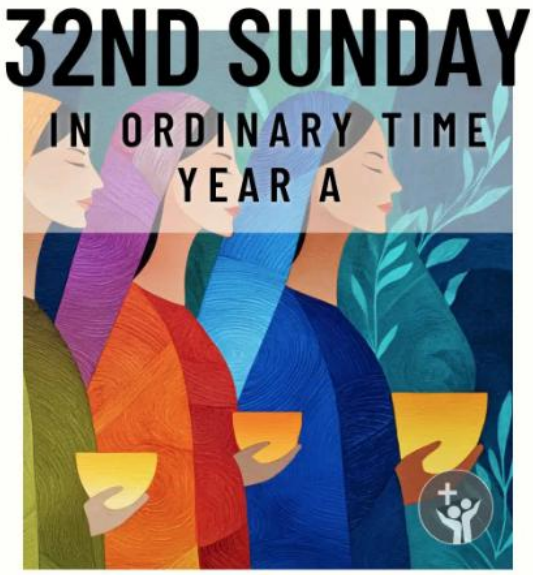
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Friday 6th November 2026

Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term; it is always a joy to welcome children back to school and they have settled beautifully back into their learning and routines very swiftly indeed. These past few weeks, encompassing half term, have seen all sorts of celebrations from Heritage Day which rounded off our Black History Month learning to a Year 6 Residential, preparing for Remembrance Day, new swimming lessons and library visits!

We are looking forward to welcoming families over the next few weeks to Parents' Evenings and for SEND reviews; please ensure that you have booked an appointment with your child's teacher; there will also be opportunities for you to look at your child's learning.



The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time reminds us to stay alert and live with faith. The readings speak about wisdom, hope, and being prepared for what is to come. They teach us that following God means paying attention and being ready to meet Him at any moment.

In the first reading, Wisdom is described as bright and near to those who seek her. God's wisdom helps us make good choices and live with peace. The psalm tells of a deep thirst for God, showing how we find joy when we stay close to Him.

Saint Paul speaks of hope for those who have died. He tells us that Jesus will return, and we will be together with Him. The Gospel story of the ten virgins warns that we must be ready, like the wise ones who had oil for their lamps.

The 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A calls us to live wisely and watchfully. We do not know when the Lord will come, but if we keep our faith strong, we will be ready to welcome Him with joy.

Have a super weekend enjoying the seasonal moments – if you're attending Fireworks displays and Remembrance parades, please stay warm and safe.

Mrs McBrown
Headteacher

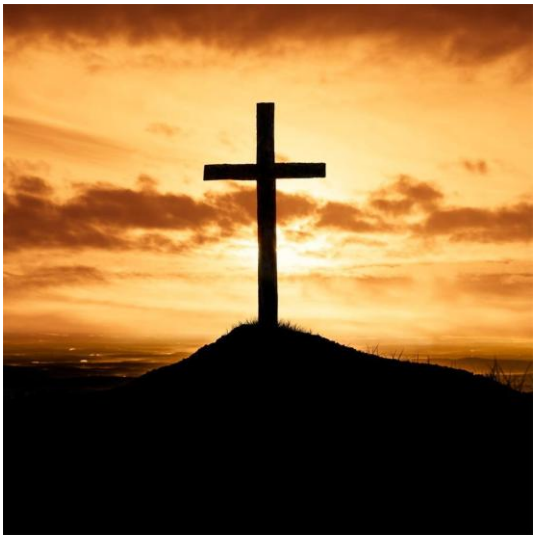
November - A Month of Remembrance, Reflection and Hope

As we journey through November, we are reminded of the beautiful traditions of our Catholic faith and the importance of remembering those who have gone before us. We began the month celebrating **All Saints' Day**, giving thanks for the holy men and women who inspire us to live lives of faith, kindness and love, followed by **All Souls' Day**, when we remembered our loved ones who have died and hold them close in our prayers. November offers us a special opportunity to pause, reflect and give thanks for the many people who have touched our lives and helped us grow in faith. Within our school community, we will continue to

nurture a spirit of prayer, compassion and gratitude, encouraging our children to recognise the goodness in others and to follow Jesus' example in their everyday actions.
As we remember those we love, may we be comforted by the promise of eternal life and the knowledge that God's love surrounds us always. I hope that this month brings peace, comfort and hope to all our families as we continue to walk together in faith.

Year 4 Visit to the Anchor Field

As part of their geography learning Year 4 visited the Anchor Field, just before half term to look at how local outdoor spaces are used as part of their understanding of physical and human features. The children searched hard for their survey participants creating data they could use back in class to further develop their analysis skills. A huge thank you to all the adults involved in supporting this field trip.



Y2 and 3 Class Liturgies

Year 2 and Y3 have led their families in prayer through their class liturgies this fortnight with a focus on Remembrance and Creation respectively The children led their families in prayer with respect and care – thank you to the Year 2 and 3 teams for preparing this so beautifully.

Health

Just before the half term we enjoyed multiple visitors from various health teams. We welcomed the nursing team who administered the flu vaccines for the children and then our younger classes enjoyed a visit from the oral health team who helped the children learn more about keeping their teeth clean and having super oral health.

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Heritage Day

Our superb annual Heritage Day was another huge success on the last Thursday of term. The children dressed in either their traditional costume or the colour of their flag to celebrate the rich and vibrant heritage of our school. During the day itself the children, completed individual learning showcasing their own heritage and sharing it with their peers. We were lucky enough to have visitors from our community who spoke about their own heritage, shared food and played games! The day finished off with a superb catwalk moment and a sharing of the Black History Month learning the children had worked on through the month of October. A huge thank you to Miss Beauchamp who always pulls this event together with such style!







Year 1 Visit the Library + the Book Fair arrives!

On Tuesday Year 1 walked down to the local library to see what it was all about. The children had a super time looking at all the beautiful books on offer and of course enjoy a story or two! A huge thank you to Mrs Smith for organising and the accompanying adults!

We are also welcoming the Book Fair over the next few days so do please pop in and buy a book or two!



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Dear Lord Jesus,

Help us to keep our hearts full of faith, hope and love, like the wise bridesmaids who kept their lamps ready.

May we always be prepared to welcome You by being kind, caring and helpful to others. Guide us to shine Your light in our school and in our homes each day.

Amen.

