# Purple Pages

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Our School Christian Vision - 'Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring.'

Rooted in Matthew 7.24 - 25 'Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.'

# Message from the Deputy Headteacher

Welcome back to Term 2!

The children have once again returned very settled and are engaged in their learning.

We had our last Open Day today for prospective parents wishing to join our community in September 2024. Some of our Year 6 children took on the role of tour guides and parents were blown away by their knowledge of the school. Well done to all involved. You were excellent role models and showed great pride in our school!

This term's Christian Value is Peace. Please see attached the home school newsletter for ideas to explore peace at home.

Happy Weekend!

# Mrs Stone



### **CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM: PEACE**



"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God." (Matthew 5:9)

### Parent Reminders

With the British weather being so unpredictable, we will be reviewing our uniform policy over the coming term.

Please can we remind you to provide your child with the appropriate clothing for the weather. In particular, please ensure they have water proof coats, as we try to encourage children to have some fresh air in all weathers. Please ensure that every single item is named clearly.

#### Poppy Appeal 2023

A reminder that we will be holding a 'Wear Red' non-uniform day on Friday 10th November to raise awareness of the Poppy Appeal. Please can children come to school wearing non-uniform, including at least one red item.

# Dates for Your Diary

10th Nov Wear Red for Poppy Appeal

10th Nov PTA Christmas Crafts Session

Odd Socks Day

13th Nov (see Wellbeing newsletter)

17th Nov PTA Christmas Crafts Session

25th Nov PTA Christmas Fete

# Awards of the Week

Well done to all of our pupils who have achieved an award this week!



Top Doodling Class

Chestnut Class Well done!

Congratulations to all the pupils in the

green zone!

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
Acorns	Paisley	Ted
	Oscar	Emilia
Ash class	Izzy	Eva
Birch class	Sofia	Amelia
Chestnut class	Sonny	Albie
Elm class	Jaxon	Kara
Hazel class	Olivia	Bella
Holly class	Bethany	Xander
Maple class	Elliot	Lyra
Oak class	Jack D	April
Pine class	Chloe	Teddy
Rowan class	Jacob	Isabelle H
Sycamore class	Reeva	Ethan
Willow class	Jayden	Will



Here are this week's Forever Sport Stars of the day:

Year 5 Pine - Sydney and Phoebe

Year 5 Rowan - Jake, Marcus, & Murray

Year 3 Hazel - Olivia and Jack

Year 3 Holly - Brie and Flynn

Year 2 Elm - Makenzie and Sophie

Year 2 Chestnut - Imogen and Finn

Year 1 Ash - Casey and Izzy

Year Birch - Daisy and Harry

Great work!

### Out of School Achievement

Harry (from Hazel class) has taken part in a boys gymnastics competition with Writhlington Gymnastics at Baskervilles in Bath.

He was pleased to be awarded silver for bar routine, bronze for floor routine and bronze overall - well done Harry!



# Learning in Seedlings

Seedlings have been focussing on the theme of Autumn this week. The children shared stories of pumpkin picking over the half term holiday so we have set up our very own pumpkin patch roleplay area. Here, the children have used their communication and language skills to sell and purchase items, as well as their mathematic skills to pay. We have also been creative, turning different autumn vegetables into people!



During Forest School the children searched for natural items to create an autumn decoration.

They used observational skills to look for the most colourful and interesting leaves. There were lots of muddy puddles along the way which just had to be jumped in; this made for some very soggy socks!

The children have also worked hard to practise their fine motor development with a threading task. They used pipe cleaners and wool to thread some colourful autumn leaves.

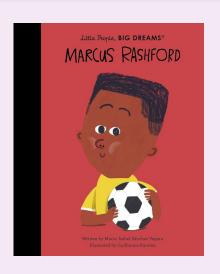
Another busy and wonderful week at Next Steps!

# Reading in Year 5

In Year 5 we have been looking at biographies!

Our English lessons have focused on the life of David Attenborough and we have also read about the life of Marcus Rashford, Harriet Tubman and Jane Goodall to develop our understanding of the structure and purpose of this genre.

The children applied their knowledge by researching the life of iconic black British athletes, as part of Black History Month, and began to draft their own biographies this week.



# PTA Update - the Countdown to Christmas (Fete) Begins!

Ahead of the Christmas Fete on Saturday 25th November, children will be bringing home raffle tickets today. Please post any money raised in the new PTA post box, outside the school office.

The blue bin is back outside the office as well - please could you place any donations of teddies, chocolate or bottles in there - any donations are very welcome!



Elfridges forms will also be coming home today, so look out for these in the children's bags. Elfridges is our 'in school shop' where children can choose and wrap gifts for their loved ones - this will take place to those who have booked on 8th December during the school day.



