

# Newsletter

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## School Rules:

Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

## Tweet of the Week

"The Lord works wonders with those who are lowly, with those who do not believe that they are great but who give ample space to God in their life. He extends His mercy to those who trust in Him, and raise up the humble."

*Pope Francis (@Pontifex)*



Key Dates w/c: 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022

17<sup>th</sup> Jan: Yr4 Swimming

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26<sup>th</sup> Jan: Yr6 Class Mass 2.30pm (Covid Rules Apply) more details to follow

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school term and New Year. I hope that you managed to join us via the live link for our beginning of term Mass. This week in prayer and liturgy we have been thinking about prayers of adoration, praying to God. Year 6 wrote this beautiful prayer for us all to share.

## Prayers of Adoration

1 Thessalonians 5:17  
Pray without ceasing.



Dear God,

You sent your only son to save us all and we are speechless with joy for your name. You gave us the beautiful planet bursting with wonders of nature which we are forever grateful for.

You gave us the love and joy of our families and we adore you for all that this brings us.

You gave us the ability to feel how we feel through the good and the bad and we are thankful for this.

Our trust and love in you is everlasting; we adore you Lord.

Amen

Included at the bottom of the newsletter are the School Term Dates for September 2022 – July 2023.

Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham

### CENSUS DAY 2022:

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022 is our school census day. It would financially help the school if your child was a school meal on this day as we receive more Government funding for every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 that has a school meal.

The menu will be Ham Pizza or Margaretta Pizza and Ice Cream

Many thanks for your continued support with this.



### FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:

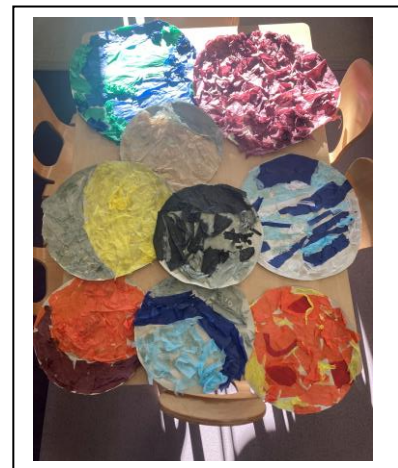
The Fundraising Committee would like to thank everyone who took part in the book sale and the toy sale last term. We had a truly wonderful meeting planning how to spend the £256 raised. We used the CAFOD world gifts page and decided on a whole host of fantastic purchases. Because of your generosity there are children who will be learning to read, who will have fresh water and emergency food supplies and someone, somewhere will be welcoming a goat into their family!

Thanks again from all of us and here's to another great term of fundraising in spring 2022.



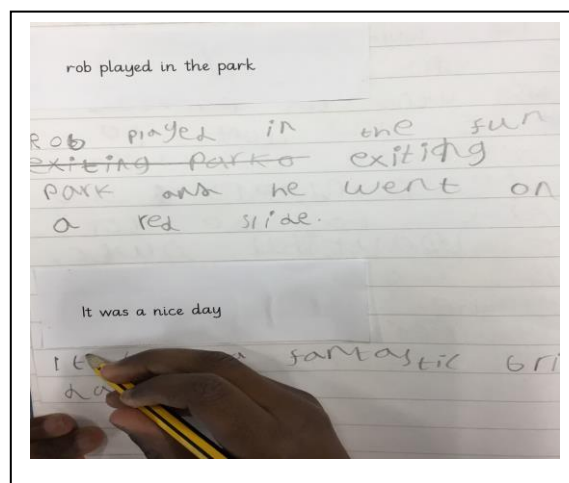
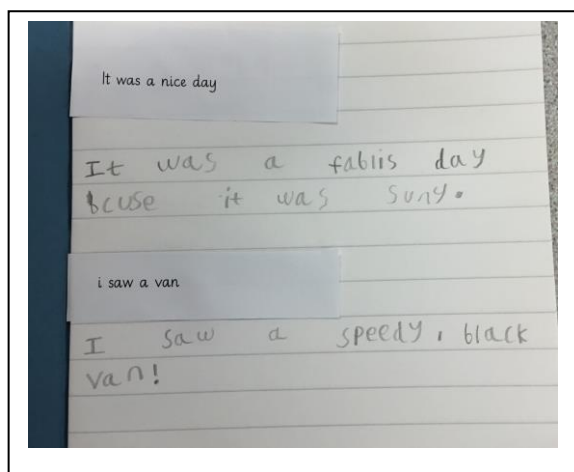
## YEAR R:

This week in Reception we have started our new topic of the Earth and Beyond! We have been reading the book Here we are by Oliver Jeffers. We have worked collaboratively to create all the planet's in our solar system.



