

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 16th October 2026

Hello. Well, that went quick! We cannot believe that term 1 is nearly completed and we will soon be going into term 2. All the children have settled really well, and it seems like they have been part of our Stella Maris family for ever! Thank you for all your support in term one and we look forward to continuing to work with you in term two. We will be finishing our project around Fairy tales next week and in Term Two we will be starting our new project called 'Celebrations.' This is a lovely project that we know the Imps will love! We will be looking at all sorts of celebrations and festivals.

In Daily Reflection this week we have been thinking about Helping others. The children thought of all the different ways that they help others, both in school and at home. The children thought of some lovely things and of things they could do to help people in our community e.g., bringing in items for our school food pantry! Well done Imps, you have been very thoughtful this week.

"Don't forget to be good and help others." Hebrews 13:16

In RE this week, we have been thinking about how we enter God's family through Baptism. We talked about all the ways that people can feel welcome both at home and at school, and then we thought of the things we do to welcome a baby. The children learnt that Christians welcome a baby through the sacrament of Baptism. We looked at lots of pictures of the symbols, what happens at a baptism etc, and we acted out a baptism together. The children

then sequenced the events of baptism, trying to use all the important words and phrases we had learnt.

In Phonics this week the children have been reviewing all the Phonics sounds that we have learnt so far this term. We have also been learning some new sounds: b, h, f and l. As well as the tricky words: we have learnt I, is and the. We have also been assessing the children on their phonics knowledge so far. Over the holidays, if you can go over the sounds so far that would be wonderful, and this will help the children as we move forward in term two. Thank you!

In English this week we finished our fairytale, Goldilocks and the Three bears and the children made porridge. The children enjoyed pouring the oats and milk in and stirring the ingredients together, talking about what they were doing throughout. We then started our new fairytale called 'The Enormous Turnip' which the children have enjoyed reading together. The children have listened to the story and have drawn parts of the story. The children have also sequenced the events in the story, thinking about what happened first, next etc.

In Maths this week the children have been thinking about more than and less than. The children have been looking at lots of groups of objects and deciding which one has less and which one has more. They have also been subsidising numbers.

In celebration assembly this week we celebrated Reginald who is an absolute delight and always brings a smile to our faces! Reginald is always showing our Gospel values in school. We also celebrated Pippa who is working really hard in her learning and her pencil grip has really improved since the beginning of term one. Well done Pippa and Reginald, we are so proud of how hard you are working, what little superstars they are!

Thank you to everyone who came to our Open Afternoon – we hope you enjoyed it! It was wonderful to see so many of you and to be able to share our classroom with you.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our Harvest collection throughout October and the Wear Yellow Day last week which raised over £100 for the Young Minds Charity. Thank you also if you donated or bought cakes for the Sunshine Team cake sale, the Sunshine Team are so excited to help make our school library into a wonderful reading space.

Extra Information

-Please can you send in (if you haven't already done so), a plain white t-shirt with your child's name in, as soon as possible, ready for our Holi celebrations on Monday.

-Term One finished on Thursday 22nd October at 3:15pm. There will be no school on Friday 23rd of October.

-Term Two begins on Monday 2nd November at 8:45am.

-Friday 6th November is Eco Gardening Tag day, wear your own clothes day!

Wednesday 25th November, Year R Height and Weight measurements in school, NHS.

-Friday 4th December, Advent breakfast, 8am, more details to follow.

Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you on Monday, ready for the last week of Term One!

Mrs Jukes and Mrs Green