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# NEWSLETTER

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## Stars of the Week

Nursery	Dammy
Reception	Murilo
Year 1	Naman
Year 2	Sofia
Year 3	Samira
Year 4	Aaryan
Year 5	Taliciana
Year 6	Ava

## Attendance

Nursery	86.7%
Reception	76%
Year 1	80.7%
Year 2	94.8%
Year 3	95.2%
Year 4	91.2%
Year 5	93.1%
Year 6	96.3%



Happy Birthday next week to Caleb who will be 5, Lenny and Magdalena who will both be 6, Shanae and Zoraiz who will both be 10 and Amber who will be 11. Have a great day when it comes!



**'Our Inspirational Men'**  
**PHOTO OF THE WEEK**

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# In the classroom this week...

This week we have talking about well being and how we can make others feel good by being kind. We talked about the different ways we could show kindness. We then decorated plates to display the different ways of being kind. We dressed in odd socks to highlight being kind to others. In Religion, we are continuing to learn about the birth of Jesus and the Christmas story. We are practising the Nativity Play each day on the stage. We went to the school library to listen to new stories and change our books. Coach Amy's session was all about traffic! Going fast or slow, but always looking around with no accidents, with and without a ball. In number we have been going over number order with different activities. We have also been practising writing our numbers.

This week children in Reception class have concentrated on the sounds from the letters c and k. We have also looked at the diagraph ck and how it has the same sound. We are writing the letters, and writing words for the sound. We are reading the Christmas story, and understanding what happened on the first Christmas, how Jesus was born, and who was there. We are developing our confidence at speaking aloud, by practising our parts for the Nativity play each day. In Number lessons we are using Numicon to make 3 or 4 by using smaller numbers. We have also been writing down on white boards addition sentences for these. In Number lessons we are using Numicon to make 3 or 4 by using smaller numbers. We have also been writing down on white boards addition sentences for these.

What an odd week! This week we commemorated anti-bullying week by not only coming into school in odd socks but to complete tally charts, become democratic and exercise the right to vote. We also spoke about what bullying is by thinking about scenarios, defining words and developing a strong understanding that everyone is unique. In Maths, we have moved onto Number bonds which allowed the children to develop a sense of mathematical curiosity and investigation of numbers. We focused on the number 5,6,7 and have started to spot a pattern....maybe the pattern can help us figure out the other number bonds to 8,9 and 10. In Literacy, we are now getting ready for our big write which is a wanted poster for 'The small bad mouse!'. The children have begun to sort their adjectives by headings and will use this as a basis for their writing. Finally, as a class, we enjoy Religion as it brings us closer to share our spiritual thoughts and ideas. We all found comfort in knowing that we all share worries and that God is with us to comfort, love and support us. PS! The Christmas Play is well under way and becoming even more magical by the second. The children are all excited to perform it in front of their loved ones.

Year 2 have had a busy week. They have been participating in numerous activities in order to consolidate their phonic awareness for their upcoming Phonic Screening Check. Please continue to read daily and practise the phonemes and graphemes in the centre of the reading records. We were really impressed as Year 1 and 2 pupils used the stage this week for the first time. It has boosted their confidence in rehearsals of the Christmas production, 'Hosanna Rock'. In Maths the pupils have been learning ways of adding two digit numbers by partitioning, doubling, looking for near doubles and using number bonds of 10. Throughout Anti-Bullying Week Year 2 have been learning that bullying means 'several times on purpose (STOP) and learning about what it takes to be a good friend. Thank you parents for the efforts you made in supporting Odd Socks Day, there were some fantastic socks on display.

As she brushed snow from her window box, Nanna saw... a brown, proud reindeer watching in the shadows. Year 3 once again have worked very hard. We wrote stories linked to our class book called Winter's Child. We designed masks for El dia del muertos. In Maths we have applied our known multiplication and division facts to solve contextual problems. In Religion we made promises and discussed how God loves us in SRE.

Year 4 have been learning about coordinates in maths. For our History and English work we are writing an imaginary letter from an evacuee to his mum, describing what it might have been like to live among strangers in the countryside. In science we have been getting ready for a debate about how much we value natural habitats. Fr Pat has started to come to talk to us about Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. We have been doing assessments for English and Maths to see how well we are learning. We have spent some time considering how we recognise our emotions and feelings and how we can deal with negative emotions. Finally, we are really enjoying rehearsing our Christmas Play and can't wait for you all to see us perform.

We have had a very busy week in Year 5! We have begun our new Maths unit all about statistics, we have looked at line graphs and how to read and compare them. In English, we have written a poem all about a winter forest scene. We used this as an opportunity to apply learnt language features such as similes and personification. The children also answered a series of comprehension questions about several texts, we were so impressed with the concentration levels and effort put into this, well done! In Religion, we discussed God in the role of a parent or guardian. How does He protect us? How does God guide us on our journeys? We wrote special prayers to thank God and our parents for their unconditional love. We also spoke about the definition of faith and how we put our faith in God. The children reflected on a time personal to them that they needed faith in God to protect them. The Christmas performance is taking shape. The Year 5 and 6 team are working really hard to make this a performance to remember!

Year 6 are working so hard in Maths and we are so proud of the children's resilience with long division! In English, we have been thinking of the inspirational men in our life in celebration of International Men's Day and children completed a wonderful piece of independent writing to assess and edit next week. Children sat their termly Maths and English Assessments and we are so pleased with the steady progress children are making after our much needed catch up time! Anti-bullying week gave rise to many discussions in Year 6 and in Religion children reflected on how they show they care for one another as Jesus himself showed love for his disciples and followers. Wonderful it was too, to see so many children making an effort for Odd Sock Day, we all had such fun and a HUGE congratulations to all our participants and finalists! Well Done AMIR!! Children are fully engaged in Nativity rehearsals and their confidence is growing day by day as they become more familiar with the play, their characters, lines and stage directions! :o)