

Griffins Newsletter - 18th September 2026

Our Mission Statement at Stella Maris

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:

Love, Care, Share, Trust and Respect

Our theme for reflection this week was **Love**.

"Love is patient, Love is kind." 1 Corinthians 13:4"

In **RE**, we have been learning about what a covenant is and exploring its importance within the Bible. We discussed the promises made between God and his people and thought about how covenants can help us understand the relationship between God and humanity.

In **Maths**, we have continued developing our understanding of place value and working confidently with numbers up to 100,000. We have been learning how to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100, and 1000. Today, we challenged ourselves further by rounding numbers to the nearest 10,000. The children have been working hard to explain their reasoning and apply their place value knowledge to different problems.

In **English**, we completed our big write, creating our own diary entries based on life in Roman Britain. I have been incredibly impressed with the children's writing this week and they have truly wowed me with some amazing diary entries! They have worked hard to include the features we have been learning about and have shown great creativity when imagining what life may have been like during Roman times.

In **Science**, we have been learning about the incredible work of Jane Goodall. We spent time researching her life, her work with chimpanzees and her important contributions to our understanding of animals. The children then used their research to create their own fact files, selecting and presenting interesting information about Jane Goodall and her work.

Christmas Cards: Today, we have also sent home the Christmas card order forms featuring the designs the children have created. Please return your order forms as soon as possible if you would like to place an order.

KEY REMINDERS

PE - Thursdays: Please ensure that children wear the correct school PE uniform. Branded sports kits should not be worn.

Homework: We encourage children to attempt their homework each week. Homework is beneficial to their learning and supports the work they complete in class. Homework will be uploaded weekly.

Spelling Tests: Spelling tests will take place every Friday, unless stated otherwise.

Toys: Children are reminded not to bring toys of any kind into school from home, unless this has been previously agreed with the class teacher.

KEY DATES

Friday 9th October: We will be taking part in Wear Yellow Day to support Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Our class attendance this week was: 95%

The Griffins Team