



# St Mary the Virgin Church of England CE Primary School

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Term 1 Week 7

Friday 21st October

## School Value and weekly reflection

Each term, we focus on a Christian Value with weekly reflection in assembly and in class.

We would like to develop this further by asking you to discuss the reflection of the week with your child(ren) at home.

This term, we are looking at Generosity, mingled with our school values and this week we are looking at:



**Values - Faith**

We have considered the disheartened disciples on their hapless fishing trip that was turned around when they showed faith in Jesus.

Share with each other each reflections of when you have each shown faith in yourself and in others.

## Attendance

The Pioneer Federation goal is an average attendance rate of 97%, recognising that each school day provides opportunities for learning, as well as social and emotional development. It is noticeable when students miss school as it impacts on their progress.



**Please support us and your child by ensuring their attendance is a priority.**

Whole school: week: **96.6%**  
year: **95.8%**

**Maple: 100%**

**Cherry: 94.4%**

**Willow: 97.5%**

**Lilac: 96.4%**

**Less than 94.9% - Red**

**95 to 96.4% - Amber**

**96.5 to 99.9% - Green**

**100% - Gold**

**Well done to Maple Class 100%!**

## Top Tips

**Letters and emails home:**

### **Whole School**

- ◇ Little Wandle Phonics (selected pupils)
- ◇ Lexia (selected pupils)

### **Lilac Class**

- ◇ Pupil Ambassadors
- ◇ Remembrance Day (selected pupils)

### **Maple Class**

- ◇ Homework

## **ParentPay**

With the end of Term 1 coming up next week, please pop onto ParentPay and update any outstanding balances. Thank you.

## **Half Term**

Have a fabulous week's rest, and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 31st October.



## Headteacher Award.

We have another Headteacher Award this week:



**Sami:** for fantastic, independent writing.

Well done, Sami!

## School Photos

If you would like to take advantage of free postage, with delivery to school, please order your photos [online](#) before Wednesday 26th October 2022, using your unique link number.



If you need the newsletter, or any other school letter, to be in a different format, please speak with Mrs Funnell in the school office.

If you need help or support with access to any information, please also contact Mrs Funnell.



## St Mary's Star Skills

"Skills for learning, skills for life"



Each week, one pupil from each class is identified for their 'star skills' development. Staff and other pupils share the skills they have noticed through the week, which are then recognised in Celebration Assembly each Friday.

With so many Star Skills developing, we choose one each week to highlight in the Newsletter.

**Oliver:** demonstrated amazing **Creativity**, designing a fantastic spy gadget, disguising a walkie-talkie as a book!

**Jacob:** has displayed truly impressive **Teamwork**, always playing fairly and making sure everyone gets a turn.

**Scarlet:** has developed excellent **Listening Skills**, always being ready to listen and learn.

**Ellamy:** has shown fabulous **Problem Solving** this week, working well with the numicon shapes, finding numbers up to 5!

**Well done to you all!**

In the 1st week of T2, we will be looking at how Finn, Wilf, Dexter and Eva develop their skills.

### October

21st: Last Day of Term 1

31st: Application in for Secondary School

**31st: First day Term 2**

### November

3rd: Maple Class Forest School

3rd: Community Café 2:00pm - 4:00pm

3rd: Lilac Class Bake Sale

4th: Celebration Assembly 9:15am - 9:30am

4th: Flu Vaccine

4th: Lilac Class Bake Sale

5th: Open Morning - Prospective Parents  
10:00am - 12noon

8th: Parent Consultations 3:30pm - 6:00pm

10th: Parent Consultations 3:30pm - 6:00pm

11th: Remembrance Day - 10:45am at the Memorial

11th: PTFA AGM - 3:15pm Larch Class

13th: Remembrance Service Church 10:45am

17th: Cherry Class Forest School

18th: Mufti Day - bottles for Tombola

19th: School Christmas Fair

24th: Willow Class Forest School

### December

Christmas Planning

7th: Nativity Performance

10:00am and 2:00pm

16th: End of Term Service - 2:30pm

### Sports Award

This week, sports awards go to

**Oliver:** for outstanding technique during the Triple Jump!

**Max:** for outstanding jumping, especially the Triple Jump. Great technique.

**Rocco:** for great focus and technique demonstrated whilst learning to Triple Jump.

**Finn:** for great listening and excellent participation during PE.

**Well done, to you all.**



### Reading Reward Scheme

Our Whole School Reading

Reward Scheme will continue

with your ongoing support

required to tot up the minutes

read at home. Please add

additional comments in the reading records if

required. Reading Records are checked each

week and minutes counted for the House total.

