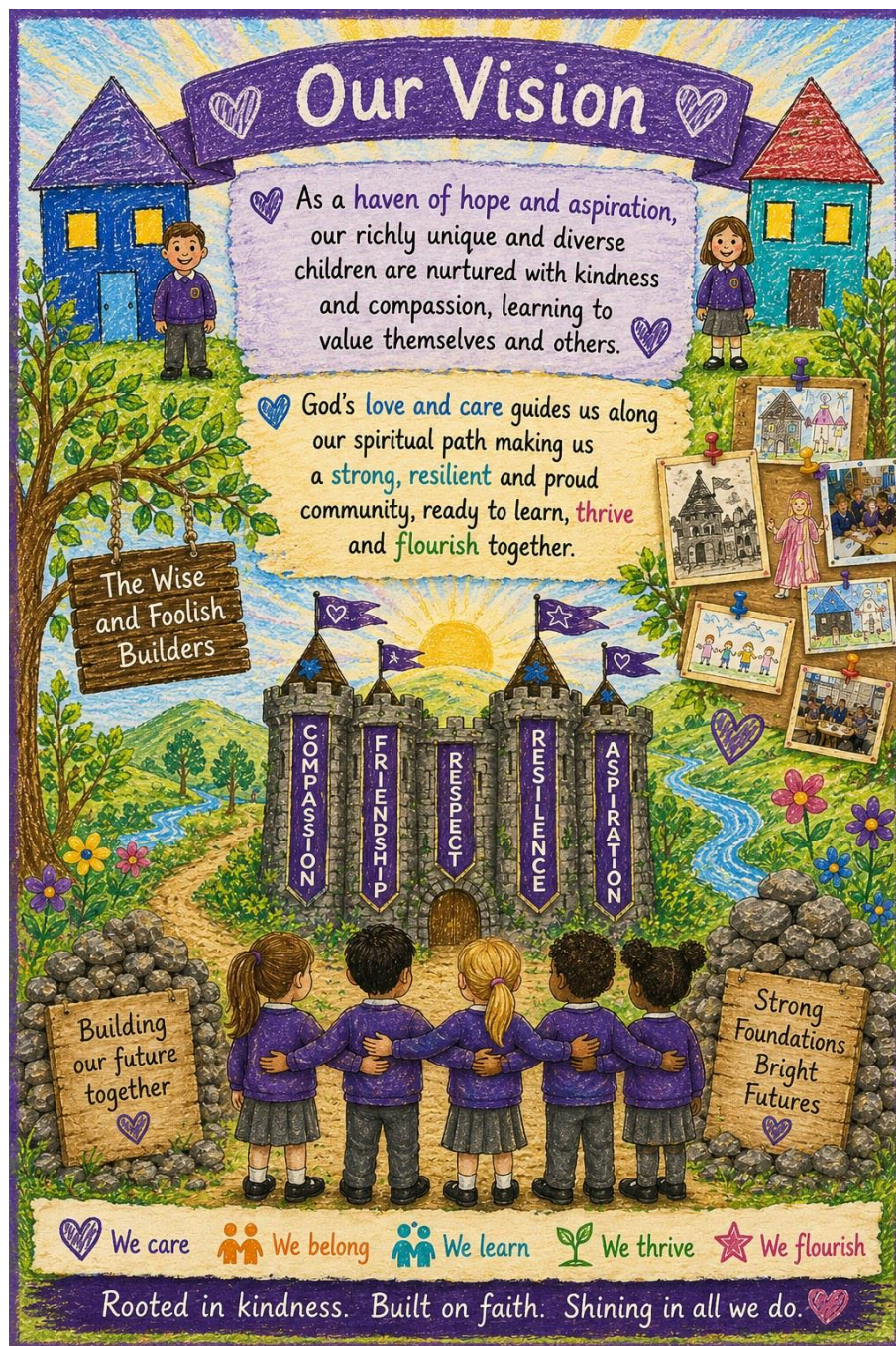
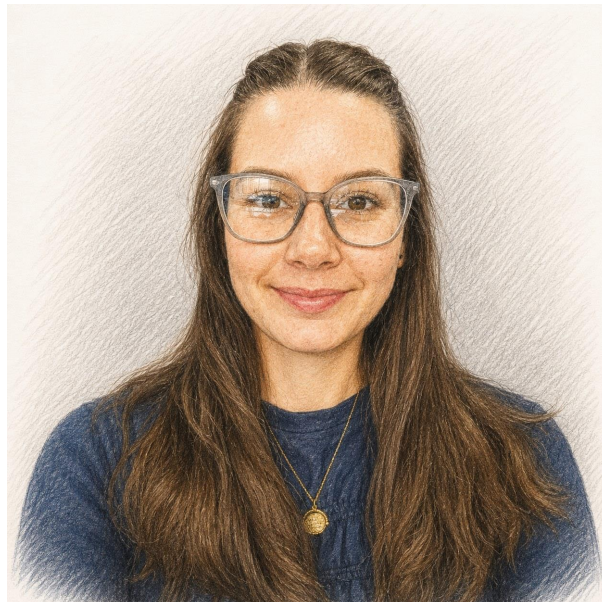




