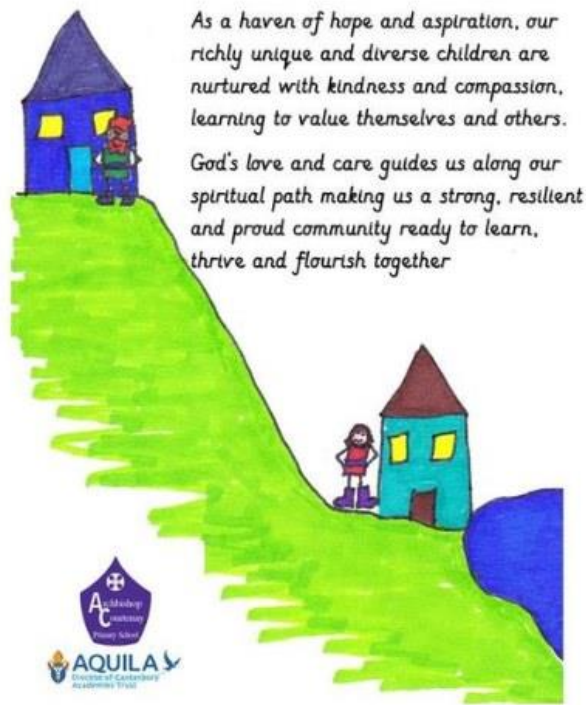




Archbishop Courtenay Primary School -
Friday 10th October



As a haven of hope and aspiration, our richly unique and diverse children are nurtured with kindness and compassion, learning to value themselves and others.

God's love and care guides us along our spiritual path making us a strong, resilient and proud community ready to learn, thrive and flourish together

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Dear Families,

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated food for our Harvest Festival. Your generosity truly embodies the spirit of compassion and community that we cherish at our school.

It has been wonderful to see so many families attending our Outstanding Achievement Assemblies this week. The children absolutely love having the opportunity to share their successes with you, and we are immensely proud of all their efforts and achievements.

Looking ahead, on Monday our football team will be taking part in a tournament at the Gallagher Stadium. This is an exciting milestone as it is the first time they will be playing under the management of Mr Squelch. We all wish them the very best and hope they bring home a win! A big thank you to the parents who are supporting the team by driving the pupils to the stadium.

Finally, just a reminder that there is only one more week until our two-week half term break. We will break up on Friday 17th October and return to school on Monday 3rd November. As the weather is likely to be colder when we return, please ensure your child brings a coat to school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warmest wishes

Sue Heather

Headteacher

Parking



We have been contacted by parents who are rightly concerned about vehicles being parked in dangerous areas on the school grounds. This has led to a few scrapes, and whilst cars can be fixed this is costly. More importantly this could easily be a child. It is essential we park considerately to prevent any further damaged to vehicles and potential injuries to our children.

Attendance Matters: Working Together for Your Child's Success



We would like to remind all families that a weekly message will be sent to share your child's attendance record. This communication is sent to every family and is not intended to single anyone out. Our aim is to keep you informed and support you in ensuring your child maintains good attendance, which is vital for their learning and progress.

Safeguarding



At our school, the safety, well-being, and dignity of every child are our highest priorities. We are committed to fostering a community where every pupil feels safe, valued, and respected. A key part of this commitment is educating our children about respectful behaviour, especially in how boys and girls treat one another.

Why This Matters

In today's digital age, children are exposed to social media and online content that often portray adult themes and behaviours. This can create confusion about what is acceptable behaviour and what is not. Misogynistic behaviour—actions or language that show disrespect or hostility towards women and girls—is never acceptable. It is important that boys understand clearly that such behaviour is wrong and will not be tolerated in our school community.

Supporting Our Girls

We want our girls to know it is okay to feel upset if they experience disrespect or harassment. More importantly, they should feel confident and supported to report any incidents, knowing that their concerns will be taken seriously and handled with care and sensitivity.

Our Role as a School and as Parents

We are dedicated to teaching all pupils about kindness, respect, and the importance of standing up against harassment. This includes helping pupils to recognise inappropriate behaviour and empowering them to speak out. We encourage you to have open and honest conversations at home about respect, boundaries, and the impact of words and actions on others.

