



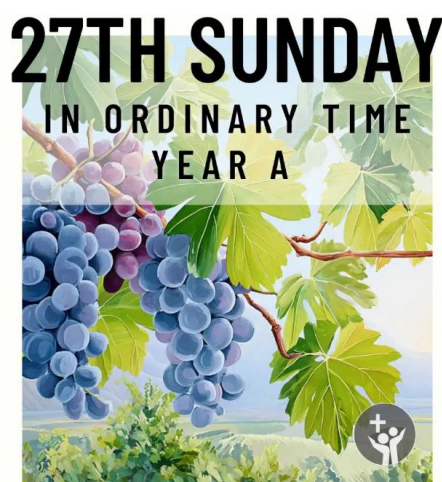
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This fortnight has been busy and joyful all wrapped up together – from archery to STEM days, to school improvement visits and music the school is abuzz with joy. As a fruit of the Spirit, true joy is a deep, lasting gladness that fills our hearts and sprinkles across our school community every day. This weekend we are looking forward to welcoming Bishop Alan into our Parish, he will be joining the community at Mass at 11am followed by refreshments in the school hall – please join us if you can.

Whilst we're experiencing warmer weather the children may continue to wear summer uniform, we ask that they are wearing winter uniform after half term (3<sup>rd</sup> November 2026)



This Sunday reminds us that God trusts us to care for what He has given. Like a vineyard, our world is meant to bear good fruit. God gives everything we need to grow in love, faith, and kindness. Yet, sometimes we forget our role as caretakers and live for ourselves instead. Jesus tells a parable about tenants who refuse to honour the landowner. They reject his servants and even his son. It is a warning for anyone who ignores God's message. This Sunday we are called to look at our lives and ask if we are producing good fruit for God's kingdom

Have a super weekend,

Mrs McBrown  
Headteacher

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## First Holy Communion 2027

Father Anthony has asked me to remind you that registration for children in years 3 and above, to make their First Holy Communion, has begun. Registration forms can be collected from school or church but must be returned, along with your child's Baptism certificate to the church by Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October - no late applications will be accepted.





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## October – the Month of the Rosary

On 1<sup>st</sup> October we celebrated the beginning of the Month of the Rosary, a special time in the Catholic calendar when we are encouraged to deepen our relationship with God through prayer and reflection. Throughout the month, our children will have opportunities to learn more about the Rosary and its importance as a prayer that helps us reflect on the life of Jesus and the example of Mary. As a simple way to mark the month at home, you may like to gather as a family in the evening to light a candle and pray one decade of the Rosary together, offering their prayers for a family member, friend or someone in need. Even a few minutes of shared prayer can help nurture faith, strengthen family bonds and bring peace to our busy lives

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## Archery



The children have loved their archery sessions this passed fortnight; learning a new skill, being resilient and precise as well as cheering on their classmates as they scored bullseyes!

A huge thank you to Mrs Nixon for organising this for us.

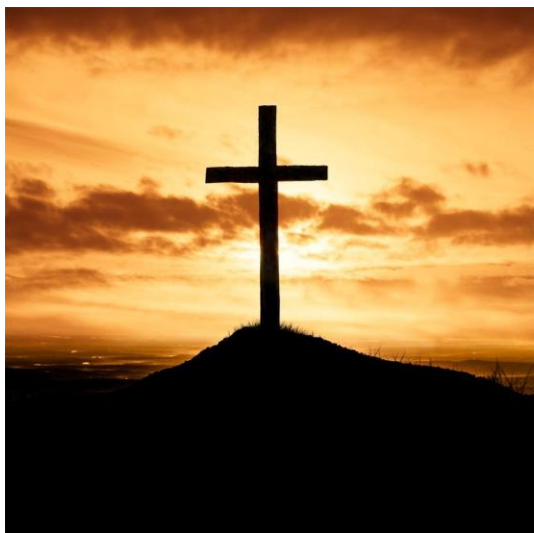


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## Y6 Class Liturgy

Year 6 led their class liturgy this week with a focus on creation through lens of Mark's Gospel. They led their families with reverence and maturity – thank you to the Year 6 team for preparing this so beautifully.

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## Nite Owls

We were delighted to welcome *Nite Owl* team to school this week for a super visit. The children were captivated as they learned about these magnificent birds of prey, their habitats, hunting skills and the important role they play in our ecosystem. Seeing the owls up close was an amazing experience helping bring the learning to life. A huge thank you to the Nite Owl team for sharing their knowledge and creating such a special experience – we can't wait to see the photos!!



Loving God,

You have entrusted your creation and your people into our care. Help us to be faithful stewards of all you have given us, remembering that everything we have is a gift from you.

Give us humble and willing hearts, ready to listen to your voice and welcome your Son, Jesus Christ. May our lives bear fruit that reflects your love, justice and mercy.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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