Archbishop Courtenay Primary School -
Friday 16th Oct



Welcome



What a wonderful final week of Term 1 we have had! Where has the time gone? It feels like only yesterday we were welcoming everyone back through the school gates in September, full of excitement for the new academic year and here we are already heading into the

October half term! It has been a busy, exciting and incredibly positive start to the year and I am so proud of how well our children have settled into their new classes, embraced new challenges and continued to demonstrate our ABC values each and every day.

This week, our ABC girls' football team represented the school brilliantly, showing fantastic teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. It is always lovely to see our children proudly representing ABC, supporting one another and giving their very best, regardless of the result. The girls certainly did us proud, demonstrating resilience, encouragement and a real team spirit. A huge well done to all of you!

Another particularly lovely moment this week was welcoming our youngest members of the ABC family up to the main school for their very first school photographs! Our nursery children looked absolutely adorable and it was wonderful to see them making their way into the main school, looking so smart and grown up. These little milestones are such special moments and it is lovely to see our nursery children beginning to feel part of our wider school community. An extra special thank you must go to our wonderful Buttons team, who organised everything so seamlessly and ensured the children enjoyed their first school photo experience. I am sure there will be some very proud families when the photographs are back!

As we reach the end of our first term, it is also a lovely opportunity to reflect on just how much the children have already achieved. From settling into new routines and building friendships to growing in confidence, developing independence and tackling new learning, there is so much to celebrate. Sometimes it is the little moments that remind us just how special our school community is – children helping one another, showing kindness on the playground, persevering when something feels tricky or simply greeting us with a big smile in the morning. These are the moments that make ABC such a wonderful place to be.

If you are looking for something to keep the children entertained over the half-term break, there is an opportunity to book onto the October Holiday Club run by Maidstone United's Stones in the Community. This could be a lovely way for children to stay active, make new friends and enjoy some sporting fun during the holidays. You can find further information and booking details here: <https://stonesinthecommunity.org/2026/10/09/schools-out-autumn-club-2026/>¹

A little reminder that the clocks go back on Sunday 25th October, so we can all look forward to that extra hour in bed! With the evenings getting darker and the autumn chill beginning to creep in, it certainly feels as though we are moving into a new season. There is something rather lovely about this time of year, with crunchy leaves underfoot, cosy evenings and the beautiful autumn colours all around us.

¹<https://stonesinthecommunity.org/2026/10/09/schools-out-autumn-club-2026/>.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families for your continued kindness, encouragement and support throughout Term 1. A strong school community is built on the relationships we share and your support makes such a difference to the children and everything we are trying to achieve together.

I hope you all have a wonderful two week half-term break, filled with autumnal adventures, family fun and plenty of opportunities to slow down and enjoy time together. Whether you are heading off on exciting days out, exploring the great outdoors, jumping in muddy puddles, carving pumpkins or simply enjoying a well deserved rest at home, I hope you make some lovely memories along the way.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed, recharged and ready for another exciting term of learning, on Monday 2nd November at 8:30am.

Have a fantastic half term, everyone and thank you for making our first term such a positive one!



1 - Require medication for anaphylaxis?

Following the new legislation, The School Safety Allergy Bill, 'Benedict's Law', parents must now provide schools with an 'Allergy Action Plan', if their child requires medication for anaphylaxis. This will be provided by the hospital or GP.

If this applies to your child, please ensure you bring the information to the school as soon as possible which will work together with the Healthcare. Any queries please email the school office via office@abc.aquilatrust.co.uk²

Attendance and Fundraising



WOW thank you to all the fantastic families we have who have arrived on time everyday with a smile and cheery "Hello". Attendance this term has been great all thanks to you. It is so important to install good time keeping in our children not just for now but in preparation for their adult life as well. If you are one of the few who struggle with the mornings for whatever reason please come in and talk with us. We want all children to have the best chance possible for their future. We are here to help.