Working Together

Safeguarding is a shared responsibility. When incidents occur, we work closely with families, social care, and other agencies to ensure the best support for all children involved. Our policies and procedures are regularly reviewed to keep our school a safe, welcoming place for everyone.

For further information and helpful guidance, we recommend viewing the resources provided by Kent County Council:

- [Understanding and Preventing Child-on-Child Sexual Harassment](#)

Together, by fostering respect and kindness, we can help our children build a safe and supportive environment where everyone can thrive.

Wrap Around Information



Wraparound:

<https://archbishop-courtenay.cbfs.uk>

Breakfast (7:30am-8:30am) £4

Social Club (3:15pm-4:15pm) £3

Wraparound (3:15pm-6pm) £12

Tax-free childcare vouchers = 20% off

Universal credits = claim up to 85% back

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Monday 13th October - Year 5 and year 6 Football Tournament

Wednesday 15th October - Individual School Photographs

Thursday 16th October - Restart a Heart Day

Friday 17th October - Last Day of Term 1

Monday 3rd November - First Day of Term 2

Tuesday 4th November - Year 6 visit to Canterbury Cathedral

Thursday 6th November - EYFS Tour 9am & 2pm

Friday 7th November - Remembrance Service at All Saints Church

Please note we are currently planning school trips - these will be added in due course.

Collective Worship



This week, our school community came together in a joyful and reflective Collective Worship to celebrate Harvest Festival on Friday. It was a wonderful opportunity for pupils, staff, and visitors to pause and give thanks for the many blessings we often take for granted—especially the food we eat and the people who help provide it. Our Worship Warriors led the service beautifully, sharing the message of kindness and compassion through a powerful retelling of The Good Samaritan. This story reminded us all of the importance of helping others, especially those in need—an especially fitting message as we prepare to share our harvest donations. The hall was filled with the uplifting sound of harvest hymns, sung with energy and heart by our pupils. A particular highlight was our EYFS children, who melted everyone's hearts with their adorable performance of "Dingle Dangle Scarecrow"—they truly stole the show! We were also delighted to welcome Reverend Nigel from the local Baptist Church, who shared some inspiring words and joined us in giving thanks. Additionally, we were honoured to be joined by visitors from the local homeless day centre, who spoke briefly about the important work they do and expressed their heartfelt thanks for our school community's generous food donations. All of the food collected this week will be delivered to the day centre, where it will go directly to supporting people in need in our local area. Thank you to everyone who contributed and supported our Harvest Festival—your kindness is making a real difference. We also enjoyed a fantastic assembly from The Family Trust, who delivered an engaging session all about patience. The children enjoyed learning a new song with actions, which helped them reflect on what it means to wait calmly and trustfully. One

particularly memorable activity involved sitting silently for one whole minute, trying to guess exactly when the minute was over—a surprisingly tricky task that got everyone thinking about how time feels when you're waiting! The team also shared a Bible story that helped bring the message of patience to life in a fun and age-appropriate way.

Reception



We've had another busy and exciting week in EYFS, full of curiosity, creativity, and new discoveries. Here's a little snapshot of all the wonderful learning that's taken place in class:

Phonics Fun

This week, we've been continuing our phonics journey by learning the new phonemes: ck, e, u, and r. The children are doing a brilliant job of using their growing phonics knowledge to blend sounds to read simple words—we're so proud of them! We also learnt a new tricky word: "l", and have been practising recognising and using it in our reading and writing.

Drawing Club – Owl Babies

Our Drawing Club story this week was the much-loved classic, "Owl Babies". The children enjoyed exploring the characters Sarah, Percy, and Bill, drawing their own wonderful versions and using their phonics to segment and write simple words and sentences. We also created some beautiful drawings of the woodland setting, using our imaginations and observation skills.

During Adventure Time, the children had lots of fun thinking about where the Mother Owl might have gone. Their ideas were wonderfully imaginative – from going to the doctors, to Tesco, or even on holiday!

Marvellous Maths

In Maths, our focus has been on size. We've been learning to compare, order, and measure objects by size using non-standard units (like cubes and hands!). The children enjoyed lots of practical activities and showed great understanding of big, small, taller, and shorter.

R.E. – The Story of Creation

In R.E., we've been learning about the Christian story of Creation. We listened to the story carefully and reflected on all the amazing things in our world that we can be thankful for— from the sun and stars to animals, trees, and people. To celebrate, the children made some lovely crafts, creating their own animals, people, and trees to represent parts of the story.

