



## Virtue of the month – Respect

### Dear Parents and Carers

We hope this finds you as well and happy as your children. They are enjoying school and are working hard in class, though I must say that the odd wet lunchtime that we've had can leave them with a bit more energy for home time than normal! Now that things are wetter and darker, I'd like to underscore the importance of good uniform, including decent coats and hats when needed, and outdoor shoes. We have also had a lot of questions about parental support for learning, and we are looking at putting resources that you can use on the (new!) school website that will help you practise at home. Some of these include AI facilities that are free to use (e.g. [Reading Coach](#)) – more to follow.

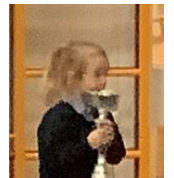
### Remembrance Day

This week has flown by as we focused on Remembrance and our virtue of the month —Respect. The children have been writing prayers, creating poppies, learning about the World Wars, and spending time in reflection and prayer. Our Year 2 classes visited the war memorial at St Luke's in Whyteleafe, where they learned about the memorial graves and the significance of remembrance. They said prayers for those who lost their lives in the World Wars and in more recent conflicts. Year 3 also visited Sacred Heart, which deepened their understanding of remembrance and respect. At 11 a.m., the whole school gathered in the hall to observe a two-minute silence, joining together in a moment of reflection and gratitude. Thank you for helping us instill these important values in our children. It's wonderful to see their understanding and empathy grow.



### Attendance Cup

Huge applause to **Cherry Class** for achieving the best attendance this week and proudly taking home the **Attendance Cup**! Your commitment to being here every day is inspiring and sets the bar high for everyone. There's still plenty of time for other classes to claim the top spot, remember, every day in school is a chance to learn, grow, and make the most of exciting opportunities.



### PTA Uptake

Thank you to everyone who attended our PTA meeting yesterday, it was fantastic to see such strong support from our school community! We'd like to give a heartfelt thank you to Amie Morrell for her incredible hard work and dedication as she steps down from the committee. Your contributions have made a real difference, and we're so grateful. We're excited to welcome our new committee members and look forward to working together on some amazing initiatives coming up. Let's continue to support them and the school as we make these plans a reality!

### Diwali Celebration

Yesterday we hosted a special Hindu assembly to celebrate **Diwali**, the festival of lights. The event was vibrant and meaningful, filled with cultural insights and joy. Children truly enjoyed the occasion, learning about the traditions and values behind Diwali in an engaging way. Nabhinandan Das our guest speaker was exceptional, clear, inspiring, and interactive, making the session enjoyable for everyone. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together, appreciate diversity, and celebrate this important festival.



## Mental Health Coffee Morning

Reminder of our **Mental Health Team** who will be visiting for an informal **coffee morning**. On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 9-10am in Treetops. This is a great opportunity to come along, have a chat, and find out more about the support available for children and families. Whether you have questions, need advice, or just fancy a cuppa and a friendly conversation, everyone is welcome. We'd love to see you there!

## Red Wednesday

On Wednesday 19th November 2025, ALL pupils (and staff) are asked to come to school dressed in their uniform, but with one item of clothing or accessory that is **red** for world-wide Red Wednesday. Red Wednesday is a day to gather together to draw attention to the plight of those who are persecuted and oppressed for their religious beliefs

