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"Love each other as Jesus has loved us. He has given nothing less than his life for us." St Teresa of Calcutta

Newsletter 6th November 2026

Headteacher's Update

Welcome back to Term Two. Although it's a term of darker mornings and darker evenings, it is also a term of light and happiness as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas. Throughout this term, especially during Advent, we will take time to reflect on the true meaning of this special season, preparing our hearts to welcome Jesus and celebrate the wonderful gift of His birth.

As well as the excitement for the coming of Christmas, we also shared some more exciting news with the children! On Thursday, we had a special visit from ABC Book Club. They came to tell the children all about the plans for our new library! As you are aware, over the summer we had to convert our library to a classroom. We shared the news with the children that we are now going to be relocating Fireflies Club to the hall and using that area as our new library. The children have spent time in their classes discussing ideas of what theme they would like for their library and what they'd like in it. All of these ideas were then shared at a School Council meeting today. We shall now get a "Library Squad" together to help create a mood board for the library, to help the designers with the final design.

We are very lucky that Mr Barker, Jude and Audrey's Dad, has volunteered to come and dismantle the kitchen in Fireflies and reinstall it in the hall. He will be doing this on Saturday 28th November and we would be most gratefully if there's anyone else who'd be able to help on that day, carrying the units and helping him to install them. No skills needed, just enthusiasm.

The Book Fair is also back and will be here until Tuesday. Books will be available to buy from 3 o'clock each day, so you could even start your Christmas shopping! We receive a percentage of the cost all books purchased, which then will allow us to buy more books for both our main and classroom libraries!

Continuing on the book theme, on the 19th November we have our visiting author who will be undertaking workshops with all the children. If your child would like to order a signed copy of her book, please see the letter sent out yesterday with instructions of how to do this.

We also had a visit from our Early Years Advisor this week. He has been visiting More Park for a number of years now and he was really excited to see how Preschool have become part of the More Park Family. He's shared lots of new ideas for both Preschool and Reception and we look forward to using them with our youngest children.



You may have noticed a different voice on the phone and new face in the office. This week we have welcomed Miss Darling into the school office team. She's had a busy week not only getting to grips with the daily workings of a school office, but she has also attended an intensive two-day first aid training course to ensure she is skilled to look after everyone's medical needs too!

We have also welcomed Dolly into Owl Class this week. I'm sure you'll join me in making her and her family feel welcomed into the More Park Family.

Mrs Seal

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What have we been learning 2nd -6th November

By Year 6 journalists:

Preschool

Bumblebees

This week the Bumblebees have been very creative, making firework patterns in sand, and creating firework displays with chalk. In RE, the children have been learning different ways of how we can be kind to our friends. They have also been singing number songs. The children's favourite song is Five Little Speckled Frogs!

EYFS

Ladybirds

This week in English, the Ladybirds have been writing and drawing pictures of their favourite vehicles as part of their topic 'Transport'. In maths, they have been showing different ways to represent number 5. In RE, Ladybirds have looked at this terms Gospel values, 'thoughtfulness and kindness' and discussed who they could be kind to, and different ways to show it. The children have also began learning the Hail Mary.

Key Stage 1

Caterpillars

This week in English, the children have been making acrostic poems. In maths, they have been using addition to make numbers greater. Caterpillars have been exploring the Bible, finding key words and finding out why it is such a special book.

Dragonflies

This week, Dragonflies have been learning the column method in maths. In English, the children have been reading the book 'Around the world in 80 days', and have even created their own passports, travelled with Mr Fogg, and explored the places he visited in the story. In RE, Dragonflies have been learning about Noah and the ark. They have also learnt about Baptism.

Key Stage 2

Kingfishers

This week, Kingfishers have been adding and subtracting in maths with column addition. In English, the children have been writing persuasive letters linked to the book Charlottes Web. In RE, Kingfishers have been learning about the story of Buddah.

Owls

This week, Owls have been learning about multiplication and division in maths. In English, the children have been reading 'The Boy in the Girls Bathroom'. In RE Owls have been focusing on what makes a great leader, and promises.

Ravens

This week, Ravens have been learning about the different areas of different shapes in maths. They have been reading The Fireworks Makers Daughter in English, and in RE the children have been learning about John the Baptist.

Eagles

This week, Eagles have been adding and subtracting fractions in maths. In English, the children have been reading the book; 'Floodland'. They have also been playing in the hot seat, where someone pretends to be the main character. The rest of the children have to ask questions to the person in the hot seat. In RE, Eagles have been focusing on the Apostles Creed Prayer, and Catholic people's beliefs.

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Catholic Life



Term Two

Kindness and Thoughtfulness

Christmas and Advent

This term, our Gospel Value is **Kindness and Thoughtfulness**. As we journey through Advent and prepare for the celebration of Christmas, we are reminded that this is a season of love, generosity and giving. The birth of Jesus reminds us of God's incredible love for us and encourages us to show that same love through the way we treat others.

