



Love, Hope, Community

Newsletter

Christian Value of the Term: Love

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Friday 14th February

Children's Mental Health Week

We recognised this year's mental health week and undertook a daily activity. The theme was Know Yourself, Grow Yourself.

It is so important we understand what makes us tick, our likes and dislikes, strengths, fears, hopes and dreams. Our emotions play a key role in telling us just that, and being aware of how to listen to and express ourselves is a major part of building self-awareness. It is through knowing ourselves and speaking with others, that we can build resilience, grow and develop.

1 in 5 children and young people now have a probable mental health condition. By taking part in Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week 2025, we can ensure that children in our school feel listened to, and know that they're not alone.



Diary Dates:

Friday 14th February—
Sharing Assembly @ 2.15pm
in the school hall Please come along to hear about some of the children's learning.

Week beg. 17th February—
Half Term

Monday 24th February—
INSET Day. School closed to children

Thursday 6th March—World
Book Day Please come into school dressed as a book character. Please bring your favourite book in with you.

Friday 14th March—Comic
Relief We would like everyone to come to school in non-uniform for a £1 donation. We will also be making cakes which will be available during the school day for a donation of 50p. In addition, we will be running a design a 'red nose' competition on the day of Comic Relief - with a prize for each class winner!

Thursday 20th March—
Community Lunch at 1.30pm
in the school hall. Invite Only

Friday 21st March—World
Maths Day During the day, the children will take part in maths activities.

Friday 21st March—Feel
Good Friday Children can come to school in clothes that they are comfortable in.

Friday 28th March—
Mother's Day Service in St
Denys at 2.30pm Please come and join us

FOSS Events

School Disco

On Friday 7th February FOSS organised two children's discos. The children had an amazing time dancing the night away alongside their friends. Many thanks to FOSS for all their hard work and to the staff and volunteers who stayed behind to help. The evening raised £650.

Bags to School

Thank you to everyone who donated unwanted bags of clothing. £102.00 was raised from the donations.

Safer Internet Day

We recognised Safer Internet Day on the 11th of February 2025. The theme of the day was 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'

Safer Internet Day is the UK's biggest celebration of online safety. Each year we cover an online issue or theme that speaks about the things children are seeing and experiencing online. Created in consultation with children across the UK, this year Safer Internet Day focused on the issue of scams online and how to protect themselves and others, as well as what support is available to them.

It is really important as a parent to chat with your child on an ongoing basis about staying safe online.

- Ask your child to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.
- Ask them about how they stay safe online.
- Ask them if they know where to go for help.



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Quotes from our recent questionnaire

Below are some quotes about the strengths of the school from the parental questionnaires sent out in October.

'Great extra curriculum activities in KS2.'

'Amazing opportunities with trips, range of clubs, forest school.'

'Strong connection with local church.'

'Always celebrate occasions.'

'A very happy and friendly environment.'

'Clear and consistent expectations of children and parents eg behaviour.'

Swimming

On Tuesday 21st January team of Year 6 took part in swimming competition in Wantage.

It was amazing to watch them giving their best and also cheering each other. Year 6 were a great team.

Well done to Aphea, Bella, Isla, Lottie, Evan, JB and Lewis.



Football

The football team have had their first matches at Harwell school on Tuesday 11th, they played 90 minutes of football against 3 other schools.

We saw some incredible saves and great team motivation from Benji in goal, solid defence from Isla, Alfie and Aphea. James was our top goal scorer. Lottie and Frank were fast and agile.

Player of the match goes to Lewis for an impressive performance on the pitch and showing great sportsmanship throughout.

Thank you to Mr Rhodes, the players said you were a "pretty decent ref".



IMPS

On Wednesday 5th February year 6 took part in an IMPS workshop. The children learnt about how to keep themselves safe and avoid common accidents as well as learning the basics of first aid including the recovery position and chest compressions. The children were all incredibly respectful and sensible throughout the workshop and took away some valuable new skills.



Goodbye Mrs Finney

We had a lovely afternoon on Thursday 13th February saying goodbye and thank you to Mrs Finney. We all enjoyed some biscuits together and a few dances before presenting Mrs Finney with her cards and gifts. She will be greatly missed around the school and we wish her all the best in her new school.



Christian Value Ambassadors

Our Spring Term 1 Christian Value Ambassadors for Love

Sunflower Class - Seth and Scarlett
 Snowdrop Class - Suzie and Alli
 Buttercup Class - Max and Esther
 Bluebell Class - Freddie and Eriana
 Poppy Class - Rosie and Bella
 Orchid Class - Tilly and Melody
 Forget-me-not Class - James B and Lexie



Believe and Achieve

Our Spring Term 1 Believe and Achieve Winners are:

Sunflower Class - Lily and Charlie
 Snowdrop Class Jaxon and Oscar
 Buttercup Class Sophie and Lj
 Bluebell Class Noah and Isabell
 Poppy Class James and Saffron
 Orchid Class Annie and Toby
 Forget-me-not Class Kathryn and Evie



Vending Machine Winners

Reading winners visit the vending machine.

Sunflower Class = Belle
 Snowdrop Class = Maita
 Buttercup Class = Amelia
 Bluebell Class = Christopher
 Poppy Class = Isabel
 Orchid Class = Sienna
 Forget-me-not Class = Olivia



Knowledge Organisers

Please find attached the knowledge organisers and enquiry questions for next term.

Foundation— What grows in our garden?

Year One— How has transport changed over time?

Year Two— I wonder what Nairobi has in common with Stanford?

Year Three— What do plants need to thrive?

Year Four— Where does our food really come from?

Year Five— Are all changes reversible?

Year Six— Savages or Civilised? What were the ancient maya really like?

If you have any resources or expertise that could benefit, please speak to the relevant class teacher.

Parking Complaint

I have recently received the following email:

'Sorry to be 'that sort of person' - I've never made a complaint and there might not be anything you can do about it, but when working from home it is sometimes a bit crazy how long people doing pick up will sit with their car idling - so much pollution just before the children come out...

I did very politely tap on someone's window after they'd been there for about 15 mins, but no luck - they said they were doing pick up and trying to keep warm (I could smell the fumes in my study by that point.)'

Please could I request that you do not sit in your cars with the engine running as it causes pollution. As we are a green flag eco school we are trying to do things to reduce pollution, not add to it! Maybe you could either arrive at school closer to pick up time or go for a walk and keep warm while waiting.

Parents Evening

Many thanks to all the parents who attended the recent parents evenings. It was lovely to speak to so many of you about your child's progress and how you could support them at home.

Cycling Proficiency

Well done to Owen and Evan for recently passing their cycling proficiency test.

Parent Governor

We currently have one Parent Governor vacancy. As many of you may already know, the governing body has an extremely important role: it is responsible for working strategically in partnership with the headteacher and staff to identify the most important aspects of the school that need to be improved, approving plans to achieve this and ensuring progress. Governors, individually have no power but when governors act collectively as a corporate team they are very powerful, as a corporate body not as individuals. All governors receive training to help them carry out their role. There is a special induction course for new governors. Parents or anyone who has parental responsibility for a pupil on the school roll at the time of the election can stand for election, can nominate someone for election and can vote in the election. All nominations should be sent in to the school office by Friday 14th March at 9.00am. The nomination form was sent home via parentmail or can be found on the school website.

Many thanks to Jonathan Davis who is stepping down from being a parent governor. He was very proactive in securing our solar panels which were installed over the Summer holidays.