

Headteacher's Update

This week I'd like to start with sharing with you the wonderful news that Miss Rose has welcomed her beautiful baby boy into the world! He made his very special arrival late on Sunday evening, arriving just five minutes before his due date!

We send our love, prayers and very best wishes to Miss Rose and her family as they begin this precious new chapter together. May God bless her son, keep him safe and well, and surround him with love as he grows. We are sure you will join us in sending the whole family our warmest congratulations.



Now on to other news believe it or not we are now half way through Term One! The children have now been back for four weeks and we are already seeing great progress since the beginning of term. Over the past couple of weeks, I have had time to look through the children's writing and maths book and it's been wonderful to see improvement in handwriting, spellings and presentation as well as seeing when they've challenged themselves.

Ladybirds have started their phonics lessons and this week they started their reading skills sessions too! I have thoroughly enjoyed working with a group of Ladybirds this week with their reading.

Ladybirds are now getting more used to joining us in the hall for worship and next week we are hoping the older Bumblebees will be joining us for Celebration Assembly. If you are a Bumblebee parent and your child has achieved an award or certificate outside of school, please do send a photograph of them into the office and we can include them in our celebrations.

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Last week, I forgot to mention, we had our first Fire Drill practice. All of the children, including Bumblebees, were out of the building promptly and at our muster point in 3 minutes. As part of our Fire Drills we also ensure that both the defibrillator and EpiPen Kitt are taken out too. Although we have had a defibrillator for a number of years now, the EpiPen Kitt is new this academic year and is part of ensuring we are complying with Benedict's Law. The children will also have allergy awareness lessons this year too, to ensure they too know what an allergy is and what to do in the event of someone having an anaphylaxis attack.

This week, as Father Donatus is due to leave the Parish on Tuesday, he introduced us to our new Parish Priest, Father Noel. Father Noel visited all of the classes on Wednesday afternoon and he is very much looking forward to working with the children. Although he is not due to start officially in the parish until mid-October, he is hoping to come and celebrate our Harvest Mass next Friday morning. Everyone is welcome to attend this mass which will be presented by the children in Year Five.



As part of our Harvest Mass, we invite children to bring in non-perishable food items, such as tins, packets of pasta or rice, cereal, long-life milk and toiletries. These donations will be blessed during our Mass and then taken to the Pilsdon Community in West Malling, helping to support people who are less fortunate than ourselves. This also sits in line with our Trust wide Catholic Social Teaching focus for the year: Preferential Option for the Poor. Thank you in advance for your generosity and helping us to live out Jesus' message of love and care for others.

Once again, we are running low on boxes of tissues for the children. Any donations of boxes of tissues would be greatly appreciated. Please hand them to the office or your child's teacher.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Seal

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More Park Catholic Primary and

What have we been learning 21st - 25th September

By Year 6 journalists: Annie & Mercy



Preschool

Bumblebees

This week Bumblebees have been looking at who lives in their family. They have been collecting autumn conkers and painting with them. They have also been exploring God's world and what makes us go 'wow'.

EYFS

Ladybirds

This week Ladybirds have been discussing our feelings and how sometimes we feel happy and sad. In RE they have been looking at the creation and how God made people.

Key Stage 1

Caterpillars

This week, Caterpillars have been using reknreks and creating numbers with them. In English they have been learning about the Very Hungry Caterpillar. In RE they have been learning about Jesus.

Dragonflies

This week Dragonflies have been counting in ones and tens. In English they have been describing the setting in Beegu. They have been learning about Noah's Ark in RE.

Key Stage 2

Kingfishers

This week, the Kingfishers have been counting with numbers to 1000. In English they have been reading How to Wash a Wooley Mammoth. In RE they have been learning how to be a good listener.

Ravens

This week the Ravens, have been rounding numbers to the nearest 100 in Maths. In English they have been writing instructions on How to Train a Dragon. In RE they have been learning about Abraham and God's promise.

Owls

This week the Owls, have been rounding numbers to 10, 100, 1,000, 10,000 and 100,000. In English they have been reading the book Clockwork. In RE they have been changing the language used in the Ten commandments making it clearer to understand.

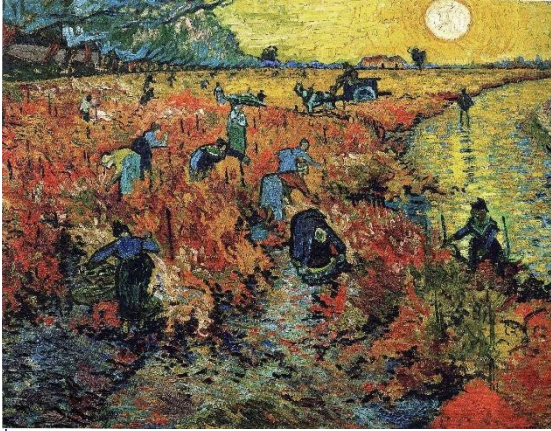
Eagles

This week the Eagles, have been finding prime numbers and common multiples. They have also been publishing their diary's as Floella Benjamin. In RE they have been learning about Adam and Eve.

Catholic Life

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Monday Worship



This week during Monday's worship we looked at the words "generous" and "just".

