More Park Catholic Primary and Preschool

"Life is a talent entrusted to us to that we can transform it and increase it, making it a gift to others." Pope St John Paul II

Newsletter 13th November 2026

Headteacher's Update

This week has been all about reading and writing!

With our Book Fair being here since last Wednesday, your generosity of purchasing books for your family has enabled us to gain £250 in book rewards! This means we'll be able to get some new books for the classrooms as well as for our new library.



This week our Library Squad came together with Mrs Allen. The Library Squad is made up of children across the school. Together they looked at all of the ideas brought to School Council last week and developed a Storyboard from those ideas. Through their discussions, they realised that many of the features they'd like in our library theme are all related to our local community. Hence, the Storyboard they put together involved different aspects of West Malling. These ideas have now been shared with the designers. We now eagerly wait for them to design the final library!

I have also had the pleasure this week of visiting all of the classes to look at their writing. It was wonderful to see how much effort, so many children have put into improving their handwriting this academic year! It was great to hear the children sharing their writing ideas with each other and experimenting with new vocabulary. In Year One, they were using Talk for Writing to retell the story of "Katie in London". Their oracy retell will help them with their writing next week and I look forward to seeing this progression.

We have also held another Open Day this week for the new September 2027 intake. The Year Six children once again did us proud by showing the families around. Please do spread the word that we have two further **Open Days**, one on **Wednesday 25th November** at 9.30 and the last one on **Wednesday 6th January** at 9.30.

A huge well done to our Lower Key Stage Two Boys Football team last week who played a great game against their opponents, under new school football rules. Although they didn't get the result they hoped for, it was a close game and the children were great representatives for More Park.

Don't forget, as part of Antibullying Week next week we have **Odd Socks Day on Monday**, with the message that everyone belongs, is welcome and deserves respect. On Thursday we have our Author visit. She'll be doing workshops and story reads across the school on the theme of diversity. Finally, on Friday, we shall have **Feel Good Friday, non uniform day** to celebrate ourselves

Mrs Seal

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What have we been learning 9th–13th November

By Year 6 journalists: Freya and Annie

Preschool

Bumblebees

This week the Bumblebees have been looking at the topic "Transport". During this topic we have been using transport in paint to make different patterns. We used 2D shapes to make rocket ships ,and discussed Remembrance Day as well as making our own poppies. In RE we explored how to use our hands to be kind.

EYFS

Ladybirds

This week in English, the Ladybirds have been practicing hard for their assembly this week. In maths, they have been practicing subitising numbers and looking at fewer than, more than and equals. In RE they are practicing the Hail Mary and have looked at Luc the Deer and Daisy the Dove.

Key Stage 1

Caterpillars

This week in English, the children have been reading the book Katie in London and have been using Talk For Writing. In RE they have been learning about the Angel Gabriel telling Mary how she was having a baby and how it shows that Jesus is special because an angel came to tell Mary. In maths they have been subtracting, using part whole models and writing number sentences.

Dragonflies

This week, in maths, the Dragonflies have been doing subtractions using the column method and exchanging. In English they have been reading the book Around the World in Eighty Days and have been writing diary entries. In RE they have been learning about baptism and the items you use for it.

Key Stage 2

Kingfishers

In maths they have been using column addition over 100 and have been exchanging the numbers. In English they have been learning how to write a persuasive letter based on the book Charlotte's Web. In RE they have been looking at Shristi the Sun Bear, have been looking at what the bear stands for and Solidarity.

Owls

This week, Owls have been learning how to times non-unit fractions by other fractions. In English they have been planning a diary entry themed on the book The Boy in the Girl's Bathroom. In RE we have been looking at the historical context of David

Ravens

This week, in maths, Ravens have been learning in the 3 times table. In english they have been exploring the Firemakers Daughter and looking at writing letters to the dad. In RE they have been looking at Abraham and Elija.

Eagles

This week, Eagles have been planning their persuasive speech as if they were Zoe from their reading book "Floodland". In math, they have been dividing and multiplying fractions by whole numbers. In RE they have been looking at a poster about how we should protect our planet by Pope Frances.

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Catholic Life

Monday Worship

This week's Monday Worship was based on Matthew 25:1-13.



Jesus tells the story of ten bridesmaids waiting for the bridegroom to arrive. Five were prepared and had brought enough oil for their lamps, while the other five had not. When the bridegroom finally arrived, those who were ready were able to join the celebration.

Jesus is reminding us that we should always be ready to welcome Him into our lives. This doesn't mean simply waiting, but showing through our words and actions that we are living as God wants us to. We can do this by being kind, thoughtful, forgiving and loving towards others.

This week, how will you make sure your lamp is shining brightly by filling your days with kindness, love and thoughtful actions. In doing so, you will always be ready to welcome Jesus into your hearts!

Awe and Wonder

Can't we believe whatever we want?



