

"Love each other as Jesus has loved us. He has given nothing less than his life for us." St Teresa of Calcutta

Newsletter 16th October 2026

Headteacher's Update

This week has been another good week for sporting and extracurricular opportunities!

On Monday, our Upper Key Stage Two Girls Football team took part in a football tournament at the Gallagher Stadium. It was the first time they had ever played together and they had a fantastic time taking part. We are incredibly proud of them for their brilliant effort, teamwork and behaviour throughout the day. A big thank you to Miss Codd and Mrs Sugre for coaching the girls on the day and to all the parents who took time out of their day to transport the girls there and back.

More sports followed on Tuesday with the Key Stage Two Hockey Skills session. Once again, the children who took part were excellent role models on the day. They had great fun learning new skills and after half term, we hope to be entering a hockey tournament for them to practice these skills on the pitch! Once again, a big thank you to Miss Hand and Mrs Bruce for coaching the children on the day and to all the parents who made it possible for their children to attend.

Wednesday saw a different form of sport on the agenda! As part of our celebrations for Black History Month the children took part in a dance and music workshop. It was lovely to welcome the Bumblebees to the assembly in the morning where we saw the leader's musical, balancing and juggling talents!

On Thursday we all joined in with Archbishop John Wilson to pray the rosary. This was a wonderful opportunity for the whole school to come together in prayer and pray the prayers of the rosary, as well as listening to the various mysteries.

Next week, the School Council have organised a fundraising day in aid of Ronald McDonald House Charity. RMHC provides accommodation for families who have children in hospital. It allows them to stay near to their loved ones. One member of staff has had to use this service for nearly four months whilst her child was in hospital. We are so proud of the children for choosing this wonderful charity. Therefore, on Thursday 22nd October, children, including Bumblebees, can come to school in their own clothes, but if they have something red or yellow to wear, that would be great. Donations of £1 can be dropped in the bucket at the gate or alternatively paid via Parentpay. Donations over £1 are greatly appreciated too.

As the temperature begins to drop, we have more children with runny noses. We are once again short of tissues. Therefore, if you would like to contribute a box or two to the school, either give them to your child's class teacher or drop them into the office. They will be gratefully received.

Finally, some of you may have noticed Miss Agaj has been absent from the office this week. Unfortunately, she had a bad fall whilst out on a woodland walk at the weekend and has broken her arm and dislocated her shoulder. She is currently awaiting surgery. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery as she will be out for some time.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Seal

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More Park Catholic Primary and Preschool

What have we been learning 5th – 9th October



By Year 6 journalists: Annie & Mercy

EYFS

Bumblebees

This week the Bumblebees have been looking at and making patterns using paints and natural materials. Bumblebees have spent time developing their cutting skills.

Ladybirds

This week, Ladybirds enjoyed both the dance and drumming workshops. In maths Ladybirds have been exploring more and less and developing their understanding of quantity.

Key Stage 1

Caterpillars

This week, Caterpillars have been learning number bonds to 10 and have started using addition. In English they have created their own story maps of Little Red Riding Hood and began to write their own stories. In RE they are learning about the Pope's message Laudato Si.

Dragonflies

This week, Dragonflies have been subtracting 10s by using a hundred square grid. In English they have been learning all about the gunpowder plot and have created an instruction text based on it. In RE the Dragonflies are looking at how to be a good person through the story of Noah.

Key Stage 2

Kingfishers

This week, Kingfishers have been adding 10s over a boundary 10 in maths. In English they have been writing a description of a setting based on the 5 senses- describing Stig's cave. In RE they have been learning about Pope Francis message in Laudato Si'.

Ravens

This week, Ravens have been learning to subtract four digit numbers using exchange in maths. In English they have been creative, writing poems, using metaphors and similes. In RE they have learning about the story of Abraham.

Owls

This week, Owls have been looking at factors and multiples in maths. In English they have been editing and improving a suspenseful horror story inspired by the book clockwork. In RE they have been considering what makes a choice sinful and why.

Eagles

This week, Eagles have been publishing their letter they have written from the perspective of Floella Benjamin writing to her Aunt Olive. They have also been exploring the Windrush Generation to Britain and looking at the Gospel of John in RE.

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Catholic Life

This week, we were delighted to join Archbishop John Wilson and many other schools from across the Diocese of Southwark for a special Rosary session.

October is traditionally dedicated to Mary, making it a particularly special month for us to turn our hearts and prayers towards her.

The Rosary is a beautiful prayer in which we ask Mary to pray for us while we reflect on important moments in the life of Jesus.



Together, we prayed the Rosary and listened thoughtfully as the mysteries were shared, reflecting on the life of Jesus and Mary.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our children and staff to join with the wider diocesan family in prayer and to experience the strength and joy of praying together.