²<mailto:office@abc.aquilatrust.co.uk>



2 - Only 3 weeks to go, please make sure you have your tickets they are selling fast and we don;t want you to miss out on the fun. There are lots of additional goodies of food, drinks, sweets, glow sticks plus many more. Look forward to seeing you there for the oohs and aahs.



School Year 2026 - 27

Headteacher: Sue Heather
Telephone: **01622 754 666**

Start time - 8:30am
Gates close - 8:45am
Finish time - 3:15pm

For latest School information go to:
www.archbishopcourtenay.org.uk
or email:
office@abc.aquilatrust.co.uk
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KEY Bank Holiday Holiday
 1:30pm Finish

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3 - Our Pre-Loved Uniform shop will be available on 2nd October from 8.30am

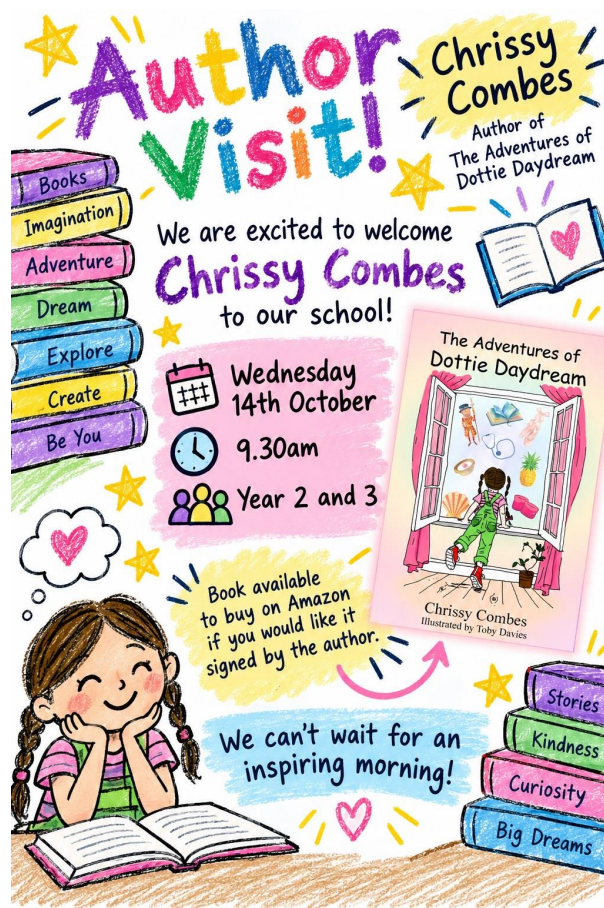
**We have reached our 1
year anniversary!**

**Thank you for all of your
support!**



Join our school lottery and help raise funds for our school PTFA.

https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/archbishop-courtenay-primary-school?utm_campaign=tickets-share-panel&utm_source=cause-admin&utm_medium=social&utm_content=Hyperlink



4 - We look forward to welcoming local author Chrissy Combes into school on the 14th October for Year 2 and 3.

Wrap Around Information



Wraparound:

<https://archbishop-courtenay.cbfs.uk>³

Breakfast (7:30am-8:30am) £4.15

Social Club (3:15pm-4:15pm) £3.10

Wraparound (3:15pm-6pm) £12.50

Tax-free childcare vouchers = 20% off

Universal credits = claim up to 85% back

FOR SUPPORT CONTACT:

archbishop-courtenay@cbfs.uk

01444 523 335

³<https://archbishop-courtenay.cbfs.uk/>

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4.30PM – 5.30PM

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ALL ABILITIES WELCOME!

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Please complete the form to register your contact details.



♥️⚽️ CONGRATULATIONS, ABC GIRLS! ⚽️♥️

A massive well done to the ABC Girls' team on reaching the quarter-finals! 🏆👏

You put in an amazing performance, battled hard, supported each other and never gave up. Every single one of you should be incredibly proud of yourselves.

You represented Archbishop Courtenay brilliantly, showing fantastic teamwork, determination, resilience and sportsmanship throughout. 💪❤️

Regardless of the result, you have done yourselves, your school and everyone supporting you proud!

Keep believing, keep battling and keep being amazing!