This week's results:

**Rother:** 888 minutes

**Teise:** 902 minutes

**Cuckmere:** 1013 minutes

**Medway:** 945 minutes

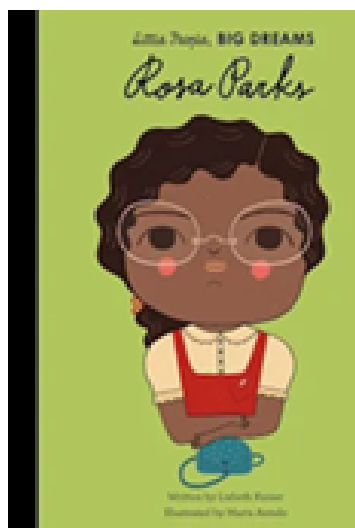
**Well done, Cuckmere!**



## **Black History Month**

Each Class has been covering a variety of topics relating to Black History Month:

In Willow, we have been learning about scientists and engineers this term, so our focus for Black History Month was celebrating the achievements of black scientists through history. In particular the children enjoyed producing their own fact files on their chosen scientist. Many focussed on the work of Lewis Latimer who worked with both Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas Edison. Willow were also interested to learn that the inventor of the Super-Soaker water gun, Lonnie Johnson, also worked in the engineering team from NASA that sent rockets into outer space.



Maple Class began this week by thinking about the differences between us. We looked at the differences in our heights, eye and hair colour and the colour of our skin. We have thought a lot about the similarities and differences between us as part of our 'Amazing Me' topic. We then watched a fantastic fictional programme about a little girl learning about her great grandmother who travelled to England from the West Indies as a small girl. The children enjoyed looking at the globe and thinking about how far she must have travelled in a boat to reach England. Finally, we learned about Rosa Parks by reading 'Rosa Parks' from the series Little People, Big Dreams. The children learned that Rosa had not been able to attend the same schools or travel in the same section of the bus as white people. They learned about the campaign that she had initiated to make lasting change



