



15th January 2021

Missed this week's Celebration Assembly? [Click here](#) to watch it. It will be available for 7 days.

Achievement certificates awarded to:

Maple - Hugo
Willow - Alfie
Oak - Harmehar
Ash - Karmen
Rowan - Everyone!
Beech - Everyone!
Elm - Everyone!
Birch - Akein
Cherry - Kaydon
Hazel - Mark
Poplar - Poppy
Hawthorn - Felix
Chestnut - Lilly
Sycamore - Dug & Harvey

Coming up next week...

18.01.21 -

British Values Assembly, watch via the link shared by your teacher.

20.01.21 -

Weekly day of prayer to St. Joseph

15.01.21 - *LIVE*

Friday Celebration Assembly at 1.15pm
Please check Parentmail for joining instructions.

This week in our school community ...

Dear Parents and Children,

What a lovely end to the week it was seeing so many of you today at our Celebration Assembly. We had 205 people joining us at home and at school, and the fact that you were still smiling at the end of a busy week of home learning was brilliant! If you can join us on Friday afternoons at 1.15pm, please do.

Thank you to the many parents that have sent messages of support to staff, and for such overwhelmingly positive feedback about our home learning

offer.

We know that lots of our families are juggling home schooling for multiple siblings, while also home working themselves, and we are aware of the issues that can arise. The Department for Education has also made it a legal requirement for schools to provide between 3-5 hours of teaching per day.

For any families that are finding things a bit of a challenge, we want to reassure you that there is flexibility in the learning that is provided. We would ask that you please do

what you can to prioritise English and Maths lessons, but be assured that we are happy for you to take breaks, perhaps if you have clashes with work commitments, or if your family just needs some time for a walk or some rest.

Please continue to take care of each other and to stay safe.

With very best wishes,

Richard McKenzie

Headteacher

2021 - The Year of St. Joseph

The Church observes the passage of time through the liturgical calendar - which includes feasts such as Easter and seasons such as Advent. In addition, however, Popes can set aside time for the Church to reflect more deeply on a specific aspect of Catholic teaching or belief. Pope Francis proclaimed the Year of St. Joseph to run from 8th December, 2020, to 8th December, 2021.

Saint Joseph was the husband of the Virgin Mary and the foster father of Jesus and was chosen by God as a trustworthy guardian and protector of Mary and Jesus. Pope Francis said the Coronavirus pandemic has heightened his desire to reflect on St. Joseph, as so many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as St. Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus. He wrote: *"Each of us can discover in Joseph...the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence...an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble."*

Every Wednesday we will honor St Joseph by joining together in prayer. Each month we will learn a new prayer dedicated to St Joseph that we can share together.



This month's prayer is:

Dear St. Joseph,
Help us to love and care,
Be gentle and fair,
Help us to work together and play together,
Help us to live and grow together,
To always be glad to help each other,
Happy in your loving care.
Amen



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School Safeguarding Team

If you are worried about something that your own, or another child has told you, or you think that they may be at risk of harm, please contact our Designated Safeguarding team:

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Supporting Families

We are able to offer support to any families experiencing financial difficulties. Please contact us in confidence and we will do whatever we can to help you.

Congratulations



Well done to **Niamh** in Y2, who challenged herself to join her mum in running every-day between Christmas and returning to school. She managed an impressive 25km! Fantastic job!

Congratulations to **Miss Scott** who has become engaged. We wish her and her fiancé all the best as they prepare for this new adventure together.



Science News

Get ready for **St Peter's Big Bird-watch Week** from 25th- 29th January!



giving
nature
a home

This special week will be a chance for the whole school to be part of an important nationwide project called The Big Schools Birdwatch to survey and provide data on the birds you can find in your outside spaces and gardens. We will be providing a Google form on our virtual school for you to input your data which we will then send off to the RSPB.

How to get ready

At this time of year birds find it harder to find insects to eat, so it's really good to provide food for them.

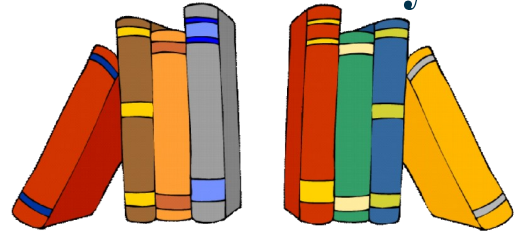
Next week you could start to attract more birds into your outdoor spaces by making your own bird feeder -

[https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/
for-kids/games-and-activities/activities/make-
a-recycled-bird-feeder/](https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-kids/games-and-activities/activities/make-a-recycled-bird-feeder/)

The RSPB recommends these foods:

Black sunflower seeds, pinhead oatmeal, soaked sultanas, raisins and currants, mild grated cheese, mealworms, waxworms, mixes for insectivorous birds, good seed mixtures without loose peanuts, and RSPB food bars.

The Little Library



Open Monday - Friday

8.00am - 5.00pm

During this period of home learning, we want to be able to offer the opportunity to change your child's reading books weekly and so we have created 'The Little Library' in our school entrance foyer area.

The library can be accessed at any time while the school building is open. Please wear a face covering and gloves - disposable gloves and hand sanitiser will be available. We ask that only one family group be in the space at a time. If someone is already there, please wait outside with appropriate social distancing.

For children in
Year R, Year 1 & Year 2

Drop reading folders off any day/time
before Friday at 12.30pm

Collect new reading books any day/time
after Monday at 12.30pm

For children attending our reduced provision, books will be handed out and changed once a week in school.

There will also be a box of story books available and you are welcome to borrow extra books in addition to your normal reading books. Please drop them into the 'returned books trolley' when you have finished reading them.

For children in
**Year 2 - 6 who complete the
St Peter's Reading Challenge**

There are baskets of books for each level. You are welcome to change your books on any day. Simply drop your returned books into the 'returned books' trolley and choose new ones for your level.

FREE Audiobooks

Mrs Mills would like to let you know that Audible have made an [incredible collection of stories](#), including titles across eight different languages, available to stream for free on your desktop, laptop, phone or tablet. Why not make a time each day to listen to something new?