



22nd 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 - Charlie
Willow - Tommy
Oak - Imogen
Ash - Alfie
Rowan - Joseph
Beech - Oscar &
Sofia
Elm - Riley
Birch - Callum
Cherry - Freddie
Hazel - Robin &
Bianca
Poplar - Charlie
Hawthorn - Emily C
Chestnut - Matthew
Sycamore - Maddie

Coming up next week...

25.01.21 -
British Values
Assembly - What makes
a good leader? Watch
via the link shared by
your
teacher.

27.01.21 -
Weekly day of prayer to
St Joseph

29.01.21 - *LIVE* Fri-
day Celebration Assem-
bly at 1.15pm
Please check
Parentmail for joining
instructions.

This week in our school community ...

Dear Parents and Children,

Today was a lovely day in school, as we welcomed back the last of the bubbles that have recently needed to self-isolate.

We also had the chance to celebrate all the great work that has been happening at home in assembly. I especially love hearing from the teachers about how proud they are of the children's efforts and achievements.

As families, you are doing the most marvellous job in very trying circumstances. Thank you for all your efforts. Maybe we should have an assembly to celebrate you too! Food for

thought perhaps...

Thank you to the parents that have given such supportive and useful feedback on our home learning survey. If you haven't yet taken part, then please do. All the details are inside.

Many parents will already have heard the news already, but for those who have not, the Department of Education has confirmed that all statutory assessments have been cancelled this year.

While we will, of course, continue to assess children and their progress as part of our teaching, the cancellation means that the following will not now go ahead:

- Early Years Profile,
- Year 1 Phonics Test,
- End of KS1 Assessments,
- Y4 Times Table check, and
- End of KS2 SATs.

The weather for this weekend looks bright, if wintery. I hope that you can take some time to rest, relax and enjoy some time away from school and work,

With very best wishes,

Richard McKenzie
Headteacher

From Sunday's Gospel...

Year of St Joseph

This coming Sunday we celebrate the **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**. In this week's Gospel ([Mark 1:14-20](#))

we hear that Jesus' first disciples, the fishermen, Simon and Andrew, James and John, suddenly changed their plans when Jesus called them to follow him. There must have been something very special about Jesus to make the fishermen change their priorities so quickly. Jesus called to them, and they immediately made the invitation to be his disciple the most important thing in their lives. Jesus also invites us to make living as his disciple the most important thing in our lives. Please try to read the Gospel with your child.



This year is dedicated to St Joseph and, if you have a moment together as a family on Wednesdays, you might like to pray this month's prayer with us:

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.

St Peter's Birdwatch Week

25th - 29th January



giving
nature
a home

This coming 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. This data provides important information to scientists about which birds are in decline and which are flourishing.

Follow this link to download a bird spotter sheet <https://www.rspb.org.uk/fun-and-learning/for-teachers/schools-birdwatch/resources/>. There are a variety of different sheets to choose from depending on your child's age, and your teacher may also indicate which one they would like them to use.

Once you have collected your data, help your child to input it onto our special [Birdwatching Google Form here](#). Teachers will also post links to the form on the children's Google Classrooms or Tapestry account. You can also find all the resources on the Virtual School. We will then send this vital information to the RSPB. Everyone who contributes can feel proud that they are being Citizen Scientists!

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/>

The RSPB recommends the following 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.

Remote Learning Survey

When the Government announced the most recent National Lockdown on 4th January, schools were instructed to switch to online remote learning for all children except for vulnerable children or children of key workers that could not be safely cared for at home. The Department for Education also made it a legal requirement that schools provide between 3-5 hours of remote teaching and learning per day.

We are very proud of the way that our teachers, children and families have risen to the challenge of remote learning, and of the offer that we provide, but at this mid-point of the term we would like to know a little more about how things are going. We are inviting parents to complete [this survey](#) which asks you 3 simple questions about the learning provided for your child.

The survey will remain open until **9am on Monday 25th January** and we look forward to hearing from you.

PJ Day - 12th February

In late February, a time of year when the nights are long and cold, the night nurses from the Princess Alice Hospice are out and about in all weathers. They help to support patients and families with life limiting conditions at home, and when they need it most. Over the years some of our staff and parents have sadly relied on care from the Princess Alice Hospice, and knowing how kind and supportive our community is, we would like to offer our support for this charity appeal in a way that is fun and effective.



We invite pupils and staff, whether they are at home or at school, to join us in wearing their PJ's on **Friday 12th February** and to make a donation to this special cause. More information to follow.