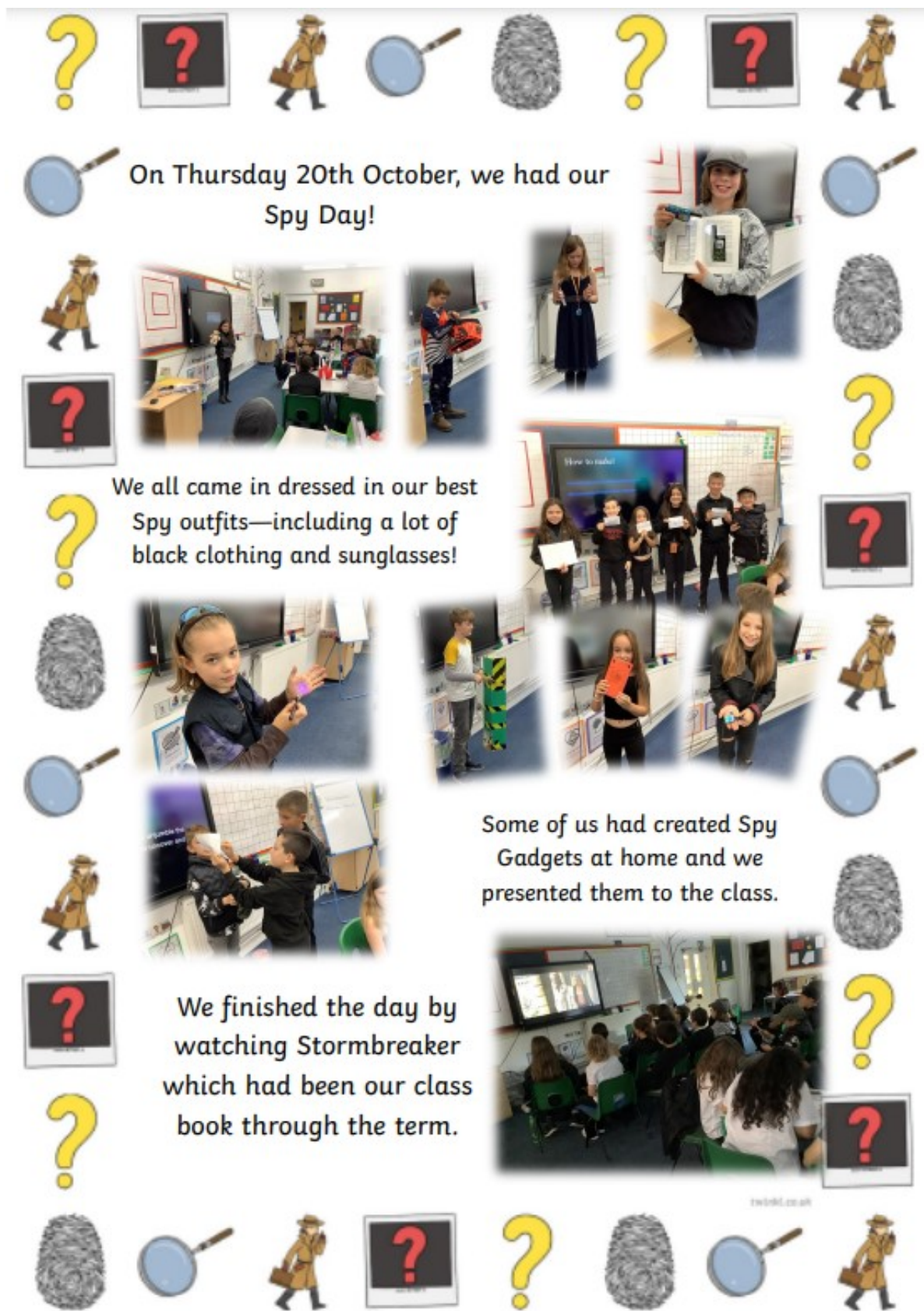
Cherry Class have been learning about the journeys that families from the Caribbean made to England when the UK needed extra workers. They watched the story of how Gran-Gran travelled on a boat, what the journey was like and what she brought with her. We also read 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin where she describes her life in Trinidad, the journey to the UK and what life was like for her when she first arrived.

We thought about what it might be like to make a journey like that and what we would bring with us.





## Lilac Class Spy Day





### **Pupil Governors**

This week, each class voted for their pupil governors. Well done to everyone who presented their campaigns.



### **Anti-Bullying Ambassadors**

This week, each class voted also for their Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.



Congratulations to both groups and we look forward to your input to the school development over the coming year.

The St Mary's Parent, Teacher and Friends Association work throughout each year to provide fun activities and events for the children (and adults), while raising money for the school, which in turn benefits the children again.

### **Social / Volunteers**

The PTFA would like to add to their numbers so are offering the opportunity to meet informally, having a PTFA social on **Wednesday 2nd November**, in The Anchor pub from 8pm. This will provide an opportunity to meet the team in a relaxed environment, get to know them, ask any questions, and generally have a chat if you may be interested in being part of the group. There are lots of opportunities and ways to help, so you can find out what may work for you. Meeting at this time will provide space to get together without children ensuring any queries and questions can be answered.



### **Annual General Meeting**

The PTFA will be holding their AGM on Friday 11th November, 3.15pm in Larch Classroom. Everyone is welcome to this event to find out what they have been up to, what they have raised and how this has been spent over the last year. They will also give projections and plans for the coming year and vote in new Members and committee posts.

Again, it would be lovely if you could join them at this event.



### **St Marys Christmas Fair**

After being unable to run the Christmas Fair since 2019, the PTFA are very excited to be organising it once again.

The fair will be held on **Saturday 19th November**, between **12:00 noon and 2.30pm**.

Please put it in your diaries!

