

Our School Mission is what God sent us into the world to do – to help build His Kingdom through learning, playing and making friends together.

The tools we will use to do this are: Loving, Caring, Sharing, Trusting and Respect



Friday 25th September 2026

Hello. It has been a very busy week this week with all our learning! The children have settled well into our routine, and it feels like they have part of Stella Maris for ages!! We are super proud of them. This week we started to think about a song for harvest and the song we are learning is called 'Plant a little seed.' The children are really enjoying singing it and we have also put some actions to it. If your child would like to have a go at home and show you, the song can be found using the following link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=da_LbBewte8

Thank you so much for supporting your children at their welcome assembly. It was wonderful to see so many of you in school. Thank you also for all of you that were able to make the Phonics meeting.

Please can you write in your child's contact book (monkey book) when they read. We will be starting our reading groups next week so the children will begin to bring an additional book home as well as their sharing books. These books will be sent home on a Friday and will be wordless until your child can confidently blend to read words. Please look after these books as they are very expensive and please can they be returned by the following Thursday, ready to be changed.

In Daily Reflection this week we have been thinking about the word care and the children have been amazing at thinking about how they can be caring

towards others. They also thought about how we also need to be caring towards our pets and the beautiful world that God gave to us. The children have been trying hard to look after each other and show care towards one another.

“The Lord God took man and placed him in the garden of Eden to work and take care of it.” Genesis 2:15

In RE this week, we have continued thinking about the creation story and everything that God has given to us. We reminded ourselves of the story and we then talked about how we need to take care of our beautiful world and made links with the Catholic Social Teaching Principle- Stewardship. We thought about how the world is like a gift from God and we drew all the things that we love in the world. On Friday we also celebrated our Stella Maris Feast Day where we learnt all about Mary, Star of the Sea. We made flower crowns for Mary and salt dough stars which we are going to use to make a special garland. In the afternoon, we held mass to celebrate our Feast Day.

In English this week we finished our work on the Gingerbread man. We made puppets of the characters from the story and then used these to retell the story in our own words. Next week we will be sharing the story of Hansel and Gretel.

In Phonics this week the children have been going over the sounds we have learnt so far to make sure that they are embedded. We have also been thinking about how we write these sounds too.

In Maths this week the children have been thinking about the importance of counting carefully and touching the objects, moving them away as we count, can all help our counting to be accurate. The children have been counting very carefully.

On Friday we celebrated the Stella Maris Feast Day. We learnt that our school's name Stella Maris means 'Star of the Sea'. Mary, Jesus' mother, is also known as Stella Maris, Star of the Sea, and we learnt that Mary looks after fishermen and travellers. We looked at the school badge on our cardigans and jumpers and saw a star, a fishing boat and the sea and talked about how this represents Mary, star of the sea, who looks after fishermen. The children created some fabulous artwork of Mary with a beautiful crown of flowers. The children also made their own flower crowns and some salt dough stars.

In celebration assembly we celebrated Dolcie and Haider. We celebrated Dolcie because she has been working extremely hard in her learning and has shown

wonderful manners to everyone. We celebrated Haider who has been trying hard to listen to instructions. Amazing job Dolcie and Haider, we are super proud of you.

Attendance for our class this week was 95.7% and we won Attendance Ted again!!

Extra Information

-Friday 9th October, Wear Yellow Day. The children are invited to wear their own clothes, including something Yellow, for a donation of £1. All the money raised will go towards the Young Minds Charity.

-Thursday 22nd October is Hinduism Day for the whole school. Please could you send in an old white t-shirt (named) that the children can change into as we will be learning all about the festival of Holi and will be throwing powdered paint to celebrate!

-Thursday 22nd Term One finishes at 3:15pm

-Friday 23rd October, the school will be closed on this day for children.

-Monday 2nd November, Children return to school to begin Term Two.

Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you on Monday.

Mrs Jukes and Mrs Green