Kindness isn't just about doing something big; often, it is found in the smallest of gestures – a smile, a helping hand, including someone in a game, offering words of encouragement or thinking about how someone else might be feeling. Being thoughtful means looking beyond ourselves and noticing when others might need a little kindness, comfort or support.

As we prepare to welcome Jesus at Christmas, let us try to make our school, homes and wider community places where everyone feels loved, valued and cared for. What a wonderful gift we can give to others!

This week, how could you and your family spread kindness to other people.

Awe and Wonder

Believing in God means:
I put all my trust in
the one who loves me the most.
I accept what God reveals of himself.
I try to do what he tells me.



Believing in God means
to feel secure in him.
God loves us.
We do not need to be afraid.
Together with him we can bring out
the best in us!

(YOUCAT for Kids)

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Eco Club



It was wonderful to see some new faces at Eco Club this term and we are, once again, fully booked for the term! It's great that so many children want to get involved in learning about sustainability and making sustainable choices.

Since our focus for the term is Fast Fashion, we have been discussing recycling clothing and making sure clothes do not go to landfill when they could be given a second life. We decided to sort through the huge lost property pile that had accumulated in the school and we were very pleased that we were able to distribute most of the items back to their owners!

Next, we tackled the uniform swap shop in the office area and switched the summer uniform to winter uniform. There is now a large selection of trousers, shirts, skirts, jumpers and cardigans available in good condition that can be used again! Please take a look next time you are in there and consider giving these clothes a second life.



Finally, we made the final preparations for our upcycling workshop next week. We are still taking donations of haberdashery items and any fabrics lurking in craft boxes that could be used to customise our clothing and help us make some really unique pieces to hopefully show off to you all in the future!

We are asking for donations of haberdashery items to help us with this project; ribbons, buttons, patches, bows, sequin ribbons, fabric pens, fabric trimmings and any old fabrics you have lying around that we could cut up and reuse!

There will be a labelled box left outside the office area for the purpose of collecting your donations. Please kindly leave your donations in this box. The upcycling session will take place during our Eco Club session on Wednesday 11th November so members of Eco Club will be reminded to bring in an old item of clothing for this session.

On behalf of all the Eco Ambassadors, thank you so much in advance for all your support with this project – we can't wait to show how fashion can be made more sustainable!

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Year 2 Assembly

Our Year 2 Dragonflies treated us to a wonderful assembly, sharing just how much they have been learning across the curriculum. They confidently demonstrated their mathematical skills by teaching us how to add across the tens!

They shared their learning about Guy Fawkes and Bonfire Night, showed us their beautiful, creative doves of peace and proudly presented the hand puppets they had sewn together. The sewing was quite a challenge, requiring lots of patience, perseverance and careful concentration, so we were particularly impressed with what they had achieved.

The children also retold the story of Noah's Ark, reminding us of the promise God made and the rainbow as a sign of His everlasting covenant. To finish, they sang a wonderful song about resilience, reminding us all of the importance of keeping going, believing in ourselves and never giving up, even when things feel difficult.

We are incredibly proud of the Dragonflies. They spoke with confidence, shared their learning so enthusiastically and demonstrated such creativity, determination and resilience. Well done, Year 2!





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Thomas More's Church



St Thomas More's Parish website
Please follow the link below to check it out:

St Thomas More's Parish

Family Mass – Sundays at 10am

Children's Liturgy



Next children's liturgy will be on **Sunday 8th November**, at the 10am-mass.
All are welcome to join us. Children's Liturgy is for children aged 2 ½ to 11 years old.

Youth Club



Youth Club is open to all children in Year Six and above.

First Holy Communion



First Holy Communion classes will continue on Monday 16th November, in the church hall, from 5.30-6.30pm

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Special Class Recognition

Congratulations to pupils who received special recognition in assembly this week for all their efforts in class.

Reception:	Daphne, Sonny
Year 1:	Cristelle, Jacob
Year 2:	Frankie
Year 3:	Polly, Oscar
Year 4:	Delilah, Elle
Year 5:	Dolly, Erin
Year 6:	Cristina, Bea

Lunchtime Award

Congratulations to pupils who received special recognition in assembly this week for all their efforts in class.

Reception:	Jesse
Year 1:	Jacob
Year 2:	Luke
Year 3:	Polly
Year 4:	Reagan
Year 5:	Monroe
Year 6:	Rory

House Points


St George – 409 points


St David – 507 points


St Patrick – 208 points


St Andrew – 172 points

Celebration Assembly

Kindness Award

Presented by Anti Bullying Ambassadors

Aoibheann (Yr1)
Meadow (Yr2)
Oscar (Yr3)
Eva (Yr4)
Myla (Yr5)

Swimming Award

Whole Class!