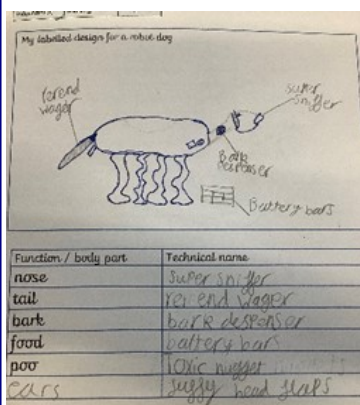
If you, or anyone you know, would like a stall it will cost £15 plus a donation to raffle. Please get in touch with the PTFA to reserve a space.

We are going to utilise the time together in the Anchor pub in Hartfield on **Wednesday 2nd November at 8pm**, so please come along to meet other parents, have a drink and help organise a fabulous Christmas Fair for our children! Even an hour on the day of the fair helps!



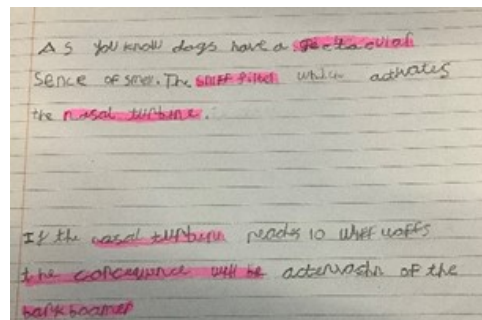
## Weekly Peek

This week we 'take a peek' into Willow Class.



It has been a busy final week of term in Willow Class. In English, we have been writing our own explanation text for an iRobot dog. We drew our own labelled designs and chose if they were to be a guard dog or a pet and what the differences would be between the two. We have enjoyed playing with language to create our own technical terms for different body parts or functions that the iRobot Dog could perform. As a class, we were particularly proud of the terms: nostrilator, warning- wagger,

bark-banger and toxic waste deposit! Can you guess what we are describing?



In Maths, we have been consolidating our learning about addition and subtraction. For some of us this has meant looking at four-digit numbers and improving our use of formal written methods, while others have been working hard on how we exchange numbers

from 1's to 10's and 10's to 100's. We have found it particularly helpful to use a range of resources and manipulatives to show our understanding.



On Wednesday we enjoyed spending time at the church with Reverend Julie and exploring the different prayer spaces. Willow class made the most of the opportunity to demonstrate their deeper thinking about prayer and forgiveness. Reverend Julie was impressed by the thoughtful prayers that the children wrote at different prayer stations, while the children enjoyed the

concept of 'Fizzy Forgiveness' and being able to 'Wipe the Slate Clean' through prayer.



We finished with a bang (or rather a shake!) as we designed and made our own shakers in music. We considered how Samba music makes us feel and tried to decipher the different beats that slot together to create the uplifting rhythm. We enjoyed learning a new song to sing in two parts and will work our way up to four parts as a class.





### Celebrations from Home

Max and Amelia completed the Commando Mud Run at Hever over the weekend. It was 6km long with 26 obstacles combining height, water, mud and caves!

Absolutely amazing, Max and Amelia. Well done.



### Half Term



With the half term break upon and the beauty of Autumn shining through we look forward to seeing more photos celebrating your successes at home. Thank you to all everyone who has sent in photos over the last year, it is a delight to be able to include them in our weekly newsletter.



### Library Gadgeteers

Over the summer, a selection of children took part in the East Sussex Library Gadgeteer Challenge, reading six books over the summer holiday.



Well done to you all!



## Forest School - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022



The children listened to the story of 'Leaf Man' who goes where the wind blows. They each had a stick to take on their walk to the woods, onto which they pushed lots of different fallen autumn leaves. It was great to hear all of their maths vocabulary as they collected and walked. Counting leaves, comparing whether they had more than or less than each other and describing the sizes of the leaves.

Maple Class found oak leaves, birch, hawthorn, hazel, alder, beech and some mystery leaves, so they looked in our tree id book to try to discover more.

Once in the woods the children had a go at using palm drills to try to drill holes in chestnuts and pumpkins. The children showed good perseverance with drilling

and then hammering natural found objects onto the pumpkins to make faces.

There was some great swinging, balancing on the slack line and puddle jumping this week!



A massive thanks to our volunteers who supported the children with all of their exploring and learning.



## Prayer Stations

On Wednesday 19th October, we went up to church in our classes to enjoy some prayer spaces that Rev Julie and Kate (our new youth worker) had set up for us.

The focus was on the Lord's Prayer and there was a station for each section of the prayer.

