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# Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents

On Wednesday Mrs Morbin and I had the pleasure of accompanying seven of our students to the Beginning of a new Year Mass at St George's Cathedral. We joined students from schools across the diocese and our Pupil Chaplains were given the special honour of being part of the offertory procession. You can see a short video of this on the diocese's social media pages.

On Thursday Father John Howard from John the Baptist joined us to look at our RE work throughout the school and enjoyed reminiscing about his happy memories here as a pupil.

We were delighted to announce this week that students in Years 4-6 will be taking part in the Young Voices concert at the O2 in January. This is a great opportunity for our students to perform along with other local schools in one of the country's biggest venues. More information to follow on this closer to the time.

October is the month Holy Rosary and our Prayer Club will be praying the Rosary for the next three weeks. Parents are invited to join us on Thursdays at 8.30am in the Long Room.

Following parental feedback last year, we have moved Parent Consultations to the final week of this half term—appointments will be available to book soon.

Thank you to everyone who has recommended Laleham Lea to your family and friends. We have enjoyed a busy Open Week, with appointments booked for the coming weeks also. Thank you to all of our students and staff who offered our visitors a warm Laleham Lea welcome as always. Do please remember to follow, like and share our social media posts.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Mrs Reece

Headteacher

## House Points Scores

**Wulstan**

**221**

**Alban**

**193**

**Mayne**

**180**

**Edmund**

**179**

### *Dates for your diary*

- Monday September 29th—TFL Visit to Y6
- Monday October 6th—Natural History Museum -Y6
- Monday October 13th & Thursday 16th - Parent consultations
- Friday October 17th—Break for half term

- Tuesday November 4th—Pilgrimage to St George's Cathedral (Years 4-6)
- Monday November 10th—Individual & sibling photos
- Tuesday November 11th—Travelling Crib at Lambeth Palaces (Reception—Year 3)
- Thursday November 13th—Army Museum Trip—Y6



# THE CATHOLIC LIFE OF THE SCHOOL



Our Celebration of the Word assembly this week we focused on God. We discussed how we can put God first and thought about how we will do this through our thoughts and actions this week.

***"You cannot serve God and money" Luke 16:13***

## Beginning of a new year Mass

On Wednesday we joined schools from around the Diocese for the annual Beginning of a New Year Mass at St George's Cathedral. Our Pupil Chaplains were invited to take the offertory to Archbishop John Wilson during Mass and we met with him afterwards for photographs.

One Year 3 student said: "When I went to St George's Cathedral we saw the Archbishop and during Mass he asked me a question in front of lots of people and I made a big speech. I was very proud."

Our Year 6 Pupil Chaplains said: "We were so proud to be asked to help with the offertory, but we were a bit nervous in front of so many people."



## Mini Vinnies

At the Celebration of the Word Assembly on Monday we were delighted to announce our new Mini Vinnies for this academic year.

The Mini Vinnies follow the example of Saint Vincent de Paul. They show kindness, care for others, and help to make a difference in our school and community.

We are so proud that they have volunteered to carry out this very important role within our school, and we know they will do an excellent job this year.



## Lectio Divina

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:1-5



## Nursery

This week Nursery have been exploring what happens during harvest. The children have been discussing the different fruits and vegetables that the farmers harvest and participating in the following activities:

- Using a number line for visual aid, counting the harvest-themed objects and practicing writing our numbers 1-10.
- Using a variety of sticking materials to design our own scarecrow hat and discussing the textures—shiny, smooth, bumpy, rough, hard, fluffy and soft.
- Completing a cutting & sticking activity and learning about repeated patterns.
- Meeting our friend 'Sammy the Scarecrow'.



## Reception



We've had such a lovely week in Reception! The children have been busy learning, exploring, and showing just how creative and enthusiastic they can be. I am so proud of all their hard work.

In Maths, the children made some amazing repeating patterns. They spotted patterns all around them, copied tricky ones, and even made their own using colours, shapes, and objects.



In Literacy, we had lots of fun with the story of The Three Billy Goats Gruff. The children enjoyed joining in with the troll's lines, retelling the story in their own words, and even acting it out.

In Awe and Wonder, we thought carefully about how we are all special and unique. The children shared some really thoughtful ideas about what makes them who they are, and it was wonderful to see them celebrate each other's differences. Thank you to Father John for dropping into see us in Reception this week.



## Year 1

This week in RE, Year 1 have been creating beautiful rainbows to remind us of God's promise in the story of Noah's Ark.





## Year 2



In Year 2, we have been learning about Jesus and His love for us in RSE. In Mark 10:14-16 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

## Year 3



In maths this week the children have been working hard. They have been using number lines to position numbers and have also been comparing and ordering numbers to 1000. There has been a lot of problem solving going on too! Well done Year 3!

## Year 4



Our Year 4 pupils have been busy this week exploring the story of Joseph and his Amazing Coat of Many Colours. As part of their learning, the children worked to design their own versions of Joseph's famous coat.

Armed with fabrics, colours, and plenty of creativity, the pupils thought carefully about how colour and pattern can express feelings, dreams, and personality. From bold stripes to intricate patchwork designs, each coat was a unique reflection of the children's ideas.

The activity not only brought the Bible story to life but also encouraged imagination, and an appreciation of how stories can be expressed through art and design.

## Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about the story of the creation and made their own beautiful illustrations.



## Sports Stars

Well done to our Year 2 dance star who won second place for her song and dance solo performance at Pointers' Dance Studio Choreography Competition last week.



## Year 6

Our Year 6 students collaboratively analysed the parable of the man who had a banquet, diving deep into its meanings and themes. Through group discussions, they uncovered valuable lessons about those who are marginalised in society. Our classroom



buzzed with enthusiasm as the children shared insights on the Kingdom of God and worked together, developing their critical thinking and teamwork skills.

Well done also to our Year 5 Cricket champ who has made it through trials to be picked to play for Surrey County Cricket Under 10s



## Stars of the week