## YEAR 1:

In English we have been thinking about what goes into a super sentence. We have been working hard to remember to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. We also had a go at improving some of Miss Hawkins' sentences. We think our sentences are much better!



## YEAR 2:

Year 2 prepared for starting their new literacy book in by investigating the cover to find clues! They worked well in pairs and came up with some great vocabulary including "Why is the owl camouflaged?" "I like the detail in the drawing" and "Who is Vivienne? Is she the author?" Good job everyone.



### YEAR 3:

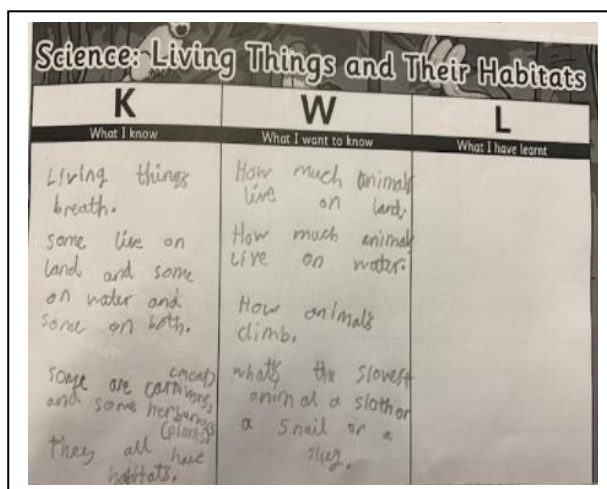
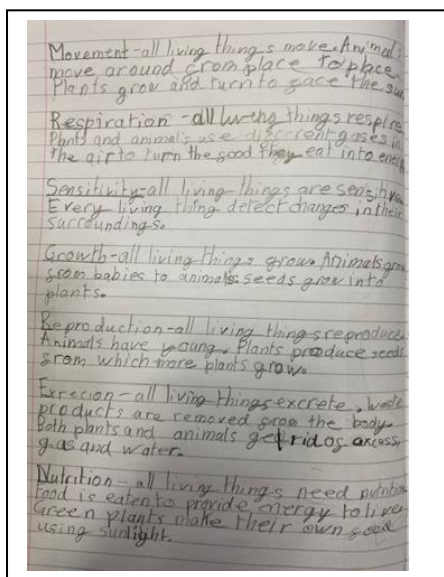
Year three have got off to a flying start this term, coming back refreshed and ready to learn.

In our first RE lesson of the year, we considered the meaning of twelfth night and Epiphany and heard about some celebrations in other countries. The whole class enjoyed asking our own three wise 'men' questions about their motivation for undertaking such a journey. We finished with some written work, describing what gifts we ourselves would have taken to baby Jesus. Happy New year!



### YEAR 4:

In Year 4, we have started out new topic in Science - Living things and their habitats. Already we have looked at how we classify animals and plants in different ways, as well as discuss about how we can see examples of classification in supermarkets and libraries. We enjoyed learning the acronym Mrs Gren. (Please ask your child what each letter stands for and what it means).



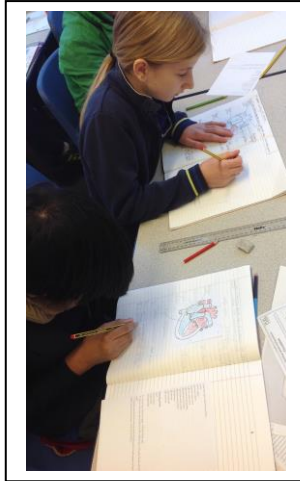
### YEAR 5:

At the very end of last term, Year 5 completed their DT project of creating their own Anglo-Saxon huts. They did a fabulous job and worked really carefully to complete these!



## YEAR 6:

Year 6 have started their science topic on Animals including humans by looking at the human heart. They have done some research and labelled the key parts to understand how our heart functions.



## PE YEAR 3:

Year 3 disco dancing – getting ready for their recordings next week



## SCIENCE CHALLENGE:

Please find attached this week's science challenge. Mr Cook would love to hear how you got on making a tornado in a bottle. Please feel free to send in photos of your attempts

### TORNADO IN A BOTTLE

SCIENCE  
CHALLENGE 07  
Designed by Adam,  
Design engineer at Dyson

#### The brief

Create a water vortex in a bottle.