One of the stations was about forgiveness, linking with the part where we pray for forgiveness for our sins and help to forgive those who hurt us. Part of the activity was 'Fizzy Forgiveness' and the children used vitamin tablets in water to imagine their sins or the sins of others 'fizzing away' and being forgotten about.

They also drew round their hands and wrote something they are thankful for on each finger and enjoyed focusing on 'give us our daily bread' by thinking of all the food they are thankful for!

It was a really lovely time to reflect on the different parts of the Lord's Prayer and why it is a great model prayer for us to learn.

A very big thank you to Rev Julie and Kate for all the time and effort they put into creating the stations. Some of the children will be in church on Sunday to share the stations with the congregation so it would be great to see you there.

Maple Class:

Today we went to church to spend time in different prayer spaces. Each space focussed on a different aspect of the Christian faith. The children had a chance to think about what they were thankful for, what made them unique, what they sometimes needed forgiveness for and what they would pray for.

They were able to draw pictures of the people that they were grateful for and make a replica of their own unique faces with play dough. They visited the fizzy forgiveness zone to see how God's forgiveness helps when you are really sorry. They were able to put tablets into water and watch them fizz and disappear, representing our worries and how they can disappear when we really seek forgiveness.



Alfred working with his buddy, Harry, on a prayer Ellamy creating her face out of play dough



Henry and Ruby thinking about what they are grateful for.





### Cost of Living Support for Families

In acknowledgement of rising goods and energy prices, inflation and other cost of living increases, East Sussex County Council have collated information about local and financial support and resources available to help ease the cost of living challenges.

The complete document will be available on our school website from tomorrow, but specifics to be aware of:

**Government Support:** The government has created a web area for families to find out what support they could be eligible for e.g. Universal Credit, Child Benefit, Working Tax Credit and Disability Benefit: [Help for Households](#), - Get government cost of living support

Local Council Support: Household Support Fund, Support with Childcare Costs and [Keeping Warm](#)

**Food Banks:** Families in East Sussex have several food banks available to them if they are faced with hardship. The Centres are run by the Salvation Army, local charities and the Trussell Trust. In order to get help from a food bank families need to be referred with a voucher, which can be issued by a number of local community organisations (for instance schools, GPs, Social Workers, Early Help Keywork and advice agencies e.g., Citizens Advice). Your local food bank can advise which agencies can help.

Sites in Wealden

- Crowborough Foodbank United Church Croft road, Crowborough Tel 01862 661990
- Uckfield Foodbank- The Kings Centre, Grange Road, Uckfield Tel 01825 764940

**Community Fridges:** sites where local people can share food, this includes surplus from supermarkets, local food businesses, producers, households and gardens. Fridges are run by community groups in shared spaces.

Sites in Wealden

- Uckfield Community Fridge, The Source, Hub garden, Civic Approach, Uckfield TN22 1AL
- Forest Row Community Fridge, The Community Centre, Hartfield Road, Forest Row, RH18 5DZ

**Supermarkets:**

[Iceland](#) are offering interest free loans, Morrisons allow one child to eat free if an adult buys certain meals.

**Holiday Food and Fun** are [funding activities](#) over the winter school holiday, with clubs running at many different sites across East Sussex.

### Important Dates

Please be aware that applications for children to start Secondary School in September 2023 need to be made by 31st October 2022.



**Children going up to  
Secondary school**  
**Apply by 31 October 2022**

Applications for children to start Primary School in September 2023 need to be made by 15th January 2023.



**Children starting school  
for the first time**  
**(Born between 1 September  
2018 – 31 August 2019)**  
**Apply by 15 January 2023**

To apply on line:

- [eastsussex.gov.uk/schools](https://eastsussex.gov.uk/schools)

If you need help email:

- [admissions@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@eastsussex.gov.uk)

## School Clubs

We plan to continue all of our extra curricular clubs within school after half term.

**Breakfast Club** will be starting from the first day back (Monday 31st October) and runs from 7:40am to the beginning of school each day.

