



Dear parents,

It doesn't seem possible that we've made it to half term already and that it was 8 weeks ago that we all returned from the summer break. This week's autumnal weather and the clocks going back at the weekend are gentle reminders to us that we are journeying our way through the term.

When we return after half term and as the temperature gets colder, the children will need to be wearing their winter uniform to school. We would also strongly encourage the children to wear trousers and a jumper for their PE sessions as many of these remain based outdoors throughout the winter. If you are uncertain about the winter uniform requirements, please look on the school website on the 'Parent Handbook' tab.

We are currently looking to expand the team of adults who form our OPAL Play team and support the provision of play at lunchtimes. This role sees adults supporting the enhancement of the children's play and offers opportunities to interact with the children and explore their thinking. This role would be from 11:45-1:15pm. If you or someone you know, would be interested in joining our play team for one or more days a week and would like to learn more about this possibility, please contact the school office so that I can get in touch.

## Home Learning

Teachers enjoy seeing the variety of ways that children respond to home learning tasks. This week a few of these have made their way to the leadership team's office so that we too can positively recognise the efforts that have been invested in the tasks.

Last week the children in EYs were set the challenge to either draw or paint a picture of Mary or have a go at making their own set of simple Rosary beads and practise saying the Hail Mary prayer. Take a look at the Rosary that Rex made out of conkers.

In year 4, the children have been learning about the water cycle and they were asked to



demonstrate their understanding of this by drawing or recreating the cycle. Take a look at the model that Ruperto created to show all of the stages of the cycle.

In Year 5, the children have been learning about the Ten Commandments and their RE home learning task was to create something to go on display in their class prayer area that demonstrated their knowledge.

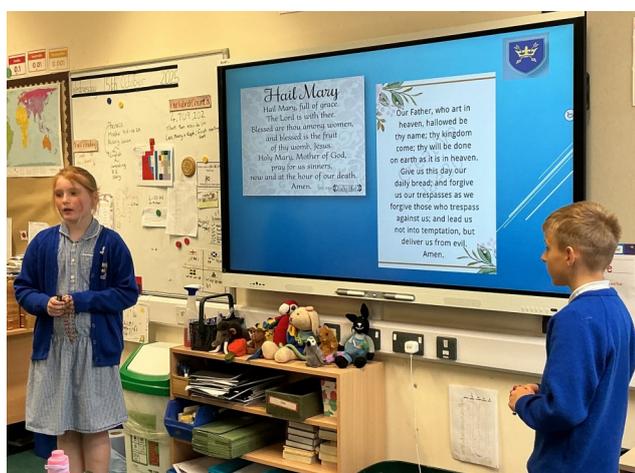
Take a look at the variety of ways the children responded to this task.



## Praying the Rosary

October is a special month in our Catholic faith, dedicated to the Holy Rosary. This beautiful prayer helps us reflect on the life of Jesus and the love of His Mother, Mary. During this month, we are encouraged to pray the Rosary at school and at home and ask Mary to guide and protect our families and our school community.

The Year 5 and 6 RE Ambassadors have been preparing a short presentation over the past couple of weeks to help them teach and support



children across all school to pray the Rosary. With class sets of Rosary beads, the RE ambassadors have visited all of the KS1 and 2 classes and helped the children to each pray a decade of the Rosary. The children in EYs can be seen here exploring Rosary beads for the first time as a class before then holding a bead and saying the Hail Mary.

## Diary Dates

### **HALF TERM (Wk beg 27th Oct)**

Fri 31st Oct	Closing date for secondary school application for Yr6 pupils
Fri 7th Nov	Whole School Remembrance Mass—9am
Fri 7th Nov	Yr6 Art workshop (Crafty Foxes)
Wk beg 10th, 17th & 24th Nov	Learning conversations
Mon 17th Nov	Individual School photos (for pupils in The Nest)
Fri 21st Nov	Whole School Mass—9am
Mon 1st Dec	Annie and Sue from OM Health and Wellbeing in school
Fri 5th Dec	Bishop Peter celebrating Mass at 10am and then visiting classrooms
Thur 11th Dec	Rocksteady Gig 9am
Fri 19th Dec	Whole School Mass 9am

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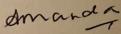
Dear Mrs Kemble

Thank you very much for the very generous food donations which were collected at your Harvest Festival and given towards the work of our Storehouse Foodbank. Would you please pass on our huge thanks to all the staff, pupils and parents of the school.

We greatly value the support we receive from other churches, organisations and schools, as we seek to work together by practically caring for those in our community who, for whatever reason, find themselves in a place of need.

With our grateful thanks once again, not only from West Suffolk Vineyard Church but also from the people we serve.

With every blessing,



Amanda Bradburn  
Storehouse Co-ordinator



### Eco Council recycling reminders

Yesterday, the Yr 5 and 6 school councillors led part of our whole school assembly, helping to remind us all of which bins to use to dispose of various types of rubbish. They were reminding us all of the importance of our stewardship of God's earth and the part that we can all play in taking care of our school environment and the wider world.



### Cycle to school week

Last week was Cycle to School week and it was great to see some of our families managing to cycle all or part of their journey to school.



The Bury Bike train has started a new route for the South of the town on Fridays (leaving from near the Macebearer at 8:25am) and they would love more riders to join them.



### Polite carpark reminder

Both the front and side car parks at the school are for staff use only. We have encountered recently an increasing number of parents pulling into one or other of the car parks to drop off or collect a child. In particular, last night the front carpark became dangerous due to the number of parents who had double parked to collect their child from a club. This compromised the safety of the children and family members who were trying to leave the site on foot. Please find alternative locations to park when collecting a child from a club so that we can keep our school community safe.



## CAKE & UNIFORM SALE THANK YOU!

From your *spook-tacular* donations and generosity, our first event of the year raised a *fang-tastic*....

**£691.90!**

Our special thanks to the incredible *"Friends of The Friends"* for volunteering to help - we really could not have done it without you!



SAVE THE DATE!

## CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND

FRIDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER - FROM 3:30PM

Our elves are already working away to bring together our first ever Christmas extravaganza!

With an Alpine Market, Jolly Activities, Yuletide Nibbles & more, it's sure to bring the festive cheer!



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**

Helping to raise funds to support learning experiences, school trips & equipment

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