#### The method

1. Fill the plastic bottle with water until it reaches around three quarters full.
2. Add a few drops of washing up liquid.
3. Sprinkle in a few pinches of glitter (this will make your tornado easier to see).
4. Put the cap on tightly.
5. Turn the bottle upside down and hold it by the neck. Quickly spin the bottle in a circular motion for a few seconds. Stop and look inside to see if you can see a mini tornado forming in the water. You might need to try it a few times before you get it working properly.



#### Materials

Water  
A clear plastic bottle  
Glitter  
Washing up liquid

#### How does it work?

The water is rapidly spinning around the centre of the vortex due to centrifugal force. This is an inward force directing an object or fluid such as water towards the centre of its circular path.

#### Did you know?

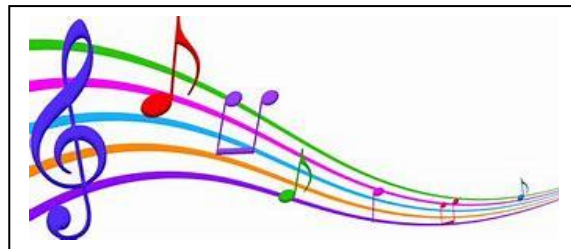
Vortices found in nature include tornadoes, hurricanes and waterspouts.



## MUSIC TUITION:

Instrument tuition has started. Spring term tuition fees are due for payment please 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

Polite reminder that when you sign your child up for music lessons that begin every September, that you are financially committed to this for the whole school year. Thank you



## SPORTS CLUBS:

All clubs started this week. Payment is due by 28<sup>th</sup> January please (via parentmail). Thank you

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS:

Universal Free School meals are available for every child in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

However, you may be eligible for what is known as 'Free School Meals', this is available for all families to apply who are on a low income from Reception to Year 6. If your application is successful the school will be provided additional financial support which will then enable us to help you. To ascertain if you are eligible please apply using the link below.

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

## PAYMENT FOR SCHOOL MEALS:

School Dinners should be paid for in advance. If your child's dinner account is in arrears, please clear within the school week. Thank you. If you have any issues with payment, please email the school office.

## COOL MILK:

If any of our Free School Meal pupils would like morning milk, the school would pay but please email the school to request this. If any other parent would like to pay for morning milk they can register and pay cool milk.

**FREE and subsidised school milk**  
Register your child today!

**Is your child entitled to FREE milk?**

- Child under 5?**  
Every child under the age of five is entitled to FREE school milk.  
Register your child online for FREE school milk today.
- Child over 5?**  
Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised price of around £14 per term.  
Register online now and you can pay straight away!

**Register your child for school milk today.**  
Sign them up in a few clicks...

Go online and quickly register your child for school milk at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

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**Cool Milk**  
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## VACANCY:

**Deputy Headteacher required at St Alban's Catholic Primary School Cambridge.**

Are you an inspiring Deputy Headteacher who would like to work in a very successful school in the heart of Cambridge city? We are looking for someone new to fill this position due to the promotion of our current Deputy.

For more details contact Joanne Koehler, School administrator, on 01223 71214-8, [office@stalbans.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@stalbans.cambs.sch.uk) or visit website: [www.stalbans.cambs.sch.uk](http://www.stalbans.cambs.sch.uk)

Ideally, this post is from the start of the summer term 2022 but we accept it may have to be in the autumn

Closing date: noon Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February

Shortlisting: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Interviews: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February



CARITAS EAST ANGLIA:



Caritas is holding two online events – 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb at 1pm & 10<sup>th</sup> Feb at 7.30pm – to listen to those on the margins of the Church. Be part of the Synod – we want to hear your voice! More information: <https://www.rcdea.org.uk/synod-zoom-meetings-to-reach-those-on-the-margins/> Any questions and to register, email Jacinta Welch: [caritas@rcdea.org.uk](mailto:caritas@rcdea.org.uk)

Term Dates:

Term dates for 2021 - 2022  
Spring Term 2022  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 08<sup>th</sup> April  
Half term: 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> February  
Staff Training day: 4<sup>th</sup> January

Summer Term 2022  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July  
Bank holiday: 02<sup>nd</sup> May & 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Half term: 30<sup>th</sup> May – 03<sup>rd</sup> June  
Staff Training days: 25<sup>th</sup> April, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> July

Term dates for 2022 – 2023

Autumn Term 2022

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December

Half term: 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October

Staff Training day: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Half term: 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February

Staff Training day: 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Bank holiday: 1<sup>st</sup> May

Half term: 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Staff Training days: 17<sup>th</sup> April, 21<sup>st</sup> July