

Griffins Newsletter - 16th October 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 **helping others**.

"For God so loved the world, that he loved his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Our learning this week:

In English, the children have completed their Roman information leaflets, and they are looking fantastic! We have now started preparing for the BBC 500 Words writing competition. The children have planned their own stories and are looking forward to bringing their ideas to life. We have also done some fantastic work on expanded noun phrases, putting our SPaG knowledge into practice by using features such as relative clauses in our writing.

In Maths, we have been exploring square numbers and cubed numbers, as well as multiplying numbers by 10, 100 and 1,000. The children have been developing their understanding of these concepts and practising applying their knowledge.

In history, we became Roman investigators this week! The children explored the playground, looking for evidence of the ways, the Romans changed Britain. They enjoyed investigating the different Roman influences and thinking about how these have shaped life in Britain today.

In RE, we explored making good choices and considered what makes a choice sinful. We looked at the Gospel story of Zacchaeus the Tax Collector in Luke's Scripture and discussed the importance of making positive changes in our lives. We then explored the habits of happiness and the virtues. The children created their own Top Trumps-style cards featuring different virtues before putting their knowledge to the test in a short game!

In PSHE, we had a short lesson exploring democracy and began thinking about what it means to have a voice and how decisions can be made fairly.

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.

Our class attendance this week was: 97.3%

The Griffins Team