Mr Donnay and Mr Squelch 🌟⚽

Dates for Diary



Term 2

Wednesday 4th November – WHOLE SCHOOL FLU IMMUNISATIONS

Wednesday 4th November – Firework Event at 5.00 pm – Ticket only

Thursday 5th November – Year 6 visit to Canterbury Cathedral

Thursday 5th November – EYFS Tour and presentation 9am and 2pm

Friday 6th November – Remembrance Service at Church (EYFS to Year 6)

Wednesday 11th November – EYFS Tour and presentation – 9am

Friday 13th November – Wear Spots to School for £1 donation for Pudsey

Wednesday 18th November – Year R and Year 6 Measurement Programme in School

Thursday 19th November – EYFS Tour and Presentation – 9am

Wednesday 25th November to Monday 30th November – Book Fair

Wednesday 25th November – Parents Evening – 3.30 pm to 6.00 pm (book via MCAS)

Thursday 26th November – Parents Evening – 3.30 pm to 7.00 pm (book via MCAS)

Thursday 3rd December – EYFS Nativity to parents – 9.00 – 10.00 am

Thursday 3rd December – EYFS Nativity to parents - 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm

Friday 4th December – School Christmas Disco – EYFS – 2.00 pm to 3.00 pm; KS1 – 3.15 pm to 4.15 pm; KS2 – 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm

Tuesday 8th December – KS1 Carols – 9.00 am to 10.00 am

KS1 Carols – 2.00pm to 3.00 pm

Thursday 10th December – EYFS To Hazlitt Panto

Thursday 10th December – Nursery Christmas Performance to parents 2.30 pm

Friday 11th December – Own Clothes Day for Chocolate Donations for the Christmas Raffle

Monday 14th December – i-rock concert to parents and school at 2.30 pm

Tuesday 15th December – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner Day

Wednesday 16th December – Year 5 Swimming

Friday 18th December – Last day of Term 2 – children leave at 1.30 pm

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Have you checked if you qualify?

More money in your pocket!

From September 2026, more families may be entitled than ever before!

You could be entitled to free school meals for your child and help save on household costs.

It's worth checking!



Your child may be entitled to free school meals.



You could save money on school lunches.



The school may receive additional funding to support pupils' education.



The application process is quick and confidential.

Even if you don't think you'll qualify, please apply – you have nothing to lose and potentially money to save!



Email on the way next week!



Letter and application form coming home too!

What do I need to do?

- 1 Complete the form and return it to the school office as soon as possible.
- 2 We will check your eligibility and let you know the outcome.

Let's hope it's good news!

If you have any questions or would like help completing the form, please contact the school office.

Thank you for your support!

FAMILY CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 12th December

1:00pm – 4:00pm

YMCA, Barfreston Close, Tovil

FREE TO ATTEND



Father Christmas



Christmas Crafts



Games & Activities



Entertainment



Bar with Festive Drinks

Join us for a festive afternoon of fun for the whole family!

Everyone welcome

Come along and celebrate the festive season with family, friends and neighbours.

Fun Community Festive Spirit

Organised by the Events Committee on behalf of Tovil Parish Council

Autumn at Maidstone Museum

Autumn is a great time to visit. Our **Hollywood Rome** exhibition is on until 31 October, so there's still time to see how the movies imagined the ancient world.

October half term at the museum

Looking for half-term plans? We have a full week:

- **The Gruffalo: Free Family Workshop**, Mon 26 Oct, 10.30am–12.30pm
- **Half Term Make It! Crafts**, Tue 27 – Thu 29 Oct, 10.15am–2.30pm
- **African Drumming: Free Session**, Wed 28 Oct, 10.30am–12.15pm
- **SEND Family Crafts**, Fri 30 Oct, 1.30–2.30pm

November

On Saturday 7 November, our **Dungeons & Dragons Taster Session** (11am–3pm) is a chance to try roleplaying for the first time.

From Saturday 14 November, **Hiroshige's Tōkaidō: A Japanese Journey** opens. This exhibition follows the famous road between Edo and Kyoto through beautiful Japanese woodblock prints. It runs until 19 December, which makes it a good winter family outing.

December

From 5 to 19 December, **Father Christmas's Fireplace** is back. Come and visit the big man himself!