Yes, but it doesn't help us very much.
Christians do not make up their faith;
they trust in Jesus Christ.
He has brought us the truth from God.
It can be found in Holy Scripture
and in the living tradition of the church

In the church, all together,
we live what Jesus taught us.
We are called to bring this faith
to all people.
Even if God has his own ways
with each one of us,
faith is still a common cause.
(YOUCAT for Kids)

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Eco Club



On Wednesday, we held anther very successful upcycling session - even bigger and better than last year's!

Our Eco Ambassadors each brought in an item of clothing from home that they wanted to give a new lease of life to and together we showed that just because something doesn't fit you, or you don't like it anymore, you don't have to get rid of it, you can turn it into something new.

We had jeans becoming shorts, plain jumpers turned into Christmas jumpers and even an old coat repurposed into a hat - the creativity shown was mind-blowing and just proves how much fun you can have with sustainable fashion.

This session would not have been possible without the help of our wonderful volunteers, their sewing machines and hot glue guns! We'd like to say a huge THANK YOU to Lisa (Erin's Mum), Laura (Mercy's Mum) and Lauren (Lexi and Alfie's Mum). We really appreciate you giving up your time for us. What a great session!













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Ladybird Assembly



What a wonderful first assembly from our Ladybird Class! It is hard to believe that the children have only been in school for nine weeks. They did themselves incredibly proud, speaking so clearly and confidently and showing great bravery as they stood up in front of such a large audience.

The children shared their beautiful artwork and prayers, reflecting on how God has made each one of us special and unique. They used our Talk for Writing approach to retell the story of *The Little Red Hen* and sang *He's Got the Whole World* beautifully. They also talked about the importance of caring for God's wonderful world, making lovely links to Catholic Social Teaching, particularly our responsibility to care for creation and look after the world we share.

It was so lovely to see so many parents and grandparents joining us to celebrate the children's achievements and show their support. Thank you for being such a wonderful audience!

We are incredibly proud of our Ladybirds and all that they have achieved in such a short time. What a special way to share their learning with our More Park family!

Armistice Day

On Wednesday, our whole school community came together on the playground to mark Armistice Day and remember all those who have lost their lives in conflicts, both past and present. We stood together in silence for two minutes, beginning and ending our silence with the sound of the cannons being fired in West Malling, making the occasion particularly poignant.

Throughout the week, the children have also been learning in their classrooms about the significance of Remembrance Day and why it is so important that we remember. They have explored the sacrifices made by so many people to protect our freedom and the importance of peace, hope and looking after one another.

It was a very special moment for our school, as the children showed great respect and maturity. We are incredibly proud of the way they came together to remember and reflect.



We will remember



them.

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Language Ambassadors



Our Language Ambassadors have been busy putting the finishing touches to their beautiful Welcome Posters, celebrating the many languages spoken within our school community.

Each poster features the word "Welcome" in different languages, reflecting the diversity of our school and reminding us that every language and culture has a special place in the More Park Family.



They have also been getting creative by decorating colourful leaves as part of our Tree Day project. These leaves will form part of our very own "Tree of Languages", celebrating the word tree in the many languages spoken by our children.

We are incredibly proud of their creativity, enthusiasm and wonderful teamwork. What a lovely way to celebrate our diversity and show that although we may speak different languages, we all belong together in God's Family.

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Thomas More's Church



St Thomas More's Parish website
Please follow the link below to check it out:
St Thomas More's Parish
Family Mass – Sundays at 10am

Children's Liturgy



Next children's liturgy will be on **Sunday 6th December**, at the 10am-mass.
All are welcome to join us. Children's Liturgy is for children aged 2 ½ to 11 years old.

Would you like to help with Children's Liturgy? The church are looking for some new volunteers to help with Children's Liturgy. Currently held on the first Sunday of the month. **No training necessary** as the resources are ready to read from a book, along with the questions to ask the children. If you'd like any further information on this please speak to Mrs Seal or Mrs Fiscan in the Preschool. Alternatively contact Claire at the church at westmalling@rcaos.org.uk



Youth Club

Youth Club is open to all children in Year Six and above.

First Holy Communion



First Holy Communion classes will continue on Monday 16th November, in the church hall, from 5.30-6.30pm

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Celebration Assembly

Special Class Recognition

Congratulations to pupils who received special recognition in assembly this week for all their efforts in class.

Reception:	Noa, Polyanna
Year 1:	Jacob, Charlotte
Year 2:	Anosh, Alvey
Year 3:	Keziah, Joshua
Year 4:	Ava, Raiden
Year 5:	Max, Sienna
Year 6:	Evie, Marie

Swimming Award

Amelie
Alfie
Millie

Kindness Award

Presented by Anti Bullying Ambassadors
Darcy (Year 4)
Dolly (Year 5)
Holly (Year 5)
Josie (Year R)

Lunchtime Award

Congratulations to pupils who received special recognition in assembly this week for all their efforts in class.

