

Headteacher's Update

It has been wonderful this week to see the Bumblebees being given the option of a hot dinner. These have been very much enjoyed, with one child saying his meal was delicious and the best ever! Don't forget hot meals are free for all children in Reception, Year One and Year Two. School meals can be booked on Parentpay children are able to decide on the day if they want a hot school meal or a packed lunch. Bumblebee's lunches need to be booked in advance of the day.

We have also welcomed Father Noel into school this week to celebrate our Harvest Mass. It was lovely to see so many of you join us for this occasion. Father Noel certainly made the mass fun and engaging for the children and it was wonderful to see the children really connected with the message of obedience, hard work and prayer. The children were even talking at breaktime about how fun the mass was. Don't forget, Sunday mass at 10am is the Family Mass at our church and all are welcome to join. Father Noel will be there this weekend, but will then be away for two weeks before joining us as our Parish Priest on a permanent basis.



I would also like to give my heart felt thanks for everyone's generosity with our harvest collection. Year Six took over thirty bags of foods to the Pilsdon Community yesterday and we still have a large number of bags still to be taken next week! Your kindness will make a real difference to the lives of people supported by the Pilsdon Community, who will distribute the food to those in need. Through your generosity, we are living out our Catholic Social Teaching, particularly the Preferential Option for the Poor and Solidarity, by reaching out to those who may be experiencing difficult times and reminding them that they are valued and cared for. Our Harvest donations are a wonderful example of how small acts of kindness, when brought together, can make a significant difference to others. Thank you for helping us to live out our faith through action.

With World Mental Health Day tomorrow, we have enjoyed a special **Feel Good Friday** today, with lots of fun and engaging wellbeing activities taking place across the school this afternoon. It has been a lovely opportunity to focus on our mental health, celebrate the things that help us feel good and remind ourselves of the importance of looking after one another, showing kindness and taking time to nurture our wellbeing.

We have also had our first, Class Assembly of the academic year, with Year Six presenting their first and last assembly of the year. They have completed so much learning in the first five weeks of the year, I can't wait to see what they will achieve by the end of the academic year. They finished their assembly with wellbeing definitely in mind singing "Hey Mr Miller".

I hope you all enjoy World Mental Health Day tomorrow finding time to do something that makes you feel good, whether that is something outside, spending time with loved ones, enjoying an activity together or simply resting. Remember, looking after our own mental health is important every day and a little kindness to ourselves and others can go a long way.

Mrs Seal

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What have we been learning 5th – 9th October

By Year 6 journalists: Annie & Mercy

Preschool

Bumblebees

This week, Bumblebees have been exploring their emotions using the Colour Monster story. Painted with colours that make us feel happy. In RE they explored the creation story and making happy and sad faces.

EYFS

Ladybirds

This week, Ladybirds have been looking at the sign of the cross in RE. In English they have looked at the story of 'The Little Red Hen'. They have used 'talk for writing' to learn the story and they started to sequence it.

Key Stage 1

Caterpillars

This week, Caterpillars have been looking at how to count objects from a larger group. In English, they have been making a story map about Little Red Riding Hood. In RE, they have been talking about different ways to help the world.

Dragonflies

This week Dragonflies have been looking at number bonds to 100 in Maths. In English, they have been writing how to be a good guard. In RE they have been learning about the story of Noah.

Key Stage 2

Kingfishers

This week, the Kingfishers have been looking at adding and subtracting 10 and 100. In English, they have been learning about "Stig of the Dump" which is their class book. In RE, they have been learning about the creation story and how God created the world.

Ravens

This week the Ravens, have exploring column addition with exchanges. In English, they have started to look at a metaphor poem describing a storm as a rhino before writing our own metaphors. In Geography looking at how we can improve the biodiversity of the school.

Owls

This week the Owls, have been learning about common multiples. In English, they have been writing scary stories. In RE, they have been learning about the common good.

Eagles

This week, the Eagles have been learning long division and learning BODMAS/BIDMAS. In English, they are editing and improving their letters. In RE, they are continuing their learning about The Fall.

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Catholic Life

During our Worship on Monday, we reflected on Matthew 21:33-43, the Parable of the Tenants. Jesus reminds us that all we have is a gift from God and that we have a responsibility to care for His creation and use our gifts wisely. We thought about how we can show God our love through the way we treat others, take responsibility for our actions and share what we have with those in need.

Our two focus words were "respect" and "reject".



This links beautifully to our Catholic Social Teaching, particularly Care for Creation, Human Dignity and the Common Good, reminding us that we are called to be faithful stewards of God's gifts and to help everyone flourish.

How can you make choices that show love and respect to the people around you each day?

Awe and Wonder

How do you say the "Hail Mary"?

**Hail Mary,
full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women
and blessed is the fruit
of they womb: JESUS.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

(YOUCAT for Kids)



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Student representatives

Catholic Social Teaching is rooted in scripture and helps guide us on how to live out our faith in the world. One such principle is Subsidiarity, "everyone should have a say", represented by Sid the Sheep.