It's been a joyful and productive week, and we continue to be amazed by the children's enthusiasm and growing confidence in their learning. Thank you for your ongoing support— it makes all the difference!

Year 1 & 2



Hello everyone!

What an exciting week we've had in Key Stage 1. Our young learners have been buzzing with enthusiasm and creativity, and it's a pleasure to share some highlights from their adventures.

Maths

In maths this week, we dove straight into the world of addition and subtraction! The children have been using part, part, whole models and bar models to really grasp these concepts. They've also been working on number bonds to 10 and 20, which has been fantastic for building their confidence in maths. It's wonderful to see them using these strategies to solve problems—it's like watching little mathematicians at work!

English

Meanwhile, in Attenborough and Rowling classes, our Drawing Club has been inspired by the enchanting story of Jack and the Beanstalk. The children have explored the character of the giant, using their imaginations to describe his castle and dream up what new treasures he might possess. Their drawings and written descriptions have been nothing short of magical! The creativity flowing from these classes is truly something to behold, and we can't wait to see how their stories unfold.

In Frank class, the excitement continues with their Curious Quest. This week, they had a thrilling encounter with the infamous biscuit goblin! Not only did they write a delightful recipe, but they also got their creative juices flowing as they designed a clever trap to catch this cheeky character. I must say, some of their ideas were quite ingenious and really made us chuckle. It's fantastic to see them mixing creativity with problem-solving skills!

History

This week in history, we delved into the fascinating world of the Victorian Era! The children enjoyed exploring the delightful toys of that time, from intricate dolls to wooden wonders. It was an exciting journey back in time, sparking creativity and intrigue about how children played in the past!

Science has been equally as adventurous! The children embarked on a listening walk to experience a wide range of sounds—both loud and quiet. It was a delightful way for them to engage with their surroundings while honing their observational skills. The joy on their faces as they discovered different sounds around them was priceless!

Art

To round off the week, we've been inspired by the incredible Mr Doodle. The children used dots and lines to create their own vibrant artwork, and I was absolutely amazed at the variety of designs they came up with. Each piece showcases their unique styles and creativity, and it's such a joy to see how they express themselves through art.

Looking Ahead

The children will be excited to have a day of history and the Victorian Era on **Tuesday 14th October** where they will be enjoying an interactive workshop. Remember to dress up for the occasion if you wish.

As the week comes to a close, we're filled with joy and pride at the incredible work our children are doing across all subjects. Their enthusiasm and creativity never cease to inspire us! We look forward to sharing more about their journeys in the weeks to come.

Until next time, let's keep fostering that love for learning together!

Thank you for your continued support,

The KS1 Team





Where are the weeks going to in Lower Key Stage 2. The children have continued to show amazing resilience, respect and perseverance in all of their learning, and we are so proud of their efforts. Here's a look at what we've been up to:

English

This week we have focused on Floella Benjamin's life story and her contributions to culture and society in England. We have used i-Pads to research her life and create non-fiction posters and leaflets about her life. We have also given consideration to how it feels to be a new member of a community and created bespoke Welcome Leaflets to help children when they join our school and our LKS2 community.

Maths

This week we have moved into our second unit of the year and are looking at our addition and subtraction skills. We have focused our learning on developing our understanding of place value and applying this to numbers looking at what happens when we increase or decrease a number crossing the tens boundaries without exchanging.

PE

In PE this week we have progressed our knowledge and skills of Netball into mini team games where we have been able to use and apply our attacking and defending skills and use our 3 passing moves to create fast paced game play and scoring opportunities. Watching the children's confidence and understanding develop throughout these sessions has been

inspirational and to see their confidence and commitment develop has been remarkable. Well done everyone!

