



Our core Christian Values: *Trust, Friendship, Creativity, Courage, Respect, Compassion*

Remembrance



Remembrance - As a school we marked Remembrance on Monday. Redwood and Cedar Classes attended the Radstock celebration of remembrance at the war memorial with Sophie and Tobias laying the wreath on behalf of our school. Julia read a prayer during the service. It was wonderful to be able to remember with members of our local community.

Meanwhile, back at school our remaining classes gathered outside around our Sculpture to take time out to pause and remember. Neave and Natan led the school with readings and reflections before pausing for our 2 minute silence.

Children made poppies using old CD's (upcycling and caring for our environment) which were placed in our reflection areas by our new amphitheatre and our Acceptance Garden to encourage children to pause and take time to reflect across the week. They look beautiful and inspiring.



House Points Winners



Congratulations to both **Topaz** and **Emerald** House who were joint House Point winners last week and this week **Sapphire** and **Topaz** were joint House Point winners. Well done!



Attendance Winners

Well done to **Willow** Class for best attendance last week and also this week. Well done!

Christian Values Awards



The children recognised for demonstrating our Christian Values over the last two weeks are:

- Friendship:** Frances Y3
- Respect:** Levi Y3, Julia Y6
- Courage:** Julia Y6
- Compassion:** Brodie Y4, Elis Y5, Sonny Y5, Theo Y5

Headteacher's Award

- Conker:** Lilly, Olivia
- Chestnut:** Evan, Amelia
- Cedar:** Ethan, Effie
- Willow:** Melissa, Jonjo
- Cherry:** Ivy, Riley
- Maple:** Annabelle, Neave
- Redwood:** Tobious, Mila



Outside Achievements



Congratulations to the following children for their Outside Achievements:

- Theo Y1 - passed stage 3 in swimming**
- Amber Y3 - passed stage 4 in swimming**
- Clara Y3 - achieved blue belt in Taekwondo**
- Finley Y3 - won 2 medals at boot camp**
- Nevaeh Y4 - passed stage 6 in swimming**

Acorn Class



Class News:

What a busy start to the term! We have been exploring our topic *Once upon a celebration* and the children have been celebrating Diwali, Bonfire Night and Remembrance Day too. We have been finding out all about how Hindus celebrate Diwali and linking this to our own experiences. The children who come to Nursery on a Friday were lucky enough to take part in our whole school Diwali Day and were able to join in with activities such as dancing, lantern making and Rangoli pattern art! In class, the children have been mark making in the sensory tray to create firework shapes, modelling their own diya lamps using clay and creating Diwali paintings and crafts.

In Phonics, we have been learning the rhyme: *"Hey, Diddle, Diddle"*. The children have enjoyed practising actions to strengthen their understanding of key vocabulary. We also use picture cards to support the children's developing language. I wonder if any of the children can sing the rhyme to you at home? Our quality texts link to our rhyme too.

In Maths, we have been thinking about patterns. Our younger children in the Hedgehog group have been encouraged to notice patterns and arrange things in patterns. Our older children in the Squirrel group have been noticing patterns and creating simple two-colour repeating patterns.

Acorns loved our whole school Maths Day and it was lovely to see all our children's number-themed ideas on Tuesday! We joined in with an assembly where the children got to take part in a parade to music and admire everyone's amazing costumes!

Miss Wood



Conker Class



Class News:

We have had a lovely couple of weeks back after the half term break. We have explored the celebrations that happen this time of year: Fireworks night/Guy Fawkes, Remembrance and Diwali festival. Continuing our exploration of Autumn, we got to cut some pumpkins up to discover what they looked like inside and scrape out the seeds. We then did some cooking with these seeds to taste what pumpkin seeds are like!

In Literacy, we have been exploring the story of: *"Where the Wild Things Are"*. Last week, we read the story and in Drawing Club, we got to draw our own main character of Max and show what might happen to his bedroom setting when we choose our magic code! This week, we have looked more at wild things and even got to make our own 'Wild Thing' masks, then take them up to the wooded area to have our own 'Wild Rumpus' just like they did in the story! We leapt, we jumped, we stomped, we roared and we roamed the land just as they did.