Details: museum.maidstone.gov.uk/whats-on/events

MAIDSTONE MUSEUM

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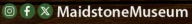
Christmas Market

5 December 2026
10am to 3pm

Find something special this Christmas

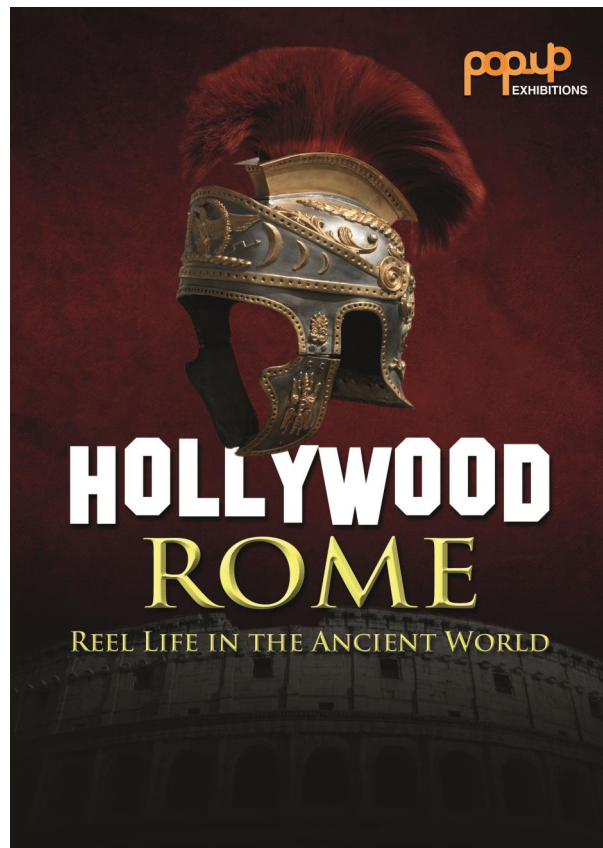
Browse over 40 stalls showcasing independent makers, with gifts, food, fashion, jewellery, home décor and more.

 bit.ly/christmas-craft-market-2026

 MaidstoneMuseum







Collective Worship



This week, our collective worship has focused on the theme of kindness, exploring two important questions: *“Who is kindness for?”* and *“What is kindness for?”*. Using the Bible story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25–37), we thought about how acts of kindness, whether big or small, can make a real difference in someone’s life. Jesus helped the teacher of the Law understand that being a good neighbour is not about deciding who is or isn’t our neighbour, but about showing compassion and care to others. In the story, it is the Samaritan who stops to help a man who has been hurt and left by the roadside. Through this parable, Jesus reminds us that kindness should not be limited to our friends or those who

are similar to us. Instead, we are called to show kindness to everyone, including those we may not know well or who may be different from us.

We also explored the question *“What is kindness for?”* using Luke 10:36–37 and reflected on the words of Archbishop Desmond Tutu: “We grow in kindness when our kindness is tested.” The children were encouraged to think about a time when someone had been unexpectedly kind to them and how that kindness might have made a difference to their lives. We considered what Desmond Tutu might have meant by his words and how kindness can sometimes be difficult. What happens when our kindness is rejected, when someone is unkind in return, or when it takes real courage and patience to do the right thing? We reflected on how these moments can test us, but can also help us to grow in compassion, understanding and resilience.

Through our worship, we were reminded of the importance of being thankful for the kindness we receive, continuing to show kindness even when it is challenging, and asking God for guidance and strength when we find it difficult. Our key message this week is that kindness is for everyone, and kindness matters even when it is difficult. We hope the children will continue to put kindness into action in their everyday lives, remembering that a smile, a kind word, including someone in a game or offering help can have a lasting impact. Through these small acts, we can all help to create a community where everyone feels valued, cared for and included.

Are you starting school in September 2027?

Come and visit
♥ Archbishop Courtenay ♥
Primary School.



Tour and presentation:

**Thursday
5th November**
at 9am or 2pm



Tour and presentation:

**Wednesday
11th November**
at 9am



Tour and presentation:

**Thursday
19th November**
at 9am



Please sign up
on the form link

Starting EYFS in September 2027? Book onto a tour now:

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/EeDY1iUwZT?origin=lprLink>

Nursery



We've had another fun week at Buttons! The children have loved getting stuck into our Autumnal fun, scooping out pumpkins and mixing up some Autumn brew and pumpkin soup. We've also been busy little detectives, hunting for hidden spiders. We've continued practising our number and shape recognition, using our autumn treasures, including conkers and pine cones, to create some wonderful patterns and practise counting. Our creative side has been shining too, as we made beautiful handprint trees and decorated our own owls by carefully sticking on their fluffy feathers.

