



November is a month that we devote to remembrance, a time within the liturgical calendar for praying and remembering those who have died. We began the month celebrating the Feast of All Saints, remembering the lives of all the saints and then all those who have died on the Feast of All Souls. Staff have led assemblies focused on Remembrance and in the lead up to Remembrance Day, we also welcomed a member of the Royal British Legion (RBL) to talk to KS2 about how the RBL supports serving and ex-serving personnel and their families. Many of the children have created remembrance crosses which are on display in class prayer areas. These capture the names of loved ones that they would like us to remember in our prayers.

As part of their recent art and design unit, the children in Year 2 were learning how to use a wet felting technique. They linked their designs to Remembrance Day and created some stunning images of poppy fields. These are now on display in the Year 2 corridor and in the hall too. Here's a flavour of what they look like.



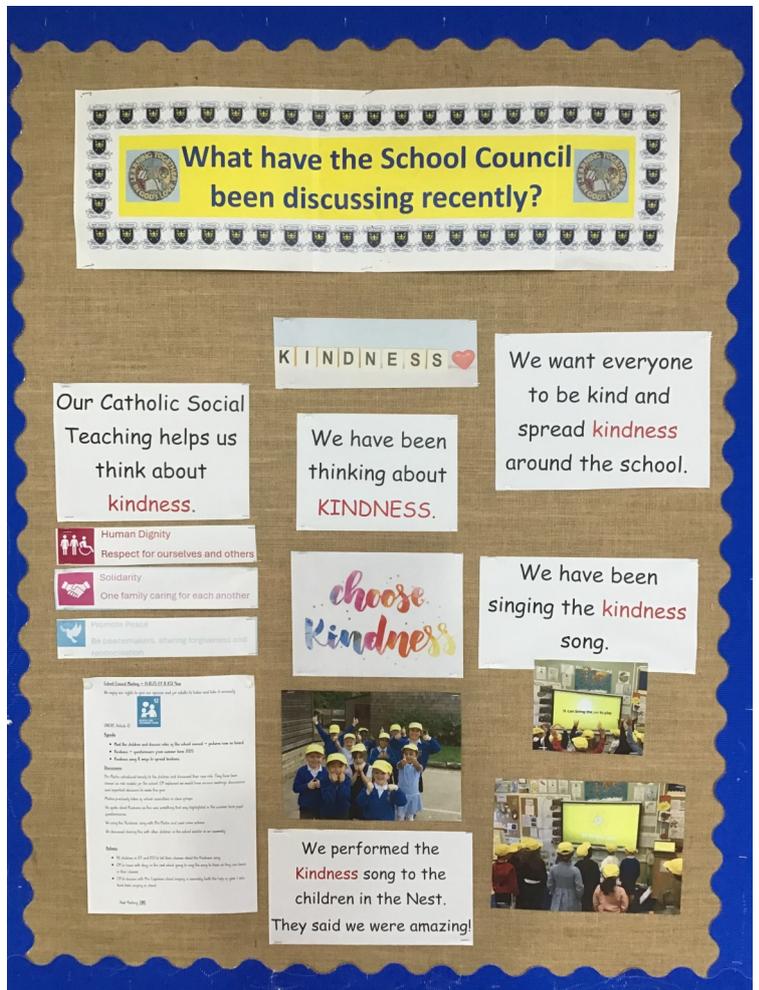
In Forest School this week, the children were also exploring different ways to make poppies. Take a look at one of the poppy crosses created by the Year 2 children using sticks and woven wool.

Staffing news

Next Tuesday, we will be wishing Mrs Leighton-Scott well as she starts her maternity leave. We will await baby news in the not too distant future. Mrs Hands will be teaching 3LSH full time for the rest of the year.

We will also be saying farewell to Mrs Creffield, a greatly valued member of the office team, at the end of next week. Mrs Creffield has made the decision to finish her time working at St Edmunds and will be enjoying some well deserved rest and relaxation. Mrs Creffield joined the team back in 2013 as a mid-day supervisor, then joined the admin team in 2017. We're very grateful of Mrs Creffield's hard work and dedication to the school and its families over the years that she has worked with us. I know many of you have formed strong relationships with her and will be sad to hear of her departure.

We wish Mrs Creffield well for her future and hope that she can enjoy some term time holidays now!



Anti-Bullying Week

We launched this week's Anti-bullying week with our annual Odd Socks Day to celebrate our uniqueness. The Anti-bullying Alliance's theme for this year was 'Power for Good' with the emphasis on empowering the children to do something

positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes. Our Catholic social teaching principles of Human Dignity and Solidarity are recognised through the importance of respecting and caring for each other and this year's theme linked well to our 'Respectful' Learning Characteristic and to the importance we place on the children demonstrating that they are being ready, respectful and safe in school. Antbullying Week also gave us the opportunity in our Rights Respecting School capacity to promote Article 19 - The right to be protected from being hurt and mistreated, in body and mind. As the week has drawn to a close, we marked World Kindness Day yesterday, learning about the science of kindness and how being kind positively impacts our own body and mind as well as that of others. We thought about the importance of showing empathy and considering how our words and actions might make others feel.