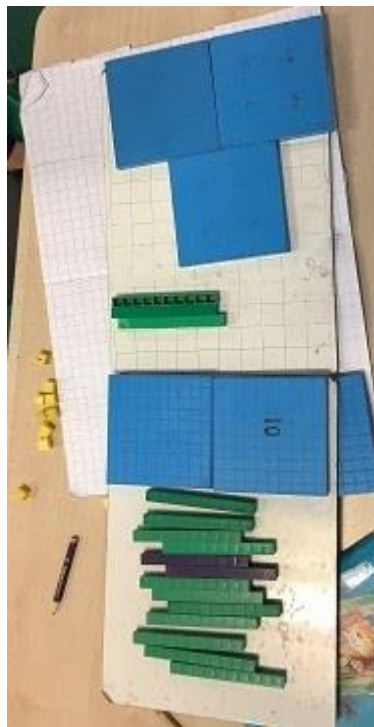
In Gymnastics we have been using the equipment to develop and enhance our symmetric and asymmetric movements and balances into short controlled sequences. Well done for holding on for 5 seconds and pointing fingers and toes!

🙏 RE

We continued our learning about **Genesis 1**, reflecting on the creation story and why it is important to look after each other and the world. We considered 6 core areas and how Christians can look after themselves, each other and the world in unison.

🌟 **Looking Ahead**

Please make sure that your child comes to school on MONDAY in their school PE kit. Next week will be the last week our hub homework will be set on MONDAY: Mathletics tasks need to be accessed and completed before the rest of the platform unlocks, Spellings are posted on Class DOJO. Reading Eggs and Mathseeds are also available to be used to support your child's learning throughout the week. Moving forward in term 2, we will set all homework on Friday to be submitted by Thursday the following week. Thank you as always for your continued support at home with reading – it makes such a big difference!





Year 5 & 6



It's been another exciting week of learning across the UKS2!

English

This week, the children have been exploring the features of a diary entry in preparation for writing their own in the voice of **Matthew Henson**, the famous Arctic explorer. They have been thinking carefully about how to express thoughts and feelings, use time connectives, and write in the first person to make their diaries come to life.

RE

In Religious Education, the children have continued their learning about **Genesis 1**. They studied **Psalms 8** and created some truly amazing posters to reflect their understanding of the passage and its meaning. Their work showed real thought and creativity!

Computing

All three classes worked collaboratively this week on an exciting Computing challenge. The task was to create a shared **PowerPoint presentation about Ancient Greece**—but with a twist! The classes weren't allowed to communicate directly with one another, yet they had to add their own sections and ensure the presentation flowed smoothly. Along the way, they also learnt about **IP addresses, data packets**, and how information is transmitted across the world. It was a fantastic test of teamwork and digital skills!

Special Event

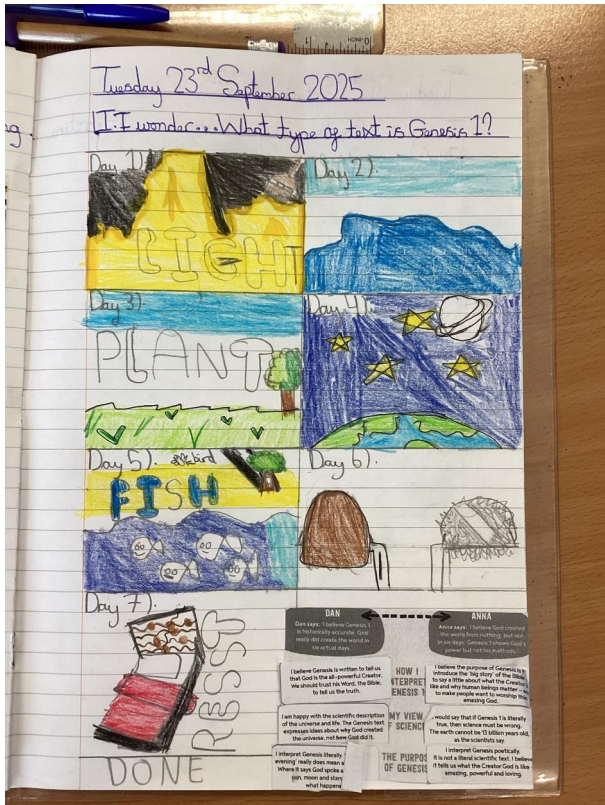
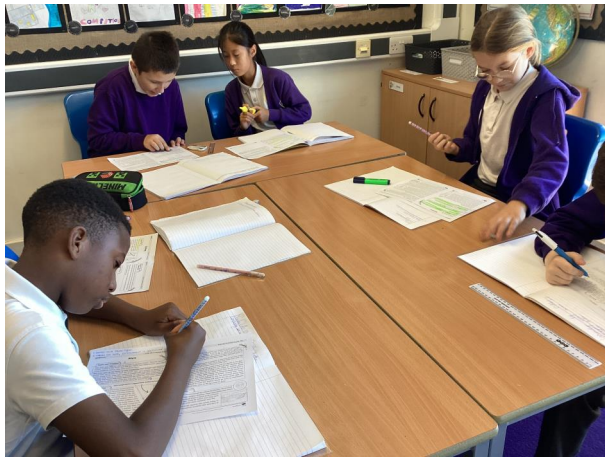
On Thursday, the children took part in an **online Space workshop**. They discovered what it takes to become an astronaut and learnt about life in space. The highlight of the session was seeing **Tim Peake**, which caused great excitement all around!