In Maths, we have been exploring *shape*. We learned what makes a circle special and what makes a triangle special. They have different sorts of sides (round or curved and straight) and they have different amounts of sides and

corners. We even realised that some of these shapes appear in our everyday environment. Can you have a look around to see if you notice any triangles or circles at home?

This week in RE, we have been learning about this term's Christian Value - Respect. We discussed whether respect was or wasn't given in the Bible story: *"The Good Samaritan"* and remembered times when we had shown respect to others.

We loved visiting our Trinity sculpture 'Acceptance' and were very respectful when we took it in turns to discuss how it made us feel, what it reminded us of and what we liked about it. We thought the colourful hands might represent us, our friendships and helping each other. We were so inspired that we made our very own sculptures from different materials. Conker Class turned into a beautiful art gallery which had sculptures of ourselves, people and things that are important to us.

In PE, we have been exploring how to roll a ball and stop a rolling ball. We got to try this on the top playground and had lots of space to practise these new skills!

Miss Willis and Mrs Clements



Chestnut Class



Class News:

What an action packed few weeks we've had in Chestnut Class and in our school community! It's been a super start to the new term.

The children really enjoyed exploring the variety of activities for Diwali last Friday.

Tuesday was a very busy day for us! As part of our *Numbots* celebrations, every child logged into Numbots for the first time. It was great to see the children so enthused with the learning. We also went to watch *Chiffonnade* at the Trinity Hub. It was a great opportunity to watch a live dance performance. The children were particularly impressed by being splashed by the performer on stage!

In Maths, we have continued to explore *part-part-whole models* and use them to work out simple addition sentences. We have been thinking about how we use the symbols + (plus) and = (equal to) in our learning.

As a class, we used: *"Mr Gumpy's Outing"* to work out *first, then, now* addition stories and then the children wrote their own versions.

We are exploring poetry this term in English. Our focus is a list poem called: *"Ten Things Found in a Wizard's Pocket"*. This week, we have been drawing and writing about the things we would like to find. The children have had some great ideas such as:

- a coconut that you can drink forever;
- a volcano that erupts every second; and
- magic ears that turn you into an alien.

I can't wait to see the children's final poems!

A fantastic start to the term Chestnut Class. Well done!

Mrs O'Brien



Cedar Class



Class News:

Wow, how are we already a fortnight through this term?

It has certainly been a busy and fun start with fireworks, Diwali, Remembrance, Numbots and Children in Need!

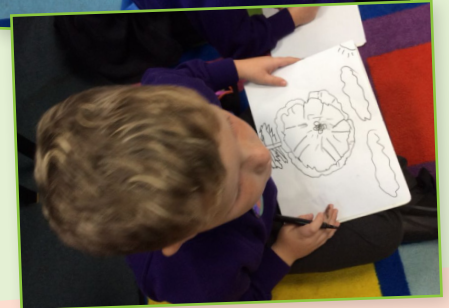
I was really impressed with how much knowledge the children could recall about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot last week when we discussed firework night. This term we have been thinking about The Great War and Remembrance Day. The children did you, and us, proud with the way they showed such respect at the memorial on Monday. We really enjoyed learning about the different colour poppies and what they represent, creating badges and learning how to draw poppies. I wonder if they have shared the four different poppy colours with you at home? It was lovely to have some work brought in from home to show that the children are obviously

interested in their learning.

In English, we have been working really hard on consolidating noun phrases and looking at verbs and adverbs. We have acted out lots of different verbs and then added adverbs to show these in different ways - eg. running *hastily*, running *lightly*, running *despondently*. We are busy practising our lines for the Christmas performance. Please can they keep practising these at home so that they no longer need a script - thank you.

In Maths, we have looked at how to count in 2's, 3's, 5's and 10's and begun to link this to the concept of multiplication. The children are excellent at counting groups of things and also problem solving by putting things in groups. Next we are going to look at how number bonds to 10 can help with number problems to 20.