Everyone should have a say
Subsidiarity

With this in mind, at More Park we recognise that all pupils should have a say and therefore children have the opportunity to be voted in by their peers, or volunteer for a particular role.

This week we celebrated our Antibullying Ambassadors and RE Ambassadors. Both groups of children had to write letters stating why they would make a good Ambassador.



**Antibullying
Ambassadors**



**RE
Ambassadors**

Harvest Mass

Following our Harvest mass, led by our Year Five pupils, our Year 6 pupils helped send the generous donations from our Harvest Mass to Pilsden Charity. Thank you to all our families for supporting those in need in our local community. Thank you too to Father Noel for celebrating the Harvest with us.



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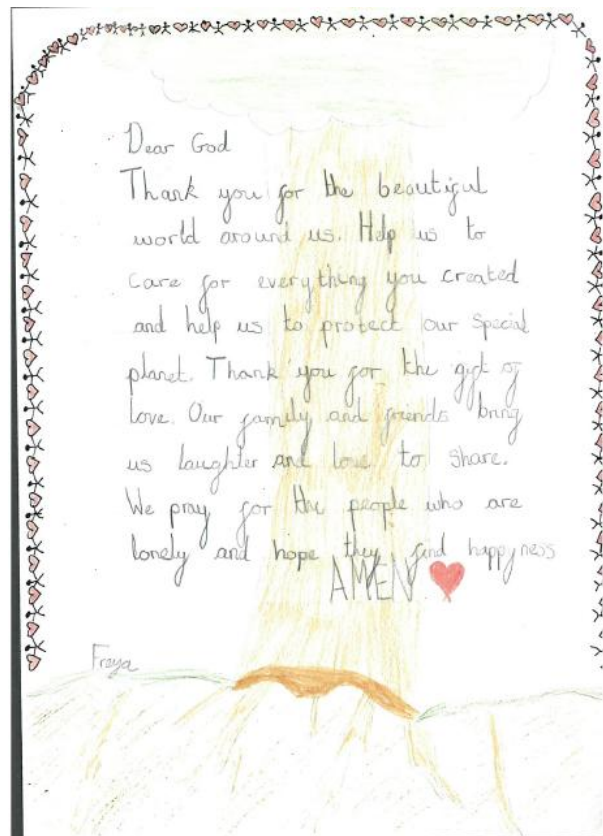
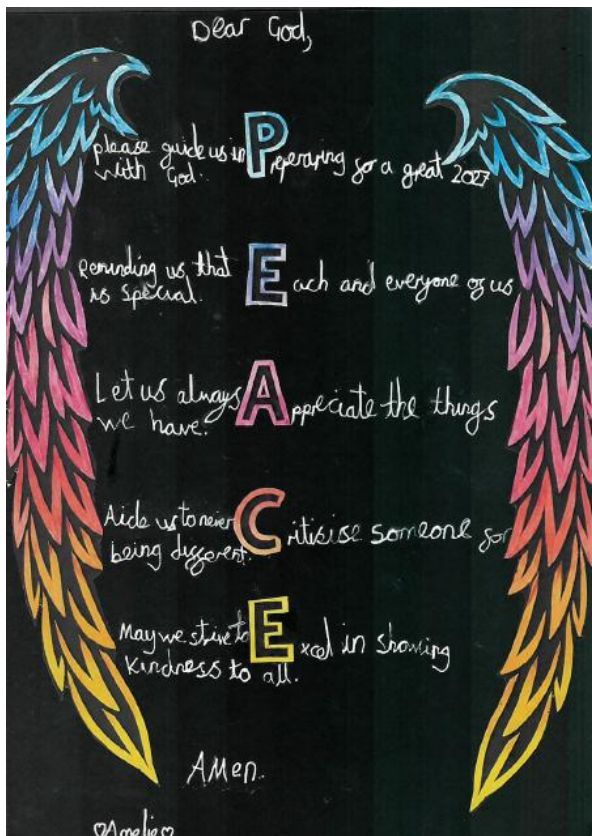
Year 6 Assembly



Year 6's assembly showcased their learning from the past five weeks, with Imogen taking on the role of Miss Goldsmith! Through a classroom simulation, pupils shared their knowledge of the Houses of Parliament, electricity, long division, The Fall in RE and *Coming to England* as well as sharing prayers they had written. Well done, Year 6!



Each class has a Home/School Prayer book which will come home with a different child each week. The idea of the prayer book is to share prayers from home, perhaps written as a family or just by the child and then these prayers are shared in class. Below are two example of the beautiful prayers written by Amelie and Freya in Year Six.



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This week, the Eco Ambassadors got stuck into their Fast Fashion module, working in teams on some research tasks. They were able to find out what fast fashion is, where it is made and sold and why fast fashion is bad for the planet. We have also begun to talk about what can be done to tackle the problem of fast fashion and will be making plans over the coming weeks for our upcycling workshops and our Fashion Swap Shop so watch this space!