It's been a busy and inspiring week full of creativity, teamwork, and curiosity. Well done, everyone! 🌍 ✨


Uniform Reminder

A gentle reminder about our **school uniform expectations**. All children should be wearing the correct **PE kit on Wednesdays**. PE kit should consist of **plain black joggers**, a **school PE top in the correct house colour** (red, blue, green, or yellow) or a **plain coloured t-shirt**, and a **plain black zipped hoodie or school jumper**. Please also ensure that **no earrings are worn** (or are **covered with tape**) and that **long hair is tied back** for safety. Thank you for helping us keep our pupils looking smart and ready for learning!






not caring
for our world
We should take
care of each other



Worshiping will help
us because we will realize
that God made all this


O Lord our Lord how
magnificent is your name
in all the earth! You have
seen your glory above the
heavens



1. I wonder... What might be a reaction to reading Psalm 8?

CARING FOR...

God's Creation and others creations




- put rubbish in the bin ✓
- become a farmer ✓
- litter and throw rubbish in the water ✗
- more plastic waste ✗
- less plastic ✓
- waste food ✗
- recycle or reuse ✓
- sp. waste money ✗
- donate to homeless ✓
- save money ✓

Jobs that will help the world:

- Farmer
- Doctor
- Theorist

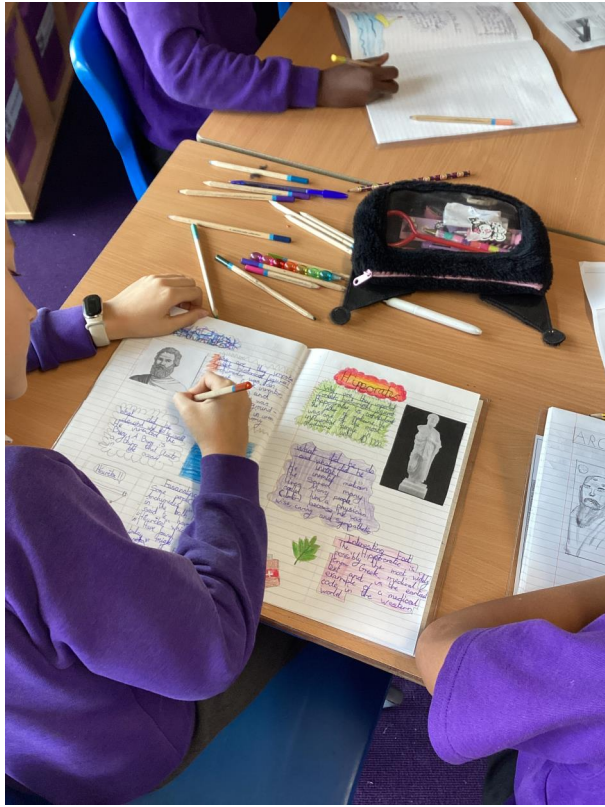
1. I wonder... What might be a reaction to reading Psalm 8?

How can humans look after God's creation?



Do your part to save
the Earth by showing
Love and kindness
to everyone

Save
avoid
just



The ABC Archie Awards





1 - This week our four Archie's are taking a short break from individual children and are helping out across the hubs and the school as we celebrate Harvest, Term 1 Attendance and our first Outstanding Achievement Awards of the year.

Well done to all of our wonderful pupils who are showing such pride in their learning and being ambassadors for our school and to those children who have won awards and been recognised this week by their hub teams - you truly do make ABC such a wonderful community to belong to!

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We are here to help you so please never be afraid to get in touch

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