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Friday 6th November 2026

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

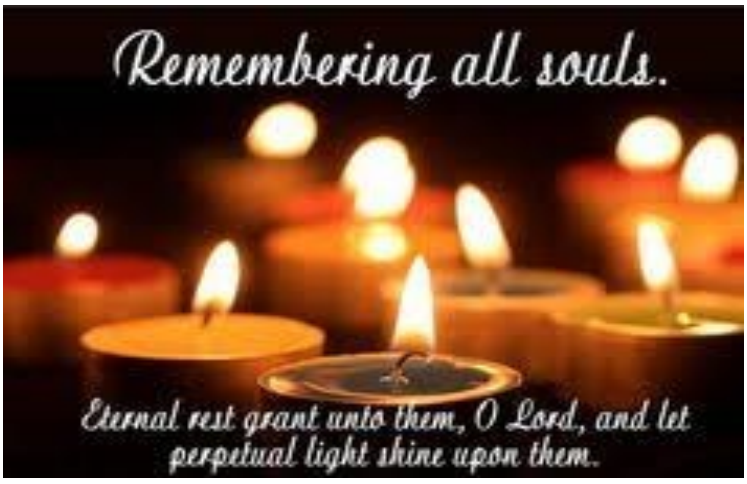
Please see below news and important information regarding this week and the weeks ahead.

November- Month of Holy Souls and Remembrance

November is a very important month of remembrance and preparation as we move towards the season of Advent. In this month of Holy Souls and Remembrance we reflect upon the themes of Sainthood and those who are sadly no longer with us. When we think of saints, we can often think of holy women and men from centuries ago, who have officially been canonised by the church for heroic virtues and deeds. They continue to be of real significance to our faith and their examples and attributes can be used as a light for our path through life.

Pope Francis challenged the conventional view of Sainthood by recognising the call to holiness that we all receive through baptism. Pope Francis said that we should not be overawed by the achievements of the saints but instead use their lives as examples for us to use. He teaches the important thing is that we find our own path in life that brings out the very best of our God given talents, putting these to use for the greater good and building God's Kingdom here on earth.

During this month of Holy Souls we take a moment to 'remember, reflect and pray' for all those loved ones we have known who have sadly departed. They will continue to be our prayer focus during this special month.



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.



Bike Repair Workshop

On the afternoon of Monday 16th November we have an external company coming into school to offer a "Bike Repair Workshop." If your child's bicycle is in need of repair you are more than welcome to bring your child's bike to school on this day and the Repair Team will do their best to help with any repairs that they can.



"Stay and Play" Sessions for Nursery and Reception Parents/Carers

We look forward to welcoming our parents/carers of EYFS to "Stay and Play" sessions on the following days:

Nursery parents/carers: Wednesday 18th November from 8.45 - 9.15 a.m.

Reception parents/carers: Thursday 19th November from 8.45 - 9.15 a.m.

We look forward to seeing our EYFS parents/carers on these days.



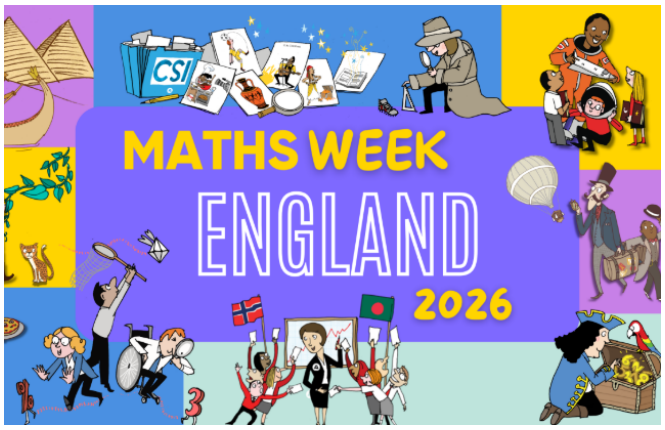
Maths Day: Friday 20th November

On Friday 20th November children and staff are invited to wear their own clothes with a number, shape or pattern as part of "Maths Day."

Children will be participating in a range of activities to do with this year's theme of "Maths on the Move" as part of Maths Week England 2026.

Times Tables Rock Stars will also be holding competitions from 17th - 19th November between 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. on these days for children in Year 3 onwards to take part in.





LSC After School Club

LSC are now 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.



Nursery have been learning about keeping safe on Bonfire Night and made some fantastic firework pictures ...










Reception have also been learning all about Bonfire Night and even made chocolate sparklers ...











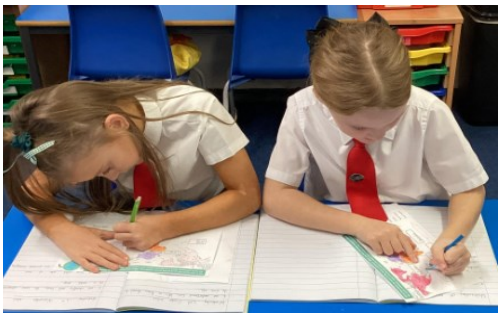
1/2P celebrated Bonfire Night by creating some firework art work …







3C have enjoyed learning about the continents of the world and labelling them on a map …


4H have enjoyed playing times tables games together, practising lots of different skills ...





3/4D explored how to perform a tuck and pike rock as well as some known rolls in Gymnastics ...








5W learnt how to do a block tackle in hockey during PE …







MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

1H are this week's class attendance winners with a fantastic 98.3% attendance!

Nursery	Mrs Welch	Miss Blackwell	1H	1/2	2M
95.6%	84.1%	91.1%	98.3%	91.7%	87.9%
3C	**3/4D**	**4H**	**5W**	**5/6J**	**6G**
88.8%	93.5%	93.8%	98.2%	95.4%	94.6%

Initial Dates for the calendar (more to follow):

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

Monday 16th November 2026: Bike Repair Workshop from 1.00 - 3.30 p.m.

Wednesday 18th November 2026: "Stay and Play" for Nursery parents/carers from 8.45 - 9.15 a.m.

Thursday 19th November 2026: "Stay and Play" for Reception parents/carers from 8.45 - 9.15 a.m.

Friday 20th November 2026: Own clothes for "Maths Day" where children are invited to wear their own clothes with a number, shape or pattern

Friday 27th November 2026: Catch up flu immunisations

Christmas Events For Your Diary:

Monday 7th December 2026: EYFS Nativity for Nursery parents/carers at 9.30 a.m.

Monday 7th December 2026: EYFS Nativity for Reception parents/carers at 2.30 p.m.

Thursday 10th December 2026: Mince Pies and Coffee Afternoon from 2.30 p.m.

Friday 11th December 2026: Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 14th December 2026: KS2 Carol Service (p.m. time TBC)

Tuesday 15th December 2026: Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 16th December 2026: KS1 Nativity for Year 1 parents/carers at 9.30 a.m.

Wednesday 16th December 2026: KS1 Nativity for Year 2 parents/carers at 5.00 p.m.



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



“To be Saints is not a privilege for the few. But a vocation for everyone.” Pope Francis