



**November 8th 2024**

# Laleham Lea

A Catholic Independent School for boys and girls aged 3 to 11

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Dear Parents

What a busy week we have enjoyed as we returned from our half term break refreshed and ready to tackle a busy few weeks of learning and fun ahead.

We started our week by remembering those we have lost as we discussed All Souls' Day and celebrated our Saints for All Saint's Day last week. This Sunday is Remembrance Sunday and Mrs Ting and I will be joined by two Year 6 students to lay a wreath on behalf of the students and staff at Laleham Lea at the Woodcote Green Remembrance service led by Reverend Fiona Weaver from St Marks' Church.

Thank you for all your support with our recent charitable giving including the harvest collection before half term and this week's Bag2School collection which raised over £60 for the PTA! Thank you also to everyone who has brought in shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child so far, the deadline for this is Monday so they can be taken to the local collection point before flying off to children in need around the world.

Next week is national Anti-Bullying Week and to show our support we will be taking part in 'Odd Socks Day' on Tuesday. Staff and students are invited to come into school in their craziest socks (with normal school uniform please).

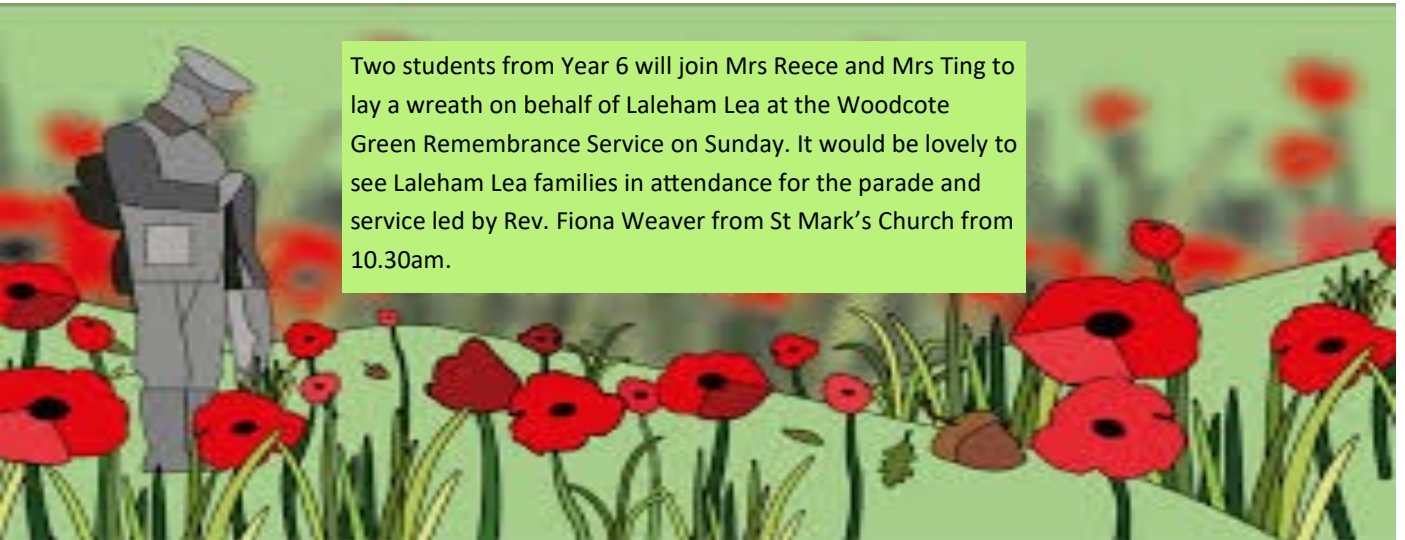
Year 3 are very excited to be visiting Butser Ancient Farm on Monday to learn all about Ancient Celtic Life. We can't wait to hear how they get on with their exploration and investigation of the past!

Next Friday sees the return of our much anticipated PTA Movie Night. Tickets are on sale now, please return your slips by this coming Monday and ensure funds are transferred to the PTA account as detailed on the letter, I'm sure it will be a fabulous event as always.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Mrs Reece

Acting Headteacher



Two students from Year 6 will join Mrs Reece and Mrs Ting to lay a wreath on behalf of Laleham Lea at the Woodcote Green Remembrance Service on Sunday. It would be lovely to see Laleham Lea families in attendance for the parade and service led by Rev. Fiona Weaver from St Mark's Church from 10.30am.



# THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



Our Celebration of The Word assembly on Monday focused on love and how loving God is the most important thing we can do. We also celebrated All Saints and All Souls' Days which took place last weekend and discussed Remembrance Sunday this coming weekend.

***"Love Him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love our neighbour as yourself."*** Mark 12:33

**Focus on Catholic Social Teaching principals—Year 4 Distributive Justice**



***"All who believed were together  
and had all things in common."***  
**Acts 2:44-45**



## The Wednesday Word



Year 6 students visited their peers from Reception to Year 5 and presented The Wednesday Word - something they will be doing weekly going forward.

The Wednesday Word is also emailed to parents on Wednesdays so you can share this with your children at home.

This week the word is 'Gift' with this message from Pope Francis—***"Life is a precious gift, but we realise this only when we give it to others."***

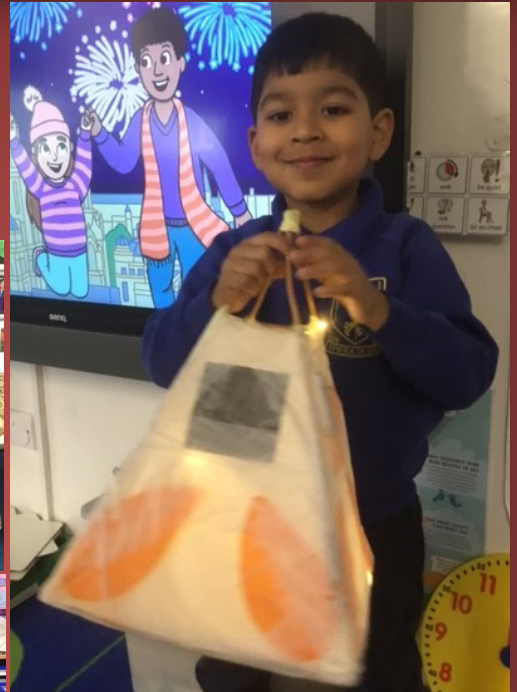


Thank you so much for you donations for our Bag2School collection. We collected 320 Kilos of clothing which will not only help us to take care of God's world, but also raised around £64 for the PTA!





In school this week Reception Class thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the Hindu Festival of Diwali with friends. We learned how Diwali is all about new beginnings, the triumph of good over evil, and light over darkness. Some of our pupils gave informative presentations, and the class joined in with discussions about Rangoli patterns, Diya Lamps, the spring-cleaning of houses, giving gifts, and inviting friends and family over to enjoy delicious food!



Everyone joined in with making beautiful Rangoli patterns - whether from blocks, beads, sequins or paints and stencils. We listened to the legendary story of Rama and Sita and were inspired to make puppets on craft sticks for re-enacting the story with friends. We also sculpted our own Diya Lamps out of clay, painted them in bright colours, and added sequins and a candle—lighting the way home for Rama and Sita from the story!



Diwali





## Nursery

This week Nursery have been looking at numbers from 1-10. Children participated in a range of activities including:

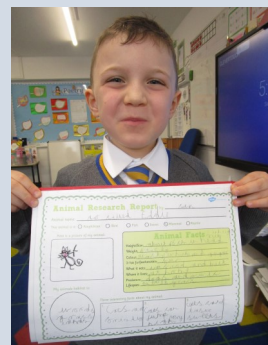
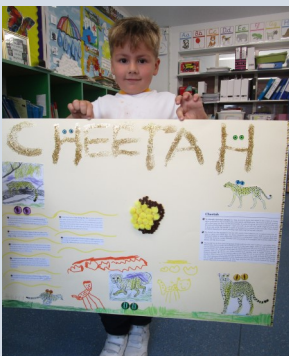
- Counting the objects and colouring the correct amount.
- Listening to the story 'Clive the bear' and discussing the structure of the story.
- Completing a cut and paste number activity to match number and quantity.



Children have also been learning about Diwali and completing different activities to support their understanding. This included decorating their own 'Diya' using gems, creating a Happy Diwali poster, listening to a story called 'Binny's Diwali' and creating their own firework pictures.

## Year 1

A fantastic effort from Year 1 on their half term animal fact-files! A great introduction to our new topic this week as we discussed all the different animals that have been researched.



## Year 2



In Art this week Year 2 painted these beautiful pictures of poppies for Remembrance Day.

## Year 3



Year 3 have been immersing themselves in the lives of Ancient Celtic warriors for their new topic and will be learning lots about Ancient Celtic life on their trip to Butser Ancient Farm on Monday.

