

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 9th October 2026

Hello. As we get closer to the end of term one, we are proud of how well the children have taken to life at Stella Maris and how hard they are working. It is wonderful to see their confidence grow in such a short time. Thank you so much to everyone that was able to donate some food items to the harvest, the food bank is really going to appreciate such kindness. As a school, we collected so many items, these will really make a difference. We will also put some of the donations in our Stella Maris Food Pantry which is open throughout term time and is for anyone in the community that needs support. The Stella Maris food pantry is run by our Sunshine Team and is just along from the office.

In Daily Reflection this week we have been thinking about the word respect and how we can show respect to each other. We talked about how important respect is. The children shared examples of ways they can show respect to people around them e.g. sharing the school equipment, using kind words and listening to people when they are talking.

“Treat others as you want to be treated.” Luke 6:31

In RE this week, we have been thinking about how God loves us all and that we are all part of a family. We thought about how we are all part of a school family and we work hard to show our Gospel Values (Love, Care, Share, Trust and Respect). We shared a reading from the Gospel writer John and the children then created their houses with the people that live in them. The children also thought about all the friends they have Stella Maris and drew them for our board.

In Phonics this week the children have been learning the sounds ck, u, e, r and have been thinking about the formation of these letters in our Phonics lessons.

The Imps are working so hard! Thank you for all your support with reading at home and with Phonics homework. It is so important to keep going over the phonics as this will really embed the sounds and help with their phonics knowledge. Please also send in monkey books every day. This week the children have started to bring home a phonics book, please can you make sure that these are looked after and that they come into school every day, alongside their contact books.

In English this week we have shared the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children have really enjoyed the story and have joined in with the reading of the story. The children have sequenced the story, drew the three bears, made bear paintings and bear bread and have also helped to make porridge! What a fun week we have had.

In Maths this week the children have been thinking subsidising different arrangements/ amounts and thinking about how we can these different numbers. The children have played lots of maths games to support their learning and have used lots of the maths resources too. The children have also been representing different numbers.

In celebration assembly this week we celebrated Olive who has been trying hard in her learning, especially in her phonics learning this week, where she has wowed us with her recall of the sounds. We also celebrated Corey who has been working hard on his cutting skills and his pencil grip. Corey has also shown wonderful kindness to her friends. We are super proud of them both, well done Olive and Corey.

When providing a snack for snack time, please can you provide a healthy snack of either fruit, cheese, yoghurt or a cereal bar. Please do not send in raisins or anything that contains nuts as we are a nut free school, due to children in school with an airborne allergy. Thank you.

Extra Information

- We are collecting for Harvest from Monday. If your child can bring in some tinned food etc for those less fortunate that would be amazing. We are collecting for the local foodbank this harvest time.

-Parent open afternoon, Thursday 15th October, 2:15pm till 3:15pm. You are welcome to come and spend the afternoon with your child, doing some activities together.

-Please could you send in an old plain white t-shirt with your child's name in.

We will be using these to celebrate the festival Holi, in our paint throwing activity. We will need the t'shirt in school by Monday 19th October 2026. Thank you.

-Term One finishes on Thursday 22nd October at 3:15pm. The school will be closed on Friday 23rd October.

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

Mrs Jukes and Mrs Roberts