All of the ambassadors have reported an improvement in classrooms during their monitoring walks and have seen lights and screens switched off when not in use, as well as recycling and general waste bins used correctly in most areas. Now that it is getting colder and radiators may be turned on, please remember not to place items on top of radiators, such as jumpers or cardigans as this will block heat and waste energy. Let's try and keep radiators turned as low as we can and save as much energy as we can!

Fast Fashion

What is fast fashion? What examples can you think of?
What are its advantages and disadvantages?
Create a mind map below listing your ideas and research.





Fast fashion is a business model that mass produces inexpensive clothing to replicate the latest fashions.

Fast Fashion is bad because it drives massive environmental damage and exploits garment workers.

You can stop Fast fashion by changing your shopping habits and wearing clothes longer.

Fast Fashion is good because it makes trendy clothing accessible on a budget.

Fast Fashion is caused by cheap manufacturing and globalized supply chains.

Fast Fashion brands are Shein, H&M, Primark and pretty little things.



Fast Fashion

The purpose of this resource is to facilitate independent, child-led research. It is advisable to use only pre-approved, online, reputable sources of information and materials that are appropriate to their age. Please also be aware that there may be a topic or individual's life which may be controversial or upsetting to some. Due to this, we highly recommend that you carefully consider all research activities before undertaking them with children.

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More Park Catholic Primary and Preschool St 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 12th October, in the school 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:	Pippa, Jesse
Year 1:	Tommy, Elliot
Year 2:	Andrew, Noah
Year 3:	Ethan, Ivy
Year 4:	Jacob, Ronnie
Year 5:	Patryk, Steph
Year 6:	Athena, James, Imogen, Constantine

Kindness Award

Presented by Anti Bullying Ambassadors

Sonny (4)
Alivia (3)
Athena (6)
Tomi (5)
Mrs. Stapleton

Lunchtime Award

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

Reception:	Pippa
Year 1:	Lilia
Year 2:	Zach
Year 3:	Oscar & Travis
Year 4:	Ronnie
Year 5:	Erin
Year 6:	Freya

Swimming Award

Max, Patryk

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!

Holly
Victoria
Mrs Bale

House Points



St George – 185 points



St David – 248 points



St Patrick - 245 points



St Andrew – 184 points

Headteacher Award

Alivia P

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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	Well done to Arabella who graduated from Cheer Tots to Cheer Academy.
	Well done to Grace who has completed level 2 in swimming!
	Well done to Hettie who has received a level 1 award in Gymnastics!
Kingfisher	Well done to Patrick who has completed his level 3 in swimming!
Ravens	Well done to Jacob who has completed level 5 in swimming
Owls	Well done to Erin who has competed in Irish Dancing Feis and came 5 th in her heavy jig!
Eagles	Well done to Beatrix who came 3 rd overall in her age group in the recent Gala!



Year 6 Mayors Debate

On 7 October, our pupils joined local primary schools for a debate with Deputy Mayor Cllr Sarah Hudson. They explored whether CPR should be taught to all primary school children and whether video games and children's TV programmes should teach basic first aid. The final votes supported mandatory CPR learning but opposed requiring first aid content in games and TV shows. Well done to our pupils for taking part!



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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!

**NEW SKILLS
MORE CONFIDENCE
BIG SMILES!**

**JOIN OUR WEEKLY
GOLF CLUB!**

TUESDAYS
3.15pm - 4.15pm

Years 1 - 6
All abilities welcome!

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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
October	Black History Month
Monday 12th October	Drama Workshop – Years R, 1, 2 and 3
Monday 12th October	Girls' Football Tournament
Tuesday 13th October	9.30 Open Morning for Reception 2027 Intake
Tuesday 13th October	KS2 Hockey Tournament
Wednesday 14th October	African Drumming and Dance Workshops
Wednesday 14th October	Year 2 Mass – 10am
Friday 16th October	Year 3 Class Assembly – 9.15 All welcome
Friday 16th October	Friends of More Park AGM – 2.30 All welcome
Monday 19th October	1.30 Open Afternoon for Reception 2027 Intake
Tuesday 20th October	Cross Country Competition
Tuesday 20th October	2.45 Year One End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Wednesday 21st October	Year 1 Mass – 10am
Wednesday 21st October	2.45 Year 3 End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Wednesday 21st October	3pm Year 4 End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Thursday 22nd October	2.45 Year 2 End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Thursday 22nd October	3pm Year 6 End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Friday 23rd October	2.45 Ladybird's End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome

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Friday 23rd October	3pm Year 5 End of RE Topic Celebration – All Welcome
Friday 23rd October	Last day of Term
Friday 23rd October	Monster's Ball 2-2.30 Bumblebees 4-5.15 Ladybirds, Caterpillars and Dragonflies 5.30-7pm Kingfishers, Ravens, Owls and Eagles
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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