📷 **Preschool Photos!** 📷 All the children had the most beautiful smiles for their preschool photographs! We hope you love looking through them as much as we loved seeing everyone looking so lovely. You should all be receiving a QR code to view your child's pictures, so keep an eye out! After half term, we're looking forward to welcoming everyone back for more exciting adventures as we explore fireworks and Diwali through lots of colourful, creative and fun activities. Enjoy your half-term break, have lots of fun, and we can't wait to hear all about what you've been up to when we return.

❤️ **Have a lovely half term, everyone!** 🍁

Our Nursery children are more than welcome to wear our school uniform - you might find the purple polos and jumpers useful items. <https://pages-schoolwear.co.uk/products/product?id=590>

Please make sure you have signed up to Childcare Bookings for Schools so we can process Free Childcare hours and invoices.



EYFS: Darling and Rashford



A huge well done to all our EYFS children for completing their first term at big school! We are incredibly proud of how well they have settled into school life. The children have made such a fantastic start, learning our classroom routines and following our behaviour expectations beautifully. They have grown in confidence, independence and enthusiasm, and it is hard to

⁴<https://archbishop-courtenay.cbfs.uk/>

believe they have only been at school for one term! They should all feel very proud of themselves.

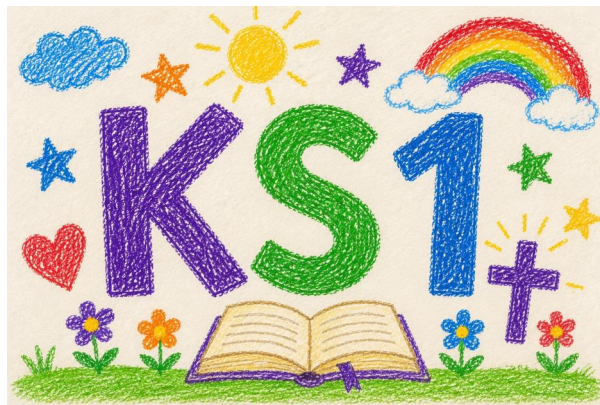
In Phonics this week, we have learnt the new phonemes h, b, f and l, continuing to build on our growing knowledge of sounds. We have also been practising blending phonemes together to read words, developing our early reading skills. We completed our first phonics assessment this week, where the children had the opportunity to recognise and say the phonemes they have learnt and have a go at blending sounds to read words. This helps us to identify what the children are confident with and where a little extra practice and support may be needed. Please continue to support your child at home by practising the phonics home learning shared on ClassDojo each week. Little and often makes a real difference, and your support is invaluable in helping the children develop their confidence and become successful early readers.

Our focus text in Drawing Club this week was *The Colour Monster*. We explored the characters and their emotions, creating drawings of the calm and angry monsters. We talked about how different emotions might look and how we can recognise them in ourselves and others. For our adventure time, the children let their imaginations run wild as they created their very own monsters! It has been wonderful to see so much more confidence emerging in their drawings, with the children increasingly willing to explore their own ideas and have a go at writing words to accompany their creations. We are so proud of their creativity, growing independence and willingness to give things a try. Well done, everyone!

In RE, we have been thinking about how Christians around the world say thank you to God for creation. We explored the idea that Christians believe the world is a gift from God and that the natural world, including plants, animals, people, the sky and the changing seasons, is something to appreciate and care for. We discussed the many things we might feel thankful for, from the beauty of flowers and trees to the animals we love and the people who care for us. We also thought about how Christians might express their thankfulness through prayers, songs and worship, as well as by looking after the world around them. To bring our learning to life, we created our own thankful trees, adding our thoughts about the people, places and things we are grateful for. It was lovely to hear the children sharing their ideas and recognising the many wonderful things, both big and small, that bring happiness to our lives.

As we reach the end of our first term together, we would like to say another huge well done to all our EYFS children! They have worked incredibly hard, embraced new experiences and shown such lovely attitudes towards their learning. We are excited to see how they continue to grow and flourish next term. We hope all our families enjoy a well-deserved, restful half-term break filled with fun, laughter and special moments together. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting term of learning and adventures!

Year 1 & 2 Rowling, Attenborough and Frank



We've come to the end of Term 1, and what a busy term it has been! Autumn has definitely arrived, with cooler days, colourful leaves and plenty of opportunities to notice the changing world around us.