## Celebration Assembly

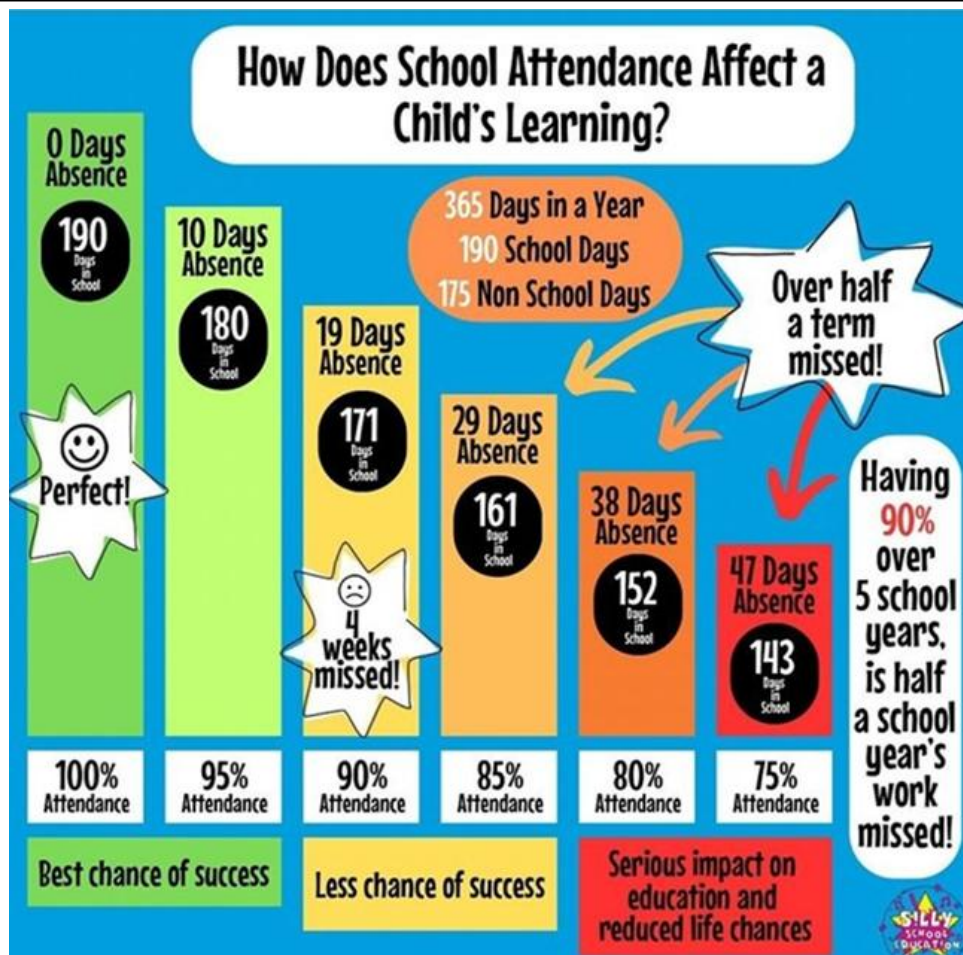
Well done to all those certificate winners This week and **Anne Line** for winning The House Points Cup.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Mr Doyle & Staff



## RE

During the last week, our Catholic Social Teaching theme has been one of the most relevant - Remembrance for the fallen in the wars of the past. It is our opportunity to remember that in war there are no winners, only people who suffer. Understanding the importance of all human life, the dignity of life itself and the marvel of creation, reminds us of the special nature of our home here on Earth in relation to the whole galaxy of lifeless stars beyond. Let us take time to remember the losses in our families and communities at this time in our thoughts and prayers and thanking God for the gift of people around us.



Calendar Dates	
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Mental Health Team Coffee Morning 9-10am Treetops
19 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Red Wednesday</b> -One Item of Red With full School Uniform
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Stem @ Caterham School
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Whole School Sniff <b>Height and Weight for Year 6 Only</b>
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Beginning of Advent
1 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>Xavier Day School Closed</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Westminster Carol Service- Details to Follow
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Panto Day
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Cedar Tree Carols and Switching on Christmas Lights 6.00pm
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Clubs Finish
9 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Reception Nativity 9.30am</b> Parents Invited
10 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Reception Nativity 2.30pm</b> Parents Invited
10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 Trip - Polka Dot Theatre
10 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>KS1 Nativity 9.30pm</b> Parents Invited
11 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>KS1 Nativity 9.30pm</b> Parents Invited
16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 & Year 2 to Wintershall Details to Follow
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch & Festive Jumper Day
19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Break up for Christmas Holidays @1pm</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026	<b>School Reopens @9am</b>
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Dorking Hall Festival -Details to Follow
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 Trip Frylands Wood Details to Follow
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Trip to High Ashurst – Details to Follow



### Save the Date!!

Please save the date for the next Quiz Night – planned for 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7pm.  
Always lots of fun so pencil it now so you don't miss it!

### Bouncy Boss Bouncy Castle & Soft Play Hire

If anyone is looking to hire a Bouncy Castle or Soft Play please consider Bouncy Boss:

<https://www.bouncyboss.co.uk>

If you give this code when booking then the school will get some money donated back to them the code is: STFRANCIS



The PTA have an account with the Stampastic name label company and will get money back with every order if you choose our school from the drop down menu

This week's riddle: What can you catch but not throw?


Last week's riddle: What has one head, one foot and four legs?


Answer: A Bed


# COFFEE MORNING



**COME ALONG FOR A WARM DRINK, A FRIENDLY CHAT, AND A CHANCE TO CONNECT WITH YOUR LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH TEAM.**

 **DATE: MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

 **TIME: 9AM- 10AM**

 **LOCATION: TREETOPS**

**LET'S TALK MENTAL HEALTH IN A RELAXED AND WELCOMING SPACE.  
WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!**