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Laleham Lea

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Dear Parents,

We celebrated a beautiful beginning of new year mass with Father John at the John Fisher Chapel on Tuesday. Thank you to the parents and governors who joined us for this.

Today five students from Year 5 and 6 are representing our school at the Diocesan Beginning of a New Year mass for all Catholic schools in Southwark at St George's Cathedral. Thank you to Mrs Morbin for accompanying them.

This week was our first Open Week of the year and we enjoyed welcoming families looking for Nursery and Reception places next year, as well as families looking to maybe move from other schools too. Thank you to all of our students and staff for offering our visitors a warm Laleham Lea welcome as always. Please do continue to recommend us to your family and friends, we are always happy to show prospective families around our school at any time of year.

Yesterday we held our Curriculum Evening for parents. We hope you found this information helpful in supporting your child/ren this year. If you were unable to attend, teachers have emailed their presentations over.

Next Thursday we have photographers in school for individual and sibling photos, please ensure your child is wearing full, clean uniform with their blazers for this.

Wishing you all a lovely

Mrs Reece

Headteacher



Dates for your Diary

- 1st October — School Photography—Individual & Siblings
- 8th October—Year 5&6 swimming
- 12th October — Parent Consultation Meetings (3.30—5.30pm)
- 12th October—Harvest donations deadline
- 16th October—Break for half term
- 2nd November—Return to school, full winter uniform



The Catholic life of the school



Celebration of The Word

On Monday our Celebration of The Word assembly focused on Generosity and Fairness as in the Holy Gospel, Jesus shares a parable about workers being invited to work in a vineyard. Jesus uses this story to help us know that every person is invited into his kingdom.

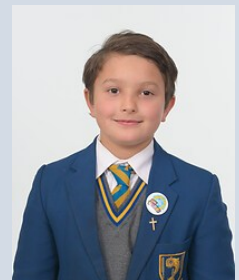
Whilst we may not always understand God's ways, we can trust that he is more generous and just than we can imagine.

***"Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity? So the last will be my first and the first last".
Matthew 20:15—16***



Gospel Values

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



Nursery

This week Nursery have been very busy exploring 'harvest'. The children have been looking at different fruits and vegetables and discussing what happens during harvest time.

We have also enjoyed the story 'Little Red Hen' - discussing the characters and drawing pictures. The story teaches children the value of cooperation, taking responsibility and hard work. The children have also been:

- Using a number line for visual aid, counting the Harvest objects and practice writing our numbers 1-10.
- Using a variety of sticking materials to design our own scarecrow hat and discussing the textures used, such as shiny, smooth, bumpy, rough, hard, fluffy and soft.
- Meeting our friend 'Sammy the Scarecrow'.

The children also enjoyed participating in our Awe and Wonder session, focusing on looking after our Planet Earth. As an extension to this, the children used different mark making tools, media and materials to create a poster.



Reception

What a wonderful week of learning and sunshine in Reception! The children have embraced the changing season by creating stunning autumn trees using a vibrant array of colourful leaves. Continuing our 'All About Me' topic, everyone proudly celebrated their unique personalities by making fantastic collages filled with all of their favourite things.

We have also been working hard on our handwriting and fine motor skills. The children are making brilliant progress and it is lovely to see this so early in the year. Well done Reception!



Year 1

This week Year 1 have been busy making close observations in Science.

Using mirrors they looked closely at their own eyes as well as their partner's, and started to understand parts of the eye, like the pupil and iris.

We played a small experimental game to understand we need light to help us see and everyone did a great job at labelling their diagrams of the eye. Well done Year 1 - a great lesson with lots of discussion ranging from the purpose of our eyelashes, to all the different colours the iris could be!

We also have enjoyed role playing the story of Little Red Riding Hood. They took turns acting out the characters and exploring the genre of Fairy tales through freeze frames.



Year 2



Our Year 2 class took a journey back in time to bring the story of Noah's Ark to life! They designed and built incredible 3D models using recycled materials, paint, and plenty of imagination.

From measuring out the decks to carefully crafting tiny pairs of animals, their creativity was out of this world. Well done Year 2!

Year 3

This term, our Year 3 pupils engaged in thoughtful discussions about God's gifts within us, reflecting on the unique talents, kindness, and strengths they each bring to our school community. The children shared inspiring ideas about how they can use these gifts to support one another, show compassion, and make a positive difference every day.

Looking ahead, the class expressed great enthusiasm for the upcoming academic year. They are particularly excited about diving into new learning topics, building lasting friendships, and taking on new responsibilities as they settle into Key Stage 2. We are so proud of their reflective nature and look forward to watching them grow, flourish, and shine in the months ahead!



Year 4

What a wonderful week in Year 4! The children have worked so hard, with highlights including mastering Roman numerals and rounding in maths (helped along by two new songs!), coming together for whole-school Mass on Tuesday, and writing empathetic postcards from the viewpoint of Caribbean passengers arriving in Britain during the Windrush era.

In RE, we continued our learning on Abraham's covenant with God, which the children brought to life through a fantastic sketch. We can't wait for another great week of learning ahead!



Year 5



In RE this week, we have been learning about the story of Moses and the burning bush. We discussed how God called Moses and linked this to other

Inspiring figures in the Bible who were chosen for a special purpose. To bring the story to life, the children used tissue paper to create their own vibrant fire artwork representing the burning bush.

Gold Medal —Judo

A huge congratulations to one of our Year 4 pupils who recently was awarded a Gold Medal at the United Judo competition in Bexley!

What a great achievement & well done to you!



Year 6

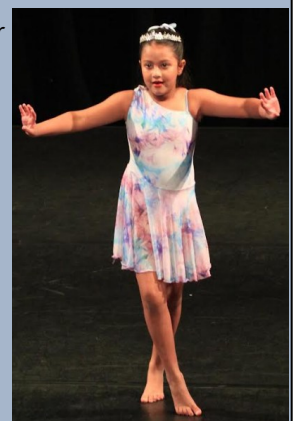
This week, Years 5 and 6 got hands-on with global trade by running their very own coffee supply chains right in the classroom! Working in small teams, pupils took on roles as coffee farmers, Fairtrade inspectors, roasters, freight drivers, and baristas.

Using real coffee beans, teams raced to move their product all the way from South American and African farms to UK high street coffee shops. Things got even more exciting when unexpected disruptions hit—from blocked shipping canals to severe weather in Brazil! It was a fun, lively way for pupils to learn how products travel around the world and why Fairtrade matters so much.



Pointer's 2026 Annual Choreography Competition at Caterham School

One of our year 3 pupils recently competed in the Pointer's Annual Choreography Competition at Caterham School and was thrilled to achieve, 1st place, primary duet, 2nd place sing & dance solo & overall trophy, most promising singer 2026.



Stars of the week





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