The class also attended Mass at John the Baptist on Tuesday as part of our weekly class rota. Year 2 will be attending next Tuesday.



## Online Safety

Please ensure that your children's online activities are monitored and supervised. The following link will provide you useful information and easy steps to help keep your children safe online. There is also guidance on social media apps and age ratings.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.openvieweducation.co.uk/social-media-age-ratings/>

## Origami Club

In Origami Club this week, we made poppies to commemorate Remembrance Sunday this weekend.



## Xmas4Schools



Thank you to everyone who ordered cards, tea towels, mugs and other items—these are being sent home today.

We raised £123 for the PTA.



## Year 4



Year 4 have used their artistic talents to design and weave their very own coats inspired by Joseph's coat of many colours. Joseph's coat was no ordinary garment, instead it was rather an elaborate work of art which spoke of nobility.

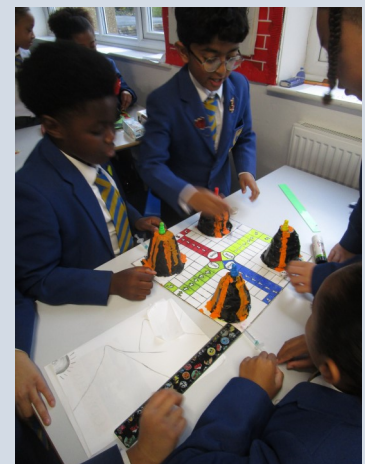
## Year 5



Year 5's History topic this term is 'The Titanic' and this week in Art they created these colourful posters advertising tickets for the ship's fateful maiden voyage.

## Year 6

The children in Year 6 had a very busy half term designing and creating board games to demonstrate their understanding of our Extreme Earth topic. They played the games with their friends during our Humanities lesson and showed off such a range of creative ideas!



## Karate Kid



We are so proud of our Year 4 Karate Champion who won first place representing England at the Belgium Open Kyokushin Karate Championships during half term!



## Back of the Net!



Huge congratulations to our Year 6 football superstar who signed a one year contract with Reading Football Club.

We wish him the very best of luck for this amazing opportunity.

## Kung Fu Champ!



Well done to our Reception Class Kung Fu star who was very proud to have got his Level 4 Red belt grading for Kung Fu during half term.

## Karate Kid 2



Well done to our other Year 4 Karate superstar who won a Bronze Medal in her recent competition.



## Operation Christmas Child

Thank you to everyone who has brought in filled shoe boxes already for our Operation Christmas Child campaign in support of The Samaritans.

The deadline for boxes to be brought into school is next Monday November 18th.



## Stars of the week



**Laleham Lea**  
**MOVIE NIGHT**  
 Reception to Year 6

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15**  
**3.30 - 5.00PM**  
 Tickets: £5 Each  
 Transfer Funds to PTA  
**DRINK AND SNACK INCLUDED**



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### Laleham Lea School

Catholic, Independent, Co-ed  
 aged 3—11



Archdiocese of Southwark

**Lunchtime and School Meals Supervisor**  
**For an immediate start**  
**Monday-Friday 11.30-1.30pm**

Please contact Mrs Edwards if you would like to visit us  
 before submitting your application  
[secretary@lalehamlea.co.uk](mailto:secretary@lalehamlea.co.uk)  
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**Closing date for applications is Friday November 15th at noon**  
**We look forward to hearing from you.**

Laleham Lea is a friendly and caring school with happy and  
 well-motivated children.

*Our school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of  
 children. All appointments are subject to a satisfactory enhanced DBS check and other  
 Safe Recruitment employment checks. We are an equal opportunities employer.*

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### ***Dates for your diary***

- Year 5 and 6 Swimming on Nov 14th & 28th, Dec 12th
- Nov 11th—Year 3 Butser Farm Trip
- Nov 11th—Operation Xmas Child Shoebox deadline
- Nov 12th—Odd Socks Day
- Nov 11th-15th—Anti-Bullying Week
- Nov 15th—PTA Movie Night
- Nov 29th—Year 5 Class Assembly
- Dec 3rd—Christmas Carols (Yrs. 3-6) 6pm
- Dec 5th—Year 1/2 Polka Theatre Trip
- Dec 6th—EYFS/KS1 Nativity Plays
- Dec 6th—PTA Xmas Fair
- Dec 9th—PTA Xmas Panto
- Dec 13th—End of Term 2pm.