Birthdays

This week we would like to wish a Happy Birthday to all the children and staff who had a birthday over half term or have a birthday this week! We all hope that you had or have a lovely birthday!

Harry G
Mrs Bruce
Aoibheann
Pheonix
Sienna S
Sofia S
Harper
Pollyanna
Josias
Rory
Isabelle O
Keeva

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Let's Celebrate

Would you like your child to be featured in the school newsletter and their achievements shared with the school? Then please send a photo to the office secretary@more-park.kent.sch.uk outlining what they have achieved, by Wednesday lunchtime.

Owls	Ada had an Irish dancing feis at the weekend. She came 3rd, 2nd and 1st in her beginner B dances and 5th, 4th and 3rd in the intermediate level. Well done Ada. Congratulations to Charlie for achieving his Stage 5 Trampolining. Alex competed at the British National Irish Dance Championships, this is an important competition in the build up to the Worlds, which Alex will be competing at in April. Alex came 2nd in the Boys Minor championship, age 9 -11 years. Amazing achievement!
Eagles	Freya won lots of gold and silver medals at the Basildon Dance Festival and was awarded the cup for Musicality. Well done Freya!









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Attendance And Punctuality

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	Attendance	Punctuality (lates)
Ladybird	89.4%	3
Caterpillar	91.7%	3
Dragonfly	94.2%	5
Kingfisher	97.1%	4
Ravens	95.8%	3
Owls	97.0%	4
Eagles	95.2%	4





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IMPACT!
OPPORTUNITIES THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE
MORE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
LEARN PLAY BELONG ACHIEVE!
GOLF
IMPACT & INSPIRE
WORKSHOP DAY
A GREAT FIRST INTRO TO GOLF!
ADAPTABLE CLUBS FOR ALL AGES!
FUN, SAFE AND INCLUSIVE!
Yesterday, the children at More Park Primary School took part in our Golf Impact & Inspire Day!
The children had a fantastic time being introduced to golf in a fun, safe and supportive environment. It was the perfect opportunity for them to try something new, build confidence, and develop new skills.
We used adaptable length clubs so that children of all ages could take part, giving everyone the chance to swing, chip and putt!
It was brilliant to see so much enthusiasm and some great golf skills on show!
NEW SKILLS MORE CONFIDENCE BIG SMILES!
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West Malling CE Primary School
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for a brighter
tomorrow
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Wonderful music
Festive favourites
A warm welcome
for all
Sunday
6th December 2026
3.00pm
All Saints Church
Mill Street
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Lost Property

We have some un-labelled coats which have been left in Lost Property, if any of these items are your child's, please do let us know so we can return them back to you.

Tesco F&F girls thick coat - age 10-11
Under Armour padded jacket - age 6-7
Hawkshead blue rain jacket - age 9-10
SHEIN long gilet with hood - age 10









School photos

We would also like to highlight that the children are being sent home with their school photo proofs today. The deadline to receive the photos back to school without a delivery charge, is Thursday 19th November. Ordering after this date will result in a delivery charge being applied. We will send out another reminder closer to the time.

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Office Communication

Please remember to use our secretary email address to inform us of any pickup changes or absences for your children. The email address is morepark.secretary@more-park-westmalling.kcsp.org.uk

New dates added are highlighted each week

Date	Activity
Tuesday 10th November	Last Book Fair session after school
Wednesday 12th November	Open Afternoon for 2027 school entry
Friday 13th November	Ladybird's Class Assembly – All welcome 9.15am
w/b 16th November	Antibullying Week
Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 17th November	KS1 Football Tournament
Thursday 19th November	Author Visit
Friday 20th November	Year Five Class Assembly – All welcome 9.15am
Friday 20th November	KS1 Hockey Tournament
Monday 23rd November	CAFOD Advent Assembly
Tuesday 24th November	LKS2 Girls and Boys Football Tournaments
Wednesday 25th November	Open Morning for 2027 school entry
Friday 27th November	Year One Class Assembly – All welcome 9.15am
Friday 27th November	Pupil Progress Reports out to Parents
Tuesday 1st December	Reception and Year Six Height and Weights
Wednesday 2nd December	Parents Evening – Virtual and Face to Face
Thursday 3rd December	Parents Evening – Virtual and Face to Face
Sunday 6th December	School Choir Christmas Performance with West Malling Community Choir

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Monday 7th December	**Snow White Pantomime**
Wednesday 9th December	**Year 5 Trip**
Friday 11th December	**Christmas Jumper Day/Christmas Lunch**
Friday 11th December	**Christmas Fair**
Wednesday 16th December	**9.30 KS1 Nativity – All welcome** **11am Bumblebees Nativity – All welcome** **2pm KS2 Carol Concert – All welcome**
Friday 18th December	**End of Term – 1.30 Finish**

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