Places need to be pre-booked through the office so please call: **01892 770221**



**Red Butler Music** will come in on Monday and Tuesday. If you are already signed up, they will contact you. If you would like to sign up (strings or drums), please call them: **01273 805666**

**Mr D's Mixed Football Club** (R-6) will re-convene on Mondays 31st October.

Please email the office to book: [office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk)



**Wildlife Explorers** will continue on Tuesday lunch time for Y1 - Y6. We need to ensure that a clear register is provided to Mr and Mrs Rowberry so if you would like to arrange attendance please email the school office.

**Mr D's Multi Sports Club** (R to Y6) will return on Fridays beginning 4th November. Please email the office if you would like a place:

[office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-maryhartfield.e-sussex.sch.uk)

**office@st-**



After school **Tennis Club** on Wednesdays. Again, this will be if sufficient children are interested in joining. 3.20pm - 4.20pm each week.

Please email the school office, or contact Red Butler, if you would like to sign up.

Thank you.



## Influenza Immunisation

The school immunisation service are coming into St Mary's on Friday 4th November to undertake the Influenza nasal Vaccination for children. If you would like your child to be included in this programme please [sign up](#) by Friday 28th October.



# flu: 5 reasons to vaccinate your child



### 1. Protect your child

The vaccine will help protect your child against flu and serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia

### 2. Protect you, your family and friends

Vaccinating your child will help protect more vulnerable friends and family

### 3. No injection needed

The nasal spray is painless and easy to have

### 4. It's better than having flu

The nasal spray helps protect against flu, has been given to millions of children worldwide and has an excellent safety record

### 5. Avoid costs

If your child gets flu, you may have to take time off work or arrange alternative childcare

For more information visit  
[www.nhs.uk/child-flu](http://www.nhs.uk/child-flu)

**Flu i mmunisation**  
Helping to protect children, every winter

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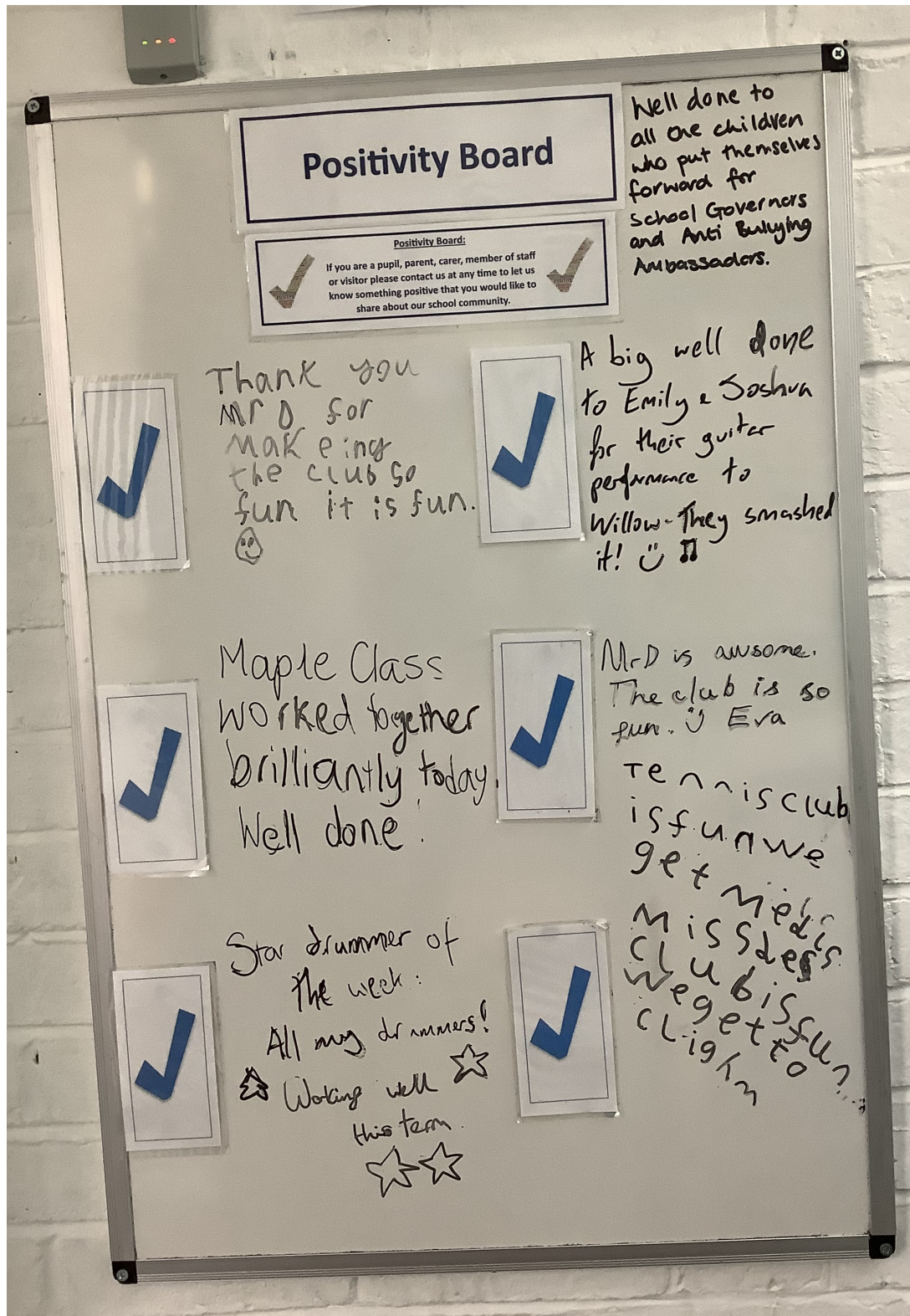
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## Positivity Board