Curious Quest

During our Curious Quest learning, the children were inspired by the book **The Big Cheese**, written by Jory John. In the story, the Big Cheese is used to being the most important and successful, but he begins to understand that it is not possible to win at everything. He learns that everyone has their own strengths and that supporting others is just as important as being the best.

The children helped the Big Cheese to understand his feelings and discussed how it is okay not to win at everything. They thought carefully about how we can celebrate other people's successes and be kind and supportive friends. In their sentence writing, the children practised using interesting adjectives and powerful verbs to make their ideas clearer and more engaging.

The children then had to decide which path to continue on with their Faithful Friends. Would they choose the 'Narrow crack in the wall' or the 'Shifting stone'? They wrote great explanations to explain which path they would choose and gave reasons for their decisions.

Geography

In Geography, the children completed their topic, 'Our Amazing World'. They learnt about the different natural habitats found around the world and thought about why these places are important for plants and animals.

The children created posters explaining how we can look after natural habitats. Their ideas included putting rubbish in bins, recycling, saving water, planting flowers for bees and butterflies, staying on paths, and not disturbing animals or their homes. They also discussed how we can care for our local environment by keeping parks, beaches and woodland areas clean.

Religious Education

In RE, the children discussed what Christians believe God is like. They explored ideas such as God being loving, kind, caring and forgiving. The children talked about how Christians believe that God cares for everyone and wants people to look after one another. They also considered how we can show kindness, love and forgiveness in our own lives.

Science

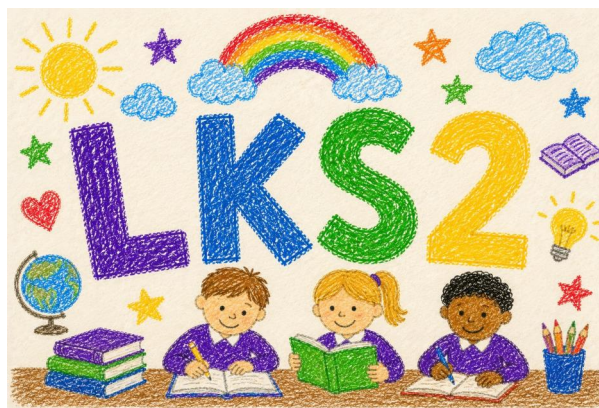
In Science, the children learnt about what humans need for survival. They identified the importance of air, water, food and shelter. They also discussed how humans need to keep warm, stay safe and look after their bodies. The children enjoyed thinking about which things are essential for staying alive and which things simply make life more comfortable or enjoyable.

We all hope you have a wonderful half term making memories with your children. Enjoy spending time together, exploring outdoors and noticing the signs of Autumn.

See you all on Monday 2nd November.

KS1 Team

Year 3 & 4 Jobs, Shakespeare and Pankhurst



Term 1 has come to a close and what a remarkable term it has been! This week the children in years 3 and 4 have participated in the first of this years Aquila Trust Multiplication Times Tables Cup challenges. We know that ABC year 3 finished in 6th place with an average pupil score of 37, but we have not yet had the final score through for year 4... Year 3 were fortunate enough to have a visit from Chrissy Combes a local author, who came in to read to us. The children sat and listened so beautifully and were a credit to the school. Here's a snapshot of our learning this week.

English: The children have been busy creating their own stories in the style of "Gorilla" by Anthony Browne. The quality of their writing has been incredible and the children have

really enjoyed the writing process throughout the term. We look forward to publishing our stories next term.

Maths: We have been busy working on developing our knowledge and understanding of addition and the different methods and strategies we can use to help build our confidence and agility.

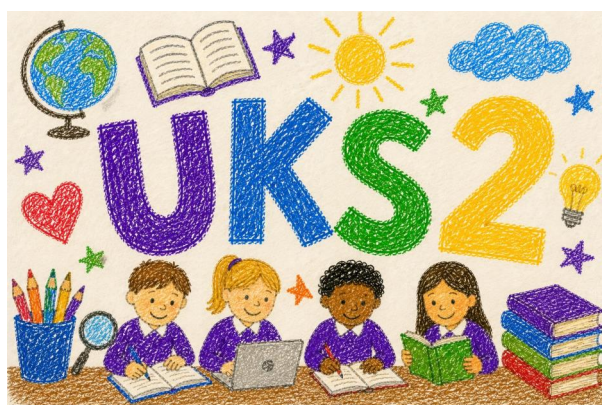
RE: We reviewed our learning about covenants and promises, and considered how these are part of daily worship for some people, part of special ceremonies and rites of passage for some Christians and how the promises and declarations made at christenings and weddings are central to our faith. The children discussed ideas thoughtfully and respectfully. They have created some wonderful written and beautiful art work to symbolise promises in Christianity.

