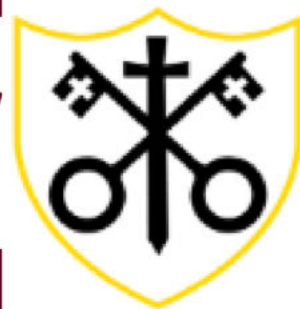




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Dear Parents and Friends,

In the second week of Remembrance November, we turn our thoughts to Remembrance Sunday this weekend, where people gather and pause in silence with their wreaths of poppies, and look back at some of the most challenging times in our history. We remember two world wars and other conflicts since then, and give special thanks for all of those who gave their lives so that we could live in peace. Willingly or not, they made the ultimate sacrifice and we do well to continue to give thanks and to honour them.

Thank you the many parents who attended our reading workshops this week, we hope you found the information and strategies useful to continue to support your children at home. We look forward to seeing parents at our Y2 and Y5 parents next week.

Attendance continues to remain a school priority and each week, I'm impressed with how our school continues to reach our target. Congratulations this week to St Joan with 100% attendance and to 6-times champion St Maximillian. Well done to those pupils for being in school every day this week.

*So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.*

**Matthew 25: 13**

In this week's Gospel Jesus reminds us to be ready for His return. Through a modern-day retelling of the parable of the Ten Bridesmaids waiting at a wedding for the bridegroom to arrive. Five of them had lamps and five didn't. Those with lights were prepared. Sometimes in life things happen that we don't expect and we realise that we are not ready for them. Jesus teaches us that we need to be ready for the unknown time of His return by loving God and loving others.

Have a wonderful remembrance weekend.

*O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and forever. Amen.*

Mrs Atkinson-Aransiola  
Headteacher



## Important dates:

11th- Remembrance Sunday  
12th- Diwali Festival of Light  
13th-17th Anti Bullying Week  
and

Y2 & Y6 Assessment Week

14th- Y5 Parent Reading  
Workshop- School Hall 9am

14th- Y2 Parent Reading  
Workshop- in the Chapel 9am

14th-16th- Timestables  
Rockstars Battle

16th- Y5 pupils out at Covent  
Garden Challenge or Gaelic  
Football Competition

17th PTA Winter Wonderland  
Disco- tickets are still  
available from front office-  
5.30-8pm

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS School Target- 96%

### GOLD AWARD

Y6- St Joan 100%

### GOLD AWARD

Y4-Maximillian 100%

### SILVER AWARD

Y2 St Clare 99.6%

### BRONZE AWARD

Y3-St Marie Milleret-  
97.7%

## Class Attendance:

REC- St Joseph- 97.2%

Y1-St Brigid- 97.1%

Y6 St Daniel 96.4%

Y4- St Francis 93.3%

NUR- St Mary 89.3%

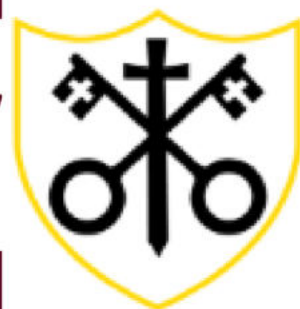
Y5- St Josephine- 87.9%





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## Catholic Life of the school

### Y6 Remembrance Liturgy

Thank you to our Y6 pupils who led us in a beautiful Remembrance liturgy on Wednesday. Y6 reminded us of the importance of remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our country during war and bring us peace.

### Art Work — WE WILL REMEMBER

There are lots of different ways to celebrate Remembrance Day and remember the soldiers from the First World War. We wear poppies on the 11th November. Poppies have also become an important symbol for hope and for a peaceful future. In Reception, children studied a famous painting, the Field of Poppies by Vincent Van Gogh and made poppy prints with plastic sandwich bags. After being inspired by the famous artwork, children created their own poppy field. Nursery children also made their own poppies from play dough this week and painted their own poppy designs.

### Chaplaincy team visit the Local War Memorial

Our chaplaincy team paid their respects at the local Mitcham War Memorial today in a very moving service supported by The Royal British Legion. Alongside other local schools they laid down a wreath and held a two minute silence to commemorate Remembrance Day.

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.*

*Laurence Binyon*

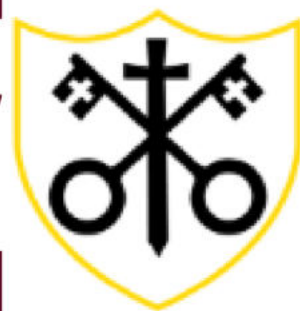






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## Catholic Life of the school

### Shoebox Appeal 2023- Operation Christmas Child

*A simple shoebox gift packed with love and fuelled by prayer can have a huge impact!*

This year we would like to support the charity *Samaritan's Purse-Operation Christmas Child*, who are collecting shoe box gifts for children around the world. We would like to support this charity by filling some boxes ourselves and donating them to the charity so that children around the world receive a small gift at Christmas. It would be lovely to show the children that we care, and they are special and thought of by everyone here at St Peter and Paul.

**How can you help?** You can donate a gift for a child that would fit into a shoe box, **or** you can create your own shoe box filled with lovely gifts for a child and send it into school for the charity to collect. The gifts are for different age groups and boys and girls so please consider this when donating. The age groups are: 2-4 years, 5-9 years and 10-14 years old.

**Things you could include:** A selection of fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. A small cuddly toy or a doll or a deflated football and pump, pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc. Toothbrush, bars of wrapped soap, a comb or hairbrush, flannel. Hat, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, socks, T-shirt, flip-flops, hair accessories, jewellery set, watch, wind-up torch etc.

**Things not to include:** Toothpaste, sweets, lotions and liquids; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds, gum, chocolate or food items; religious or political literature; medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items.

If you are creating your own box, it needs to be covered in colourful wrapping paper, lid included. Please send the filled box into school closed with an elastic band to stop the items falling out. **Do not** seal it completely as they all need to be checked before sending.

If you are able to donate a gift to place in a box in school please bring it to your class teacher where they will be placed into the correct age groups. The boxes will be collected on Friday 18th November **so please give any donations into the school by Thursday 17th at the latest. These will be collected in by the Mini Vinnies.**

We hope you will be able to support our Christmas appeal and help other children around the world who are less fortunate than ourselves.

The cost of sending a box is £5. If anyone would like to contribute to the postage, please send it to the office clearly labelled postage donation for Christmas shoe box.

Thank you in advance for your support. You will be giving unimaginable excitement and hope to children around the world.

