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Laleham Lea

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

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new academic year at Laleham Lea! We have enjoyed a lovely week catching up with our friends and welcoming new members to the Laleham Lea family too.

Our Reception and Nursery Classes have settled in beautifully, as have our new students and staff across the school.

Our Club list was circulated last week and clubs resume on Monday, please do book your child's place and return any Late Leavers bookings forms by Monday at the latest.

We have the NHS Nasal Flu team in school next Friday (Reception-Y6) please ensure you complete the online consent if you would like your child to have this.

We have much to look forward to this term, indeed, this whole academic year - our finalised calendar will be sent on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Reece

Headteacher





The Catholic life of the school

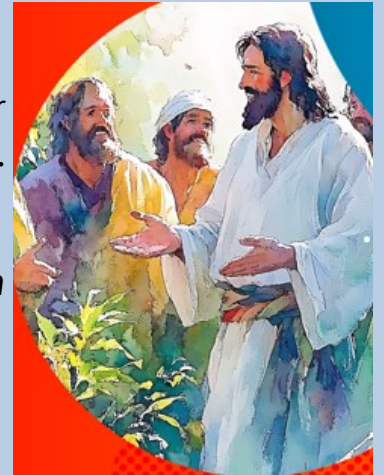


Celebration of The Word

On Monday our Celebration of The Word assembly we focused on dignity, forgiveness and the importance of promoting peace amongst one another. In the Gospel, Jesus gives us a step-by-step guide on how to make peace when a friend hurts our feelings.

He reminds us that when we talk kindly to each other and pray together as a team, he is right there with us. Jesus teaches us how to be true peacemakers.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am among them". Matthew 18:15-20



Gospel Values

Well done to this week's Gospel Values award winners for showing our values of **Compassion, Gentleness, Justice, Love, Forgiveness** and **Hope**.



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If you want to grow in faith, find new friends or simply chill on a Sunday afternoon, we are an open and a welcoming community. We also have volunteering opportunities through the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Sundays term-time, 4:00pm – 5:45pm in the parish hall, 48 Dale Road, Purley. Starts 13 September 2026 with a session on street theatre skills. Other highlights include: dodgeball, ping-pong, table hockey, table football, gardening & arts. Your space. Your friends. Your faith. Email—jtbyouthclub@gmail.com



Nursery

It has been an extremely busy week in Nursery! We are so proud of how all of the children have shown kindness, enthusiasm, excitement and have demonstrated resilience. Well done everyone. You have been amazing.

The children have been looking at 'autumn', they have been participating in a range of activities including:

- Completing an autumn themed sticking activity, ordering numbers from 1-5 and 1-10
- Using paints and a cork to create their own autumn tree.
- Reinforcing turn taking by playing the autumn bingo game.
- Listening to a story called 'The Very Helpful Hedgehog'.
- Collecting Autumn leaves and discussing their texture and the sounds that they make.
- The children enjoyed listening to a story called What makes us unique by Nana Cece.



Reception

What a wonderful first week of school! The children have settled in beautifully and are already getting to know their new classmates - a big welcome to our new pupils, who have joined our school family so happily.

Throughout the week, the children loved exploring their new environment and did a fantastic job learning our school mission statement, Gospel Values, and how to be kind and helpful. A highlight was attending our very first Celebration Assembly of the year, where every child in Reception was delighted to receive a certificate for a brilliant start!



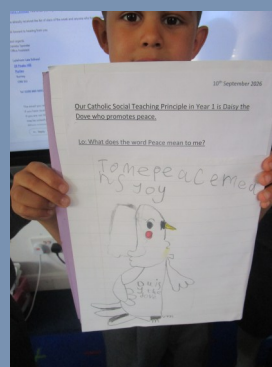
We also enjoyed our first Music lesson with Mrs Corrigan and PE with Mr Judge, and we are looking forward to starting Spanish lessons with Mr Fuentes.

A huge thank you to all our lovely parents for all your support during this first week. Have a restful weekend!



Year 1

This week in RE Year 1 have been learning about Daisy the Dove who is our Catholic Social Teaching Mascot. They drew a picture of her and wrote about what Peace means to them.



Year 2



This week in Year 2, we have been learning about our school mission and school prayer.

We have created posters to show the meaning and significance of our mission and prayer.

Year 3



Year 3 have returned to school refreshed and eager to start learning this term.

In maths we have been extending our knowledge of counting in 10s to 100 and are beginning to explore counting in 100s. We are amazing mathematicians!

In English we have started reading 'Stone Age Boy' which links to our Humanities topic of Stone Age to the Iron Age, that we started today. We are really excited to be increasing our wonderful knowledge.

Year 4



Year 4 have made a brilliant start to the new school year, settling into their new classroom wonderfully and putting in fantastic effort.

This week, we introduced our new text, *The Lion Above the Door* by Onjali Q. Raúf, and reflected on our school mission statement alongside our CST animal, DJ the Dolphin. The children have produced some outstanding work - well done Year 4!

Year 5

Our class has been diving headfirst into the world of drama, exploring expression, confidence, and voice control through the wildly fun challenge of tongue twisters. The classroom was filled with giggles, fast talking, and incredible enthusiasm.



Music Lessons —Spaces Available

We have a limited number of spaces available in; Piano, Violin, Guitar, Singing, Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone and Trumpet with our dedicated peripatetic music teachers.

If you are interested in signing up, please register your interest asap to avoid missing out on a place.



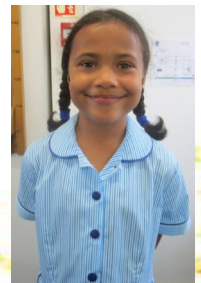
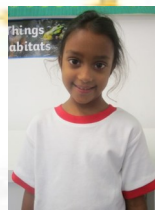
Year 6



Our Year 6 pupils have proudly stepped into their roles as faith leaders by taking on the responsibility of preparing and delivering the 'Wednesday Word' liturgy to classes across the school.

They are sharing the Gospel message and guiding our younger children in weekly prayer and reflection.

Stars of the week



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