We would like to thank you to all our families who have encouraged the children and engaged so positively with us throughout the term. Your kind thoughts, words and interactions have helped to really make a difference to everyone in the hub this term. Next term we start off with a visit from the Arty Party and all of the children will be helping to create some 3D art work and sculptures from wire and modroc. Please can you send your children in with an old shirt or apron as they could get quite messy!

PE will remain on a Thursday in Term 2. As the weather begins to cool, please can you send children in with black tracksuits and/or black leggings and Purple hoodies.

Have a wonderful half term break and we will see you all back on Monday 2nd November

Year 5 & 6 Simmonds, Curie and Luther-King



🍌 **What a term it has been!**

I can hardly believe that we have already finished our first term together in UKS2! The time is flying by, and it has been wonderful to see how hard the children have worked, how much they have learnt and how brilliantly they have settled into the new school year.

English – Save the Tigers!

This week, all of the children have completed their 'Save the Tiger' information writing and have spent time carefully publishing their final pieces. Their writing has been fantastic, and all of the adults in UKS2 are incredibly proud of the effort, creativity and care they have put into their work.

Throughout this term, we have been learning about endangered animals, exploring why some species are at risk and thinking about what we can do to help protect them. The children have developed their research, writing and persuasive skills while discovering how important it is for us to look after our planet and the incredible wildlife we share it with. We have been so impressed with their finished pieces!

RE – What Does It Mean if God Is Holy and Loving?

In RE, the children have completed a beautiful double-page spread answering our big question for the term: 'What does it mean if God is holy and loving?'

They used all the knowledge and understanding they have developed throughout the term to bring their learning together, sharing their ideas and explaining their thoughts. The finished work has been wonderful to see, and the children should be very proud of how thoughtfully they have approached this question.

Geography – Our Local Area

In Geography, we have been finishing our 'What to Do in Maidstone' leaflets, showcasing the fantastic places and activities available in our local area. We have also been comparing Maidstone and the surrounding area with the Alps, considering the differences in landscape, lifestyle and the opportunities available in each location.

It has been lovely to see the children making connections between their learning and the world around them!

Reading at Home – Your Support Makes a Difference!

We have noticed a drop in the number of children reading at home recently, so we would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone how important regular reading is. We ask that **every child reads at home at least four times a week** and that this is recorded in their reading record, which is brought into school **every day**.

Reading regularly has so many benefits, not just for English but across the whole curriculum and in everyday life. It helps children to:

- **Develop their vocabulary** by discovering new words, phrases and ways of expressing themselves.

- **Improve their writing** by seeing how authors use punctuation, grammar, sentence structures and descriptive language.
- **Build their comprehension skills** by learning to understand, interpret and discuss what they have read.
- **Strengthen their confidence and fluency**, making reading a more enjoyable and independent experience.
- **Support learning across all subjects**, as strong reading skills help children understand questions, instructions and information in every area of the curriculum.
- **Develop their imagination, curiosity and empathy** by exploring different characters, experiences, cultures and perspectives.

As the children move through UKS2 and prepare for the challenges of Year 6, regular reading becomes even more important. Just a few minutes each day can make a real difference over time. Reading together, listening to your child read or chatting about a book they are enjoying are all wonderful ways to support their progress. Thank you for helping us to make reading a regular and enjoyable part of their routine!



Half-Term Homework and a Well-Deserved Break!

Please make sure that all homework is completed over the next two weeks so that the children are ready to return refreshed and prepared for Term 2.

Most importantly, we hope you all enjoy a lovely half-term break. Take this opportunity to spend quality time with family and friends, have some fun, enjoy a well-deserved rest and make some wonderful memories together. The children have worked incredibly hard this term, and they deserve a chance to recharge their batteries before the excitement and busyness of Term 2 begins!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support throughout this first term. We are so proud of everything the children have achieved and look forward to seeing them return after the break, ready for another exciting term of learning.

Have a wonderful half-term, everyone! 🍎

Kind regards,

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