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Laleham Lea

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

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Dear Parents,

I cannot believe we are already half way through this half term, with so much festive fun to come over the next few weeks. With such a busy calendar, I thought it would be helpful to have a quick reminder of the key events before we break up for Christmas.

On Monday November 30th our new PTA volunteers have organised a film night (please see the poster for more details and how to pay).

Our EYFS and KS1 Nativity plays take place on December 4th at 9.15 and 11am respectively. Any Nursery children who do not normally attend on a Friday are welcome to take part in the performance too—please let Miss Hogsden know if your child will be taking part.

Our Junior Christmas Carol Concert takes place on December 8th at St Mark's Church—we look forward to seeing parents there for what is always one of the highlights of our school year.

Our Christmas lunch takes place on Christmas Jumper Day (Dec 10th) with students welcome to wear a Christmas Jumper with their normal school uniform in return for a donation to Save the Children (link to be shared closer to the time).

Have a lovely, restful weekend

Mrs Reece

Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

- 30th November—PTA Film Night
- 3rd December - Swimming Y6&5
- 4th December—EYFS/KS1 Nativities 9.15/11am
- 8th December—Christmas Carols 6pm—Junior Students (no clubs for Juniors)
- 10th December—Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
- 11th December—End of term 2pm—No Clubs or Late Leavers

The Catholic life of the school

Celebration of The Word



In assembly this week, led by Miss Leonidas, we focused on 'Break the Silence' and standing up against bullying.

The Power of Words: Through demonstrations with a tube of toothpaste and a paper heart, we learned that unkind words cannot be put back and leave lasting mark.

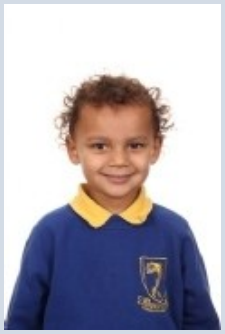
Faith in Action: Inspired by the Good Samaritan, we discussed real-life scenarios and asked ourselves, "What would Jesus do?"

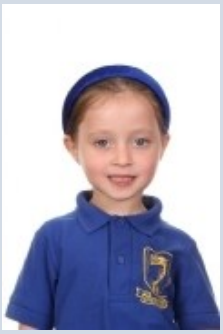


Celebrating Kindness: Every child wrote down one kind act they carried out this week to showcase the warmth and care within our school community.

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



It has been a busy week in Nursery as we focused on storytelling! Each day, we listened to a different story & took part in a variety of activities to deepen our understanding. Alongside exploring story structure, characters, and comprehension as we have been learning about the roles of an author & an illustrator. Stories and activities included:



- Room on the Broom — the children had a wonderful time using wands to make up their own imaginative spells.
- The Gingerbread Man — We carried out a science experiment to explore floating & sinking, practising how to make predictions and learning new vocabulary along the way. The children used playdough, shape cutters & craft materials to design their very own Gingerbread Men.
- Goldilocks and the Three Bears— We enjoyed listening to a special reading of this classic tale in Spanish!
- Jack and the Beanstalk — we practised our listening & counting skills by following instructions to colour in the correct number of beans.
- The Three Little Pigs – inspired by the pigs, the children used a variety of materials to build their own houses, thinking carefully about how to make them stronger & whether the Big Bad Wolf would be able to blow them down!

Reception



It has been another wonderful week of learning in Reception! As part of our Celebrations topic, we loved taking part in Odd Socks Day.

We spent time discussing what makes each of us unique, exploring how we can celebrate our individuality simply by being ourselves, and promoting kindness and respect across our classroom.



In RE, the children enjoyed learning about the birth of Jesus and made some fantastic connections with our upcoming Nativity play. Meanwhile, in Maths, we have been working hard with counters to explore and record our number bonds to 5 - showing brilliant focus and enthusiasm!



Year 1

In RE this week Year 1 have been learning about The Annunciation. The children reflected on how Mary felt when the angel appeared.

Year 2

This week in Year 2 we learnt how Florence Nightingale carried a bright lamp to help sick soldiers in the dark.

The children designed paper lanterns in Art to remember her kindness. Well done Year 2.



Year 3

Year 3 have loved reading 'Have You Filled a Bucket Today?' this week and discussing what it means to be a 'bucket filler' rather than a 'bucket dipper'.

To celebrate kindness in our classroom, the children have crafted their own buckets for our new class display. Whenever they show kindness, patience, or encouragement to a classmate, they get to add a pom-pom to their friend's bucket!

Be sure to ask your child all about how they are filling buckets over the coming weeks.





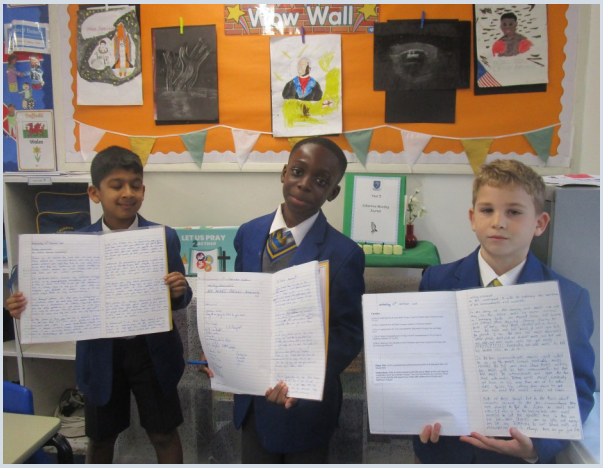
Year 4



Year 4 has been buzzing with big ideas this Anti-Bullying Week! The children had some brilliant, thoughtful discussions about how our everyday actions affect those around us, before channelling their creativity into crafting wonderful acrostic poems.

Well done, Year 4, for showing such empathy and hard work!

Year 5



Year 5 have been using a range of persuasive techniques to write powerful arguments on whether mobile phones are necessary! Meanwhile, in RE, the children explored key events in the life of Moses to answer the big question: "God's covenants and commandments guide us to live good, free, and happy lives." They finished with mature, thoughtful reflections on true happiness, building positive community habits, and how loving our neighbour calls Christians to support the Common Good.

Year 6

Year 5 and 6 stepped back in time to Ancient Greece this week to explore the great rivalry between Athens and Sparta. Dressed in traditional tunics, the children compared daily life in both city-states, debating the merits of Athenian democracy and the arts against Sparta's famous warrior culture.







Stars of the week















Odd Socks Day 16th November

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, children had great fun in wearing odd socks, which is a simple, fun way to express our individuality and celebrate the unique differences that make everyone deserving of kindness and respect.

You can also take a look at a fun video that we filmed of the children and their odd socks on our social media pages.









Monday 30th November

3.30 – 5.00pm

CHRISTMAS MOVIE AFTERNOON

AT LALEHAM LEA



Tickets just £5

Please make payment into the PTA account using the details below. Don't forget to include your child's name and year group in the reference!

Payment Details:

Laleham Lea PTA Account
Account Number: 00470603
Sort code: 30-98-36

Please ensure all payments are made by Monday 23rd November.