We finished this peaceful gathering by singing the Ave Maria bringing a beautiful sense of unity and devotion to the occasion.

Awe and Wonder

Why do we turn to Mary in prayer?

We ask Mary for her intercession
Because God became man through her.
Mary is Jesus's mother.
She is our mother too.
For on the cross Jesus gave her to us
As a mother.
Loving mothers help their children.
So does Mary.



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More Park Catholic Primary and Preschool Superheroes Save Planet Earth!



Our children in Years R, 1, 2 and 3 enjoyed an exciting and interactive drama workshop delivered by *Perform Drama 4 All* entitled *Superheroes Save Planet Earth*.

The children were taken on an adventure, recruited by Supa Dupa to defeat the Bad Boppa and protect our wonderful planet!

Along the way, they discovered that every superhero has the power to make a difference.

The workshop also explored the important messages of **reduce, reuse and recycle**, linking beautifully to our Catholic Social Teaching and our responsibility to care for God's creation. The children had a fantastic time using their imagination, working together and learning how even small actions can help make our world a better place. Perhaps we have some little superheroes in the making at More Park!



Year 3 Assembly



A huge well done to our wonderful Year 3 children who shared their learning with the school and their parents in their class assembly this morning. They showcased their Talk for Writing instruction text, explaining How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth, and shared their learning about the Stone Age, including the three periods of the Stone Age! They also shared their wonderful artwork cave paintings. The children also reflected on our RE teaching and our responsibility to care for God's wonderful world, linking beautifully to the Catholic Social Teaching principle of **Stewardship**. The children sang a lovely hymn celebrating God's creation and finished their assembly with a thoughtful prayer, reminding us all of the importance of caring for and protecting the world God has entrusted to us. Well done Kingfishers!



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More Park Catholic Primary and Preschool Eco Club



This week the Eco Ambassadors decided to have a little tidy up of the polytunnel and raised beds. We were so happy to see there is still lots of basil, radishes and tomatoes thriving in the raised beds so we had to be very careful not to disrupt those as we weeded, cleared and watered the areas. We worked together in groups and made sure everybody had a job. By the end of our time outside, everything was looking much neater and well-maintained.

After a job well done on the outside, there was just enough time to turn our attention to the inside of the school by performing our eco monitoring walks and checking that each classroom is ticking every box on our monitoring sheet. We all had to agree that the Eagles classroom was immaculate with all bins being used correctly, no rubbish on the floor, all screens and lights off plus energy-saving reminders clearly on display throughout the classroom! An excellent example to the younger classes - well done, Eagles.



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Living Out Our Catholic Social Teaching

We are incredibly proud of Zach for the wonderful way he lived out our Catholic Social Teaching during the summer holidays! While on a family holiday in August, Zach came up with a fantastic idea. He painted rocks and stones collected from the beach and sold them to holidaymakers, raising an amazing £61 for the RNLI. In recognition of his kindness and generosity, the RNLI sent him a lovely certificate to say thank you!



What a wonderful example of how we can all make a difference through our everyday actions. Zach's efforts demonstrate our Catholic Social Teaching principle of **Solidarity**, as he and his family supported the RNLI and the vital work they do to keep people safe at sea. Their fundraising also reflects **The Common Good**, by helping to protect the safety and wellbeing of others, and **Human Dignity**, recognising the value of every human life and the importance of keeping people safe. Furthermore, Zach showed **Participation**, taking the initiative to use his creativity and work alongside others to make a positive contribution to the wider community.

At More Park, we encourage our children to put their faith into action, showing love, kindness and compassion through the choices they make each day. Zach is a wonderful example of how even a simple idea can have a meaningful impact on others. We are so proud of him for living out our school values and demonstrating that we can all be little lights in the world, sharing God's love through our actions. Well done, Zach!



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More Park Catholic Primary and Preschool 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 1st November**, at the 10am-mass.

All are welcome to join us. Children's Liturgy is for children aged 2 ½ to 11 years old.

Youth Club



Next Youth Club will be held on **Friday 16th October**. They meet in the school hall from 7.15-9pm. 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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More Park Catholic Primary and Preschool Celebration Assembly



Special Class Recognition

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

Reception:	Eloise, Billie
Year 1:	Luciano, Remy
Year 2:	Rory, Hadley
Year 3:	Orsola, Ava
Year 4:	Kace, Conor
Year 5:	Stephanie, Patryk
Year 6:	Oscar, Rosie

Kindness Award

Presented by Anti Bullying Ambassadors

Isla (2)
Jude (3)
Koda (4)
Christelle (1)
Sienna (5)

Lunchtime Award

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

Reception:	Pollyanna
Year 1:	Lilia
Year 2:	Isla
Year 3:	Orsola
Year 4:	Joshua
Year 5:	Ada
Year 6:	Ella

Swimming Award Fun Week

Birthdays

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

Anany
Darcie
Reagan
Ollie
Miss Goldsmith

House Points



St George – 244 points



St David – 179 points



St Patrick - 178 points



St Andrew – 185 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.