We then listened to the scripture according to Matthew 20:1-16 and acted it out.

Jesus tells us about a farmer who needed people to work in his vineyard. Some people started work early in the morning, while others were invited to join later in the day. At the end of the day, the farmer gave everyone the same reward, even though they had worked for different amounts of time.

The workers who had been there all day were unhappy because they thought they deserved more. But the farmer reminded them that he had kept his promise to them. He also wanted to be generous and fair to everyone.

Jesus is reminding us that God's love is not something we have to earn. God loves each of us completely, whether we have followed Him for our whole lives or have only just begun to discover Him. We shouldn't compare ourselves with others or feel jealous when someone else receives kindness or blessings. Instead, we should be grateful for God's generosity and celebrate the good things that happen to others.

✿ ***This week, let's remember: God loves every one of us equally. We can show God's love by being generous, kind and happy for others when good things happen to them.***

Awe and Wonder Why do People Pray?

You cannot hear God
as you hear people or the sounds around you.
He speaks to you very silently,
because God does not want to scare you.
He speaks in a secret language, the language of the heart.
Switch your heart to "receive"!

Sometimes you can hear his voice in you,
sometimes through the bible, sometimes by "accident".
Sometimes he speaks to you through people.

(YOUCAT for Kids)



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Eco Club

There was no Eco Club this week.

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 4th October**, 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 2nd October**. They meet in the school hall from 7.15-8pm. Youth Club is open to all children in Year Six and above.

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More Park Catholic Primary and Celebration Assembly



Special Class Recognition

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

Reception:	Tristan, Grace
Year 1:	Lilyanna, Evie
Year 2:	Josias, Isla
Year 3:	Jude, Beatrix
Year 4:	Aleesha, Joshua
Year 5:	Alex, Sofia
Year 6:	Shyan, Betsy

Lunchtime Award

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

Reception:	Dylan
Year 1:	George
Year 2:	Zach
Year 3:	Oscar
Year 4:	Darcie
Year 5:	Erin
Year 6:	Christiano

Antibullying Ambassador

Mercy
Evie
Sofia
Monroe
Eva
Aubree
Harry R
Charlie
Jacob O
Stephanie

Kindness Award

Presented by Anti Bullying Ambassadors

Meadow (2)
Evie (6)
JJ (R)
Millie (3)

Swimming Award

Phoebe, Maximillian

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!

Florence S
Dylan
Alexis
Hettie
Louie T
Mrs Cole

House Points



St George – 199 points



St David – 116 points



St Patrick - 166 points



St Andrew – 119 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.

Ravens	Congratulations to Harry who has competed in the 2026 Regional Set work in Gymnastics! Harry competed across 7 apparatus, placing an amazing 3rd on Pommel, 4th on High Bar, 6th on PPP and 7th on Vault
Ravens	Well done to Conor who has received Parents Player and Players Player of the week!
Owls	Well done to Frankie who achieved Managers player of the team!
Eagles	Well done to Keeva who has walked 7.5miles in 3 hours for Kent, Surrey, and Sussex Air Ambulance.
Eagles and Owls	Well done to Antoni and Patryk who has completed Day 1 of Augustine Camino Pilgrimage.
Eagles	Well done to Annie who has achieved 2 nd in her group for 50m breaststroke



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Attendance And Punctuality

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	Attendance	Punctuality
Ladybird	97.5%	10%
Caterpillar	99.5%	12.5%
Dragonfly	96.6%	6.9%
Kingfisher	98.9%	13%
Ravens	98.4%	6.3%
Owls	97.2%	11.1%
Eagles	97.3%	9.7%
Preschool 2-3	95.5%	0%
Preschool 3-4	98.0%	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.

Kent Catholic Schools' Partnership
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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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Wellbeing

[Click Here](#) for GO Henry Card

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
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The Stag Theatre – Sevenoaks

Pupils have been invited to attend the Stag Theatre's orchestral performance of "Around the World on the Amazing Magic Carpet"

Presented by the Sevenoaks Symphony Orchestra, legendary favourites will be played including:

March of the Toreadors from Carmen
Arabian Dance from Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker
American Rodeo by Copland
Turkish March by Beethoven
And many more



Please [click here](#) to book tickets for 'Around the World on the Amazing Magic Carpet'

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More Park Catholic Primary and 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-westmallings.kcsp.org.uk

New dates added are highlighted each week

Date	Activity
Monday 28 th September	KS2 Boys Football Tournament
Tuesday 29 th September	Year 6 KCSP Beginning of Year Mass
October	Black History Month
Friday 2 nd October	Harvest Mass – please drop harvest gifts to the office or via your child's class teacher
Monday 5 th October	Bumblebees Hot Lunch option begins
Wednesday 7 th October	Year 3 Mass – 10am
Friday 9 th October	Year 6 Class Assembly – 9.15 All Welcome
Monday 12 th October	Drama Workshop – Years R, 1, 2 and 3
Tuesday 13 th October	9.30 Open Morning for Reception 2027 Intake
Wednesday 14 th October	African Drumming and Dance Workshops
Wednesday 14 th October	Year 2 Mass – 10am
Friday 16 th October	Year 3 Class Assembly – 9.15 All welcome
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

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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
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
Monday 2nd November	Term Two Begins

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