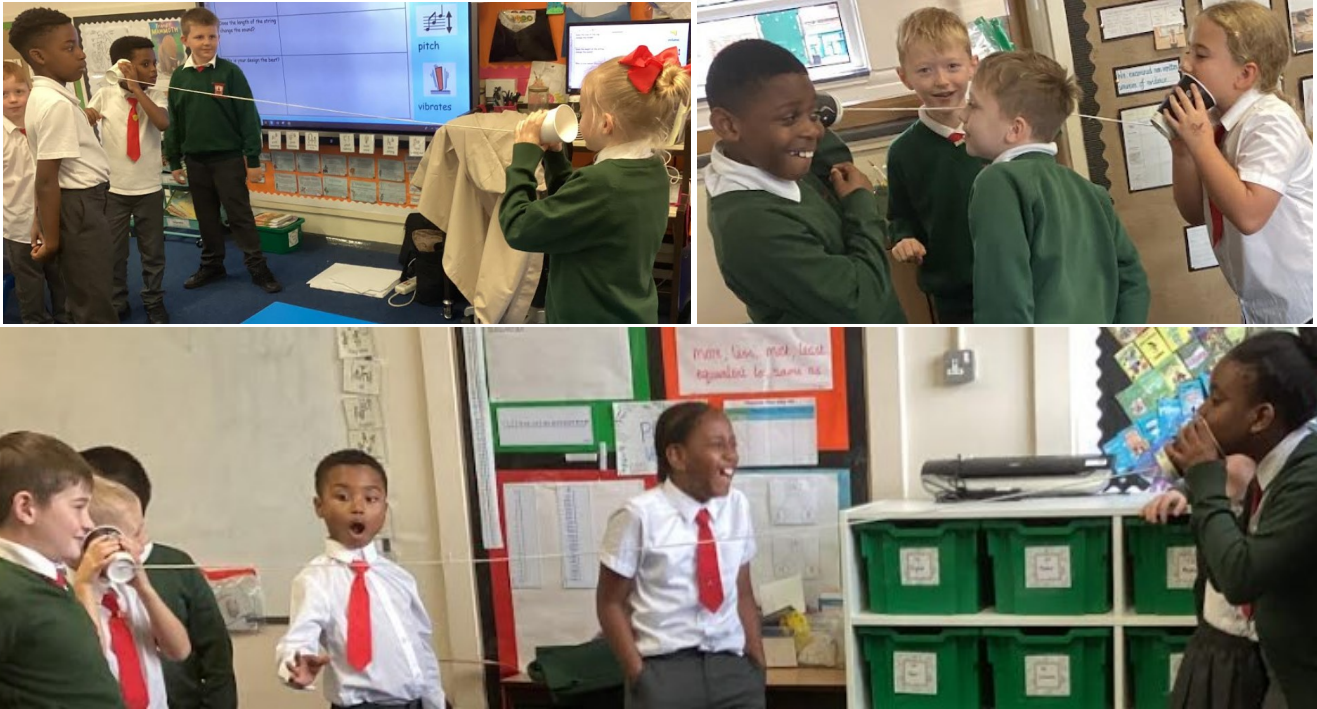
Reception have been exploring pumpkins this week and even made pumpkin soup ...



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3-4D explored how sound travels and conducted an investigation using string telephones ...



4H celebrated St Margaret Mary's feast day and explored the life of Oscar Romero in their RE lessons ...





5W showed their Benin projects to the class this week ...





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!





Rec W are this week's class attendance winners with a fantastic 98.2% attendance!

Nursery 98.4%	Mrs Welch 97.1%	Miss Blackwell 98.2%	1H 95.0%	1/2 90.4%	2M 97.9%
3C 94.5%	3/4D 94.8%	4H 96.0%	5W 94.6%	5/6J 91.5%	6G 97.1%

Dates for the calendar:

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.

Wednesday 4th November 2026: Nursery Parent Workshop from 2.45 p.m.

Wednesday 4th November 2026: PTA Meeting at The Fairway Inn at 6.00 p.m.

Friday 6th November 2026: Flu Immunisations in school for Reception– Year 6 children

Wednesday 11th November 2026: EYFS Open Evening from 3.30 - 5.30 p.m.

**DATES TO
REMEMBER**

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Once again, thank you for your on-going support. I hope you all have a restful half-term break and look forward to seeing you after the holiday.

Take care and God Bless!

Mr Sutton

Headteacher