Caterpillar	Well done to George who was Squirrel of the week.
Dragonfly	Well done to Zach who raised £61 for the RNLI.
Eagles	Well done to Imogen, Ella and Freya who danced at The Hawth Theatre.



African Drumming and Dance Workshops

On Wednesday, the children had a fantastic time taking part in our African drumming and dance workshops as part of our Black History Month celebrations. They enthusiastically explored the vibrant rhythms and sounds of African drumming and enjoyed learning new dance movements, filling the sessions with energy, laughter and joy. The workshops provided a wonderful opportunity for the children to celebrate the richness of African cultures and traditions while developing a deeper appreciation of the diversity within our school community. This experience also reflected our Catholic Social Teaching, reminding us of the dignity of every person and the importance of solidarity.



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Attendance And Punctuality

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	Attendance	Punctuality (lates)
Ladybird	97.2%	4
Caterpillar	98.4%	2
Dragonfly	97.4%	3
Kingfisher	94.2%	2
Ravens	96.6%	3
Owls	93.5%	1
Eagles	97.8%	2
Preschool 2-3	95.8%	0
Preschool 3-4	93.1%	0

When should my child still come to school?

Attendance guidance for common minor illnesses and concerns



Mild cold or cough

✓ Yes

Children with a mild cold or cough should attend school. Encourage good hand hygiene and provide tissues if needed.



Sore throat

✓ Yes

Most sore throats do not require time off school. Ensure your child drinks plenty of fluids.



Anxiety or worries about school

✓ Yes

It is common for children to feel anxious at times. Attending school usually helps, and we encourage families to speak to us so we can provide support.



Conjunctivitis

✓ Yes

Children can usually attend school. Encourage regular hand washing and avoid rubbing the eyes.



Head lice

✓ Yes

Children do not need to stay at home. Hair should be treated with an appropriate treatment.



If you are ever unsure, please contact the school office for advice.

ATTEND AND ACHIEVE

School isn't just a place to be – it's where you learn most, grow in confidence, build friendships and create your future.

Thrive under 5

Students who have fewer than 5 days off per year, statistically thrive within education.



BETTER PROGRESS
Excellent attendance leads to stronger learning and higher achievement.



CONFIDENCE GROWS
Being in school regularly builds confidence and resilience.



STRONGER CONNECTIONS
Attend, belong, and build positive relationships.



MORE OPPORTUNITIES
Good attendance opens doors to more choices and brighter futures.



Every lesson counts.
Every day shapes your future.
Thrive under 5. Be here. Succeed.

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IMPACT!
OPPORTUNITIES THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**MORE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER**

LEARN
PLAY
BELONG
ACHIEVE!

GOLF
IMPACT & INSPIRE
WORKSHOP DAY

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!

A GREAT FIRST INTRO TO GOLF!
ADAPTABLE CLUBS FOR ALL AGES!
FUN, SAFE AND INCLUSIVE!

NEW SKILLS
MORE CONFIDENCE
BIG SMILES!

JOIN OUR WEEKLY
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TUESDAYS
3.15pm - 4.15pm

Years 1 - 6
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Office Communication



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New dates added are highlighted each week

Date	Activity
October	Black History Month
Monday 19 th October	1.30 Open Afternoon for Reception 2027 Intake
Tuesday 20 th October	Cross Country Competition
Tuesday 20 th October	2.45 Year One End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Wednesday 21 st October	Year 1 Mass – 10am
Wednesday 21 st October	2.45 Year 3 End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Wednesday 21 st October	3pm Year 4 End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Thursday 22 nd October	School Council – Fundraiser for Ronald McDonald House Charity – non uniform day wear red or yellow to school £1 donation
Thursday 22 nd October	2.45 Year 2 End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Thursday 22 nd October	3pm Year 6 End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Friday 23 rd October	2.45 Ladybird's End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Friday 23 rd October	3pm Year 5 End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Friday 23 rd October	Last day of Term
Friday 23 rd October	Monster's Ball 2-2.30 Bumblebees 4-5.15 Ladybirds, Caterpillars and Dragonflies 5.30-7pm Kingfishers, Ravens, Owls and Eagles

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Monday 2nd November	Term Two Begins
Wednesday 16th December	9.30 KS1 Nativity – All welcome 11am Bumblebees Nativity – All welcome 2pm KS2 Carol Concert – All welcome

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