Mrs Vivian



Willow Class



Class News:

We have had a great couple of weeks back in Willow Class. The children have taken part in lots of fantastic events and have been working extremely hard.

They have particularly enjoyed taking part in our Diwali celebration. They loved creating the Diva lamps and creating rangoli patterns using rice. We all had a brilliant day taking part in the celebration.

In Maths, we have been coming to the end of our topic on *addition* and *subtraction*. The children are now able to add and subtract numbers using the column method and can challenge themselves by having a go at ones with exchanges in too. Next week, we will begin our unit on *multiplication* and *division*.

Another day that the children loved celebrating was Times Table Rockstars Day. The children had a great time dressing up and competing with their friends in a times table battle. During the day, we also tried having a go at some 'multicolour maths'. The children really enjoyed linking their maths to colour and had a great time creating different numbers.

Miss Walker

Cherry Class



Class News:

Cherry Class had a great first two weeks back!

We have been doing lots of assessments throughout the week, I have been so impressed with their positive attitude and resilience throughout their assessments. They should all be very proud of themselves!

In Maths this week, the children were looking at *estimating* and were estimating a variety of calculations. Next week, we are going to briefly recap *column addition and subtraction* and then move onto *multiplication and division*.

In English, we have started our new book based on the myth of *Romulus and Remus*. We have spent the last two weeks creating storyboards and character profiles to familiarise ourselves with the story. Next week, the children will be looking at sequels and beginning to plan a sequel for their independent write.

In History, the children have continued to learn about the Romans. We spent last week looking at why the Romans invaded Britain. We compared two different settlements: an Iron Age and a Roman settlement and identified the similarities and differences. This helped us answer our investigation question. Next week, we will be looking at Emperor Claudius and why he returned to Britain.

Last week, we all celebrated Diwali, the festival of light. The children had great fun participating in a variety of activities. They particularly enjoyed lantern painting, making rangoli patterns and dancing to Diwali music! Finally, we had TTRockstars day on Tuesday, I was so impressed with all their incredible outfits and their times table knowledge!

Great start to Term 2, Cherry Class - keep it up!

Miss Jones



Maple Class



Class News:

It has been a busy couple of weeks in Maple Class with lots of fun activities taking place.

Last week, we celebrated Diwali, the Hindu festival of light, by participating in lots of different themed activities throughout the day. This included making rangoli patterns using rice, creating diva lamps in glass jars, wearing traditional dress outfits and more!

This week, we also channelled our inner rock stars, as we participated in the Times Table Rockstar day! All of the children looked brilliant in their rock star outfits and they impressed me throughout the day with their times table abilities.

The children have settled back in really well at the start of Term 2. In Maths, we have begun our unit on *fractions*, where we have been recognising and finding equivalent fractions.

In History, we are continuing our learning on the Ancient Egyptians and have been learning about the mummification process. Furthermore, we have also begun to learn about some of the Ancient Egyptian Gods and Goddesses!

In Music, we have been working hard to learn and rehearse our songs for the Young Voices trip in January - something the children are really enthusiastic about! In Science, we have started our new unit of learning for the term which is all about *forces*.

A great start to the new term, Maple Class. Keep up the hard work!

Mr Hancock



Class News:

Redwood Class



Over the last two weeks, the Year 6 children have settled into Term 2 very well. We have continued learning about WW2 and have been creating propaganda posters with slogans such as 'Make Do and Mend' and 'Dig For Victory'. We have also looked at Remembrance and why we remember those who have fought in conflicts, such as the Second World War: we made poppies and visited the Cenotaph in Radstock on Remembrance Day.

The children in Redwood Class really enjoyed our Diwali celebrations - there are lots of pictures from all six activities on SeeSaw. All of the children were enthusiastic throughout the day and Mrs Evans-Isaac and I particularly enjoyed their dancing.

In Music lessons, the children have been rehearsing for our upcoming trip (17th January) to the Young Voices event in Birmingham. They have even been learning some great dance moves to go alongside the songs.

Times Table Rockstars Day was great fun in Year 6. We spent the morning completing multiplication activities before battling alongside and against Year 5 in the hall.

