

News from across the school

Book Week

We have had a lovely book week in school– teachers swapped around classes to read to some different children, some of the adults in school talked about their favourite books, classes have buddied up to share books together and everyone has a bookmark for our competition.



Bedtime Stories

Always a firm favourite during book week – over 100 children came back to school (with cuddly toys) to listen to some super stories and enjoy a hot chocolate. Thanks must go to all the staff for making this event possible and of course to the FOSM for supplying delicious drinks!





Storytime

Reception and Year 1 were joined by some of their families to enjoy stories read by Miss O'Donoghue and Mrs. Phipps-Bennett – they were then able to share some books together. Keep your eyes open for a date for the next Friday Storytime which will probably have a festive theme!



Book Fair

Thank you to those of you who have already been shopping - there is still an opportunity to purchase items after school on Monday – you can pay by cash or card (you will be pleased to know I have got to grips with the card-reader sorted – it scans the barcodes!)

CAFOD Stall and World Gifts

Bea, our CAFOD worker, is coming next week to help Year 5 and 6 to make some items to sell on their stall at the Christmas Fair next week. They will be using any money they raise to buy a 'World Gift' - *World Gifts are CAFOD's range of life-changing virtual gifts that will delight the people you give them to and help transform the lives of families and communities living in poverty.* You can see the selection and find out more at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/pages/how-it-works>



Vegetable garden

£5.00



Chirpy chickens

£20.00

Christmas Fair – Friday 29th November after school

As always, FOSM have been working hard to organise the Christmas Fair – plenty of stalls, refreshments and a wonderful raffle – we look forward to seeing you there! Our school chaplains will be out selling raffle tickets before and after school next week – don't forget to buy some!

Visitors

We are looking forward to welcoming Fr Tim to year 6 next week to answer their questions about vocation and Open the Book will be entertaining us for our worship time next Wednesday.

News from the classes

Reception	This week Reception have been very lucky to go out to the Mowlem Theatre to enjoy a performance of 'The Three Little Pigs'. They all behaved so wonderfully, and it was lovely to hear the theatre full of giggles and laughter. We have been looking at the seasons this week and thinking about the months of the year and the weather we might see in each season. We did some lovely artwork based on the seasons and trees this week too. We had a lovely Wellie Wednesday walk looking for autumn changes and singing some songs.
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Year 1

Year 1 has had another busy week. The children enjoyed their trip to the Mowlem to watch 'The Three Little Pigs'. In English we have continued exploring our book: 'Whatever Next'. We had an unexpected letter from Owl arrive in the classroom. The children were very excited that the Owl had sneakily come into our class. They have been writing letters back to the Owl. In RE, we have focused on the 'Visitation' story. The children had different pictures that represented the story so that they could re-tell the story. We had a class quiz about the story and each team did very well and they all scored 10 points!



Year 2

As ever, we have been working incredibly hard in Year 2. We started the week with a special visit from Canon John who had kindly brought in some oil of Chrism used in baptisms for us to look at and smell. He explained where the oil comes from, how it is infused to make it smell and how it is blessed – it was a fascinating talk. In RE, we were looking at the Annunciation to Zechariah and then had great fun (while consolidating the story and learning!) creating freeze-frame pictures for this Bible story. In Geography, we have continued looking at features of physical and human geography by studying the physical and human geographical features to be found in Asia.



Year 3

Year 3 has had another busy and interesting week. Do you know what a Tabernacle is? Or where you might find it in the church? In RE we have been finding out about different things you might find in a church – We are now planning to visit St Edward's Church to see if we can find them inside. We have also been busy sewing – making puppets – Miss Smith and Mrs White have been busy threading needles!

Year 4

Year 4 have had another busy week – they have finished their class book and have completed their newspaper reports. They have been enjoying rehearsing for the Christmas Concert – it is going to be excellent! Roman art is coming along nicely with string mosaics being made.

Year 5

Year 5 has had another very productive week. They have produced some excellent artwork on the Blitz. In Maths, we have been comparing fractions and doing our best to order them

successfully. They enjoyed having different teachers read them books and are especially looking forward to reading to the younger children today. They have created some excellent bookmarks for Book Week. A highly successful week!

Year 6

Last Friday, we visited Southampton City Art Gallery and learnt all about the Perseus collection by Sir Edward Burne-Jones. The pupils listened incredibly well to the guide, travelled sensibly and acted out the various parts of the Greek Myth (with props)! They also made creative clay Medusa heads which Mr. Frame very kindly carried all the way home. We made such an impression that the children's knowledge and behaviour was recognised in an appreciative email from the gallery.