Year 6 Art workshop

Last week the children in Year 6 each created Christmas themed 'Bottle Buddies' with Michelle Freeman from Crafty Foxes. Repurposing empty bottles, they turned them into reindeers, penguins, polar bears, Santas and snowmen. The children's creations are going to be hung on one of the Christmas trees on display in town. Once we know where they will be on display, we will let you know so that you can go and take a closer look.



Chatterbooks at Bury Library

The next session of the Chatterbooks club at Bury Library will be on Saturday 6th December 10.15 - 11.00. They meet on the first Saturday of every month and their title for next month is 'The Ice Children' by M.G. Leonard: <https://suffolk.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/FULL/WPAC/BIBENQ/22795468/154337547,1> Copies are also available to borrow from the display in their newly-refurbished junior library.

The book club is run by staff at the library and is aimed at children aged 9-12 to come along and chat about the books they love. They do not need to have read the monthly title, but they hope they will enjoy making a craft or doing an activity related to the month's read during the session. It is a great opportunity for young book lovers to make friends and enjoy spending time in the library.

Diary Dates

Wk beg 17th, & 24th Nov	Learning conversations
Mon 17th Nov	Individual School photos (for pupils in The Nest)
Thurs 20th Nov	Yr5 Cinema trip
Fri 21st Nov	Whole School Mass in church 9:30am
Tues 25th Nov	EYs/KS1 Cinema trip
Wed 26th Nov	Yr5 Science workshop in Crypt
Mon 1st Dec	Annie and Sue from OM Health and Wellbeing in school
Thurs 2nd Dec	EYs/KS1 visit to St Mary's Church
Fri 5th Dec	Bishop Peter celebrating Mass at 10am and then visiting classrooms
Wed 10&11th Dec	EY and KS1 Christmas concerts 1:45pm
Thur 11th Dec	Rocksteady Gig 9am
Fri 12th Dec	Festive Fundraising day - wear something festive and bring in £1 for charity
Fri 12th Dec	Friends Christmas Wonderland event 3:15-4:30pm
Tue 16th Dec	KS2 Carol Service 2:30pm
Fri 19th Dec	Whole School Mass 9am
Fri 19th Dec	Christmas lunch

SENDIASS sessions for parents and carers

Booking is open for a FREE online session, hosted by SENDIASS, where specialist teachers from the Social, Emotional and Mental Health Service will explore ways to help children and young people to understand and manage their feelings.

Supporting children and young people to manage their emotions

4 December 2025 (10am - 11:30am)

Use this link to register for the session https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/supporting-children-and-young-people-to-manage-their-emotions-tickets-1440516867729?aff=oddtcreator&_gl=1%2Aobxo6y%2A_up%2AMQ.%2A_ga%2ANjE2NTk0NDkwLjE3NTE5ODc1Mzg.%2A_ga_TQVES5V6SH%2AczE3NTE5ODc1MzckbzEkZzEkdDE3NTE5ODkzNjckajUxJGwwJGgw

Helpline: 01473 265210

Email: enquiries@suffolksendiass.co.uk

CAFOD fundraiser table top sale

Members of the St Edmunds parish are organising a table top sale on Friday 5th December at 6:30pm in the crypt in aid of CAFOD. If you would like to sell your second hand items or your crafts tables cost £10. Please contact Phyllis McGann 07437494840 or mcganns@live.co.uk if you would like to book a table. The cost of the table will go to Cafod relief funds. Refreshments including mince pies will be on sale on the night. Please tell your friends in the community it's not limited to St Edmunds parishioners.



DON'T FORGET!

Please send your child into school with a pair of named wellies that they can keep in school to enable them to access all parts of the play space in all weathers and to ensure that in these wetter months, their feet stay warm and dry. Thank you to those who have already done so.





**FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER
3:15-4:30PM**

CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND

We look forward to welcoming you to our first ever
Alpine Market!



You can expect Christmas Crafts, Yuletide Nibbles, Hot Chocolate,
Mulled Wine and more - it's sure to bring the festive cheer!

BUT WE NEED YOU!

For our **FESTIVE RAFFLE**, we need hamper prizes in **red, green or gold**
colours (*think wrapped chocolate, bubble bath, candles etc.*) to be
brought to school 1st - 5th December. For our **FESTIVE CAKE STALL**,
donations are welcomed on the morning of 12th December.



We also need volunteers, and would appreciate all help to make this
event a success. Please respond to your WhatsApp Year Group Rep
request being sent out shortly. **Our thanks in advance!**



**SAVE THE DATE!
FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY**

NEW YEAR NEON DISCO!



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

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