We have moved on to new topics in Maths - *fractions*, English - *Alma* and Science - *electricity*.

Miss Phillips



Thought of the week



This week is Anti-bullying week and this has been our focus in class worship times this week. The theme of the week sits alongside our Christian Value this term with the focus being **"Choose Respect"**.

Bullying can affect anyone. It impacts health, wellbeing and learning, and can cause loneliness and fear. There are many different things that can be done together to help build stronger and kinder communities.

There are things we can do if we are being bullied or see someone else being bullied. We have been thinking about how we can show kindness to ourselves and each other this week – and always!

Anti-Bullying Week aims to raise awareness of bullying and highlight ways to prevent and respond to it.

What do others say?

"Respect is how to treat everyone, not just those you want to impress."

Richard Branson (Business Entrepreneur)

What does the bible say?

Respect is about treating others with kindness,

even when we don't always agree with or understand each other. Jesus taught us to love and respect one another as he loved us. By respecting others and celebrating our uniqueness, we help build a world that mirrors God's kingdom – one of love, peace, and inclusion.

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another. (John 13 34-35)

Things to talk at home about:

- Think about what respect means in your life. Can you share a time when someone respected you, or when you showed respect to someone else?
- Imagine someone is listening to you, helping you, or showing kindness – how does that make you feel?
- What are some ways you can show respect to friends and teachers each day?



News Crew



This week's news story about Diwali has been written by our Year 5 reporters.

The word Diwali means 'rows of lighted lamps'. It is celebrated by Hindu people across the world. Diwali always falls some time between October and November, but the exact date varies each year as the Hindu calendar is based on the Moon. Diwali marks the Hindu New Year, it can be a time for reflection.

Last Friday we celebrated and experienced Diwali. We did loads of different kinds of activities including dance, diva light decorating, making rangoli patterns, storytelling, dressing up and colouring a hand pattern.

Divya lamps

Diwali is known as the 'festival of lights' because houses, shops and public places are decorated with small oil lamps called 'diyas' or 'diva' lights. Each class made their own diva lights by decorating jars and putting candles in them.

Dress and Mehndi patterns

Hindus celebrate by gathering together at the Temple. They wear their best clothes. Some women use henna to decorate their hands. We tried on saris

and drew Mehndi patterns onto hand templates.

Rangoli Patterns

During Diwali, families often make decorative patterns of diyas, lotus flowers and other designs out of coloured rice flour. This art form is known as rangoli. Each class made a rangoli pattern and all the children added some coloured rice to the pattern.

Dance

We did an online dance tutorial with Miss Priya. We used scarves and ribbon to create our own dances



Diwali

We had a wonderful time celebrating together and finding out how our Hindu friends and neighbours celebrate Diwali. We learned that Diwali means 'row of lights' and that Hindus celebrate light overcoming darkness. In our classes we explored the story of Rama and Sita, which is remembered at Diwali and we acted it out with puppets and masks. We made rangoli patterns and diya lights and dressed up in clothes that might be worn during a special celebration, learned a Diwali dance and created Mehndi patterns. At the end of the day we gathered together with our lights to celebrate together. We had a fantastic day!

A note about Safeguarding...

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, please contact the school to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Pollock, or our Deputy Safeguarding Leads Mrs Parsons and Mrs Hurley.

The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.



Dates for your Calendar 2024-2025 - Term 2

Date	Event	Notes
Monday 18th November	Year 4 Trip to Roman Baths	Y4
Wednesday 27th November	INSET DAY 3 - School closed to children	Whole School
Tuesday 3rd December	Parents Evening 1 (details to follow)	Whole School
Thursday 5th December	Parents Evening 2 (details to follow)	Whole School
Wednesday 11th December	KS1 Christmas performance - 2.15pm - 2.45pm - Parents welcome at 2pm for refreshments	Y1 & Y2
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Carols & Readings - St Nicholas Church - 1.30-2.30pm	Y3-Y6
Friday 13th December	Conker Class Christmas performance - 2.15pm - 2.45pm	Reception Class
Friday 20th December	End of Term 2 - Christmas break	
Monday 6th January	INSET DAY 4 - School closed to children	Whole School

Sports News



Trinity Triumphs at MSN Girls Football Tournament!

On Wednesday November 6th, the Trinity girls' football team showcased exceptional skill and teamwork at the MSN Girls Football Tournament held at Norton Hill School. The event brought together thirteen teams, all competing for the top spot in an exciting evening of high-quality football.

Trinity got off to a strong start, winning their first two games and advancing confidently to the quarter finals where they faced off against Paulton and emerged victorious. Building on this momentum, they triumphed over St. Nicholas in the semi finals, securing their place in the highly anticipated final match against High Littleton.

In the final, the girls delivered another outstanding performance, defeating High Littleton 2-0 to claim the championship title. Their determination, skill, and teamwork made them truly deserving champions of the tournament.

With this well-earned victory under their belts, the team now looks forward to competing in the county finals. We couldn't be prouder of their hard work and success - congratulations to the Trinity team!

Netball Match - Thursday 14th November

On Thursday 14th November, the Year 6 mixed netball team - Georgia, Clara, Mila, Sophie, Nevaya, Savannah, Henry and Xav - travelled to St Benedict's School for a cup game. After dominating the first 3 quarters and leading 2-6, unfortunately Trinity lost 7-6 to an excellent St Benedicts' team! Good luck to them in the next round of the cup!



Christian Value

This term's Christian Value is Respect



Respect

*'Show respect for all people.
Love your brothers and sisters in God's family.
Respect God.'* 1 Peter 2:17

Respect

This term we will be focussing in school on the value RESPECT.
We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK ABOUT RESPECT TOGETHER...

We are learning at school about the importance of treating others with **respect** even if we sometimes do not agree with the way they behave or the things they say. We have also been thinking about how we should treat the things that belong to us and to other people **respectfully**.

- Think of some practical ways that you show **respect** to each other in your family.
- Often we show **respect** to someone by the way we speak to them. What does this mean in practice?
- Do you treat one another's possessions with **respect**? What does this mean in practice?

THINK TOGETHER ABOUT WORDS OF WISDOM

"Respect - to get it you must give it"
Anon



READ TOGETHER...

Moses and the Burning Bush

Moses led the sheep across the dry and dusty desert to Sinai, God's holy mountain. But in the stillness of the wilderness, while the sheep were grazing, Moses' thoughts were never far from the plight of his people the Israelites, who were suffering at the hand of the cruel Egyptian king. Moses had left Egypt years ago. He felt guilty and wished he could help his people, but what could he do? He was not brave, he was not a **respected** leader. Who would listen to him?

And then in the distance Moses noticed something very strange. A desert bush was on fire. The flames licked hungrily around the branches and yet, strangely, the bush did not burn up. He drew closer and as he did so, he clearly heard a voice call to him from the bush, "Moses, Moses!" "Yes, here I am" stammered Moses. "Take off your shoes", said the voice, "for you are standing on holy ground." Reverently, Moses untied his sandals and fell to his knees. "I am the Lord God of your ancestors and I have seen how my people suffer under Pharaoh. I have heard them call out to me to rescue them and now Moses, I am sending you to lead them to freedom." "But I am nobody, I am nothing. How can I go to the king and expect him to **respect** a simple shepherd? How can I ask him to let the people go?" But God replied, "Do not be frightened, I will be with you." "But what if the people will not listen to me?" said Moses. "What do you have in your hand?" "A stick." Moses replied. "Throw it on the ground." Moses did as he was asked. To his astonishment the stick turned into a writhing, angry snake. "Now bend down and pick it up by the tail." Nervously, Moses did as he was asked. Immediately, the snake once more became a stick. "When you perform this miracle," said God, "the people will believe that I have sent you. Take the stick with you for with it you will perform great miracles. Now go and do as I have commanded."

And so it was that on that ordinary day an extraordinary adventure began for Moses and for the people of Israel. It was a story that the world would never forget.

Bible story based on Exodus 3,4



QUIZ Tangled Strings

Which stick became the writhing snake?