This board enables us to write positive comments, or thoughts, from parents, carers, staff, children and visitors that they would like to share with others about the school, their classes, the children or events.

Please contact us at any time to let us know something that you would like to share. In the newsletter every week, there will be a picture to share and celebrate the positivity within our school.





## Wellbeing Poster

Our wellbeing poster this week looks at the Health Benefits of Cycling for Children, taken from information received from Balanceability

### Health Benefits of Cycling for Children

Children love cycling - it's fast and fun, and gives them freedom and independence to get around. Cycling is considered as a low-impact, healthy, yet fun-filled activity.

Let's look at some health benefits of cycling -



- Cycling Helps in Kids Development
- Exercises Cardiovascular Muscles
- Builds Muscle Mass
- Relieves Stress
- Strengthens Emotional Wellness
- Enhances Socialising Skills
- Improved posture and coordination
- Keeps children active
- Good for the Environment



### Opportunity

Last year the PTFA started a new venture, their bingo ball game which proved so popular they are going to run it again this year. In total they had 16 winners across the school year. 12 cash prizes of £50 and 4 extra prizes at Christmas and the summer social draws.

### **How it works:**

There are 90 balls and those who join are given a number for the year. Each month a ball is drawn in celebration assembly and the person with the corresponding number wins £50!

### **To take part:**

An email needs to be sent to the ptfa ([ptfahartfield@gmail.com](mailto:ptfahartfield@gmail.com)) giving your name, contact number and connection with the school. To comply with GDPR, the email also needs to say:

I would like to purchase 1 bingo ball for the duration of the games and I have transferred the payment of £24 to the PTFA bank account. For the purposes of GDPR, I am happy for the PTFA and school to keep my details on file for the purpose of easily identifying the winner for the duration of the game.

Please send all payments to the PTFA bank account quoting 'bingo' as the reference.

CAF Bank HARTFIELD SCHOOL PTFA  
Sort Code: 40-52-40 Account: 00060500



£2 per ball per month. £24 for whole year.  
Number will be drawn in final Friday celebration assembly, first draw end of October.

July & August to be drawn live at the summer social.

You keep the same number all year.  
90 balls up for grabs.

£50 cash prize every month, Extra draw in December to make up for missing September.

lottery licence num; LN/000022657 PIC•COLLAGE

## Autumn Holiday Club in the Woods



9.30am-2.30pm

Monday 24th,  
Tuesday 25th and  
Wednesday 26th  
October 2022

@Sawpit Woods  
Hartfield



For children and parents  
[www.sawpitwoods.co.uk](http://www.sawpitwoods.co.uk)  
[sawpitwoods@gmail.com](mailto:sawpitwoods@gmail.com)



### Opportunity

During half term, Miss Munn is offering Autumn Holiday Club in the Woods.

For booking and information please go to: <https://www.sawpitwoods.co.uk/upcoming-events>