Reception:	Noa
Year 1:	Elliot
Year 2:	Isabelle
Year 3:	Millie
Year 4:	Ellie
Year 5:	Dolly
Year 6:	Ella

Birthdays

This week we would like to wish a Happy Birthday to all the children and staff who had a birthday over half term or have a birthday this week! We all hope that you had or have a lovely birthday!

Isla (Year 2)
Rosa (Year 6)
Myla (Bumblebees)
Poppy (Ladybirds)
Isaac (Bumblebees)

House Points


St George – 460 points


St David – 115 points


St Patrick –313 points


St Andrew –232 points

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Let's Celebrate

Would you like your child to be featured in the school newsletter and their achievements shared with the school? Then please send a photo to the office secretary@more-park.kent.sch.uk outlining what they have achieved, by Wednesday lunchtime.

Ladybirds	Isaac has learnt to ride his bike without stabilisers
Caterpillars	Elliot received his Stage 2 Swimming Certificate
Dragonflies	Noah took part in Paddington the Musical Workshop Rory won Player of the Week at football AND achieved his Level 5 for trampolining Olivia received her certificate for achieving 10 new gymnastics skills
Kingfisher	Patrick carried the Beaver Flag at the Remembrance Sunday Parade Beatrice was awarded the Star of the Week at gymnastics
Ravens	Caleb achieved his 800 meter AND silver swimming awards Conor received both the Parents Player AND the Coaches Player of the Match Eva performed in her 6th show for Centre Stage and her first with five solos
Owls	Frankie was awarded the Parents Player of the match Matteo played in his first football tournament and helped his team win












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Attendance And Punctuality

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	Attendance	Punctuality (lates)
Ladybird	97.7%	8
Caterpillar	94.8%	4
Dragonfly	96.5%	14
Kingfisher	96.7%	6
Ravens	96.8%	7
Owls	94.8%	10
Eagles	95.4%	6





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IMPACT!
OPPORTUNITIES THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE
MORE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
LEARN PLAY BELONG ACHIEVE!
GOLF
IMPACT & INSPIRE
WORKSHOP DAY
A GREAT FIRST INTRO TO GOLF!
ADAPTABLE CLUBS FOR ALL AGES!
FUN, SAFE AND INCLUSIVE!
Yesterday, the children at More Park Primary School took part in our Golf Impact & Inspire Day!
The children had a fantastic time being introduced to golf in a fun, safe and supportive environment. It was the perfect opportunity for them to try something new, build confidence, and develop new skills.
We used adaptable length clubs so that children of all ages could take part, giving everyone the chance to swing, chip and putt!
It was brilliant to see so much enthusiasm and some great golf skills on show!
NEW SKILLS MORE CONFIDENCE BIG SMILES!
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More Park RC Primary School
West Malling CE Primary School
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for all
Sunday
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3.00pm
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Maidstone
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Children Free
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or email
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Lost Property

We have some un-labelled coats which have been left in Lost Property, if any of these items are your child's, please do let us know so we can return them back to you.

Tesco F&F girls thick coat - age 10-11
Under Armour padded jacket - age 6-7
Hawkshead blue rain jacket - age 9-10
SHEIN long gilet with hood - age 10









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Office Communication

Please remember to use our secretary email address to inform us of any pickup changes or absences for your children. The email address is morepark.secretary@more-park-westmalling.kcsp.org.uk

New dates added are highlighted each week

Date	Activity
w/b 16th November	Antibullying Week
Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 17th November	KS1 Football Tournament
Thursday 19th November	Author Visit
Friday 20th November	Feel Good Friday – Non Uniform (no donation required)
Friday 20th November	Year Five Class Assembly – All welcome 9.15am
Friday 20th November	KS1 Hockey Tournament
Monday 23rd November	CAFOD Advent Assembly
Tuesday 24th November	LKS2 Girls and Boys Football Tournaments
Wednesday 25th November	Open Morning for 2027 school entry
Friday 27th November	Year One Class Assembly – All welcome 9.15am
Friday 27th November	Pupil Progress Reports out to Parents
Tuesday 1st December	Reception and Year Six Height and Weights
Wednesday 2nd December	Parents Evening – Virtual and Face to Face
Thursday 3rd December	Parents Evening – Virtual and Face to Face
Thursday 3rd December	Boccia Festival Years 4, 5 and 6
Sunday 6th December	School Choir Christmas Performance with West Malling Community Choir
Monday 7th December	Snow White Pantomime

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Wednesday 9th December	**Year 5 Trip**
Friday 11th December	**Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Lunch**
Friday 11th December	**Christmas Fair**
Wednesday 16th December	**9.30 KS1 Nativity – All welcome** **11am Bumblebees Nativity – All welcome** **2pm KS2 Carol Concert – All welcome**
Friday 18th December	**End of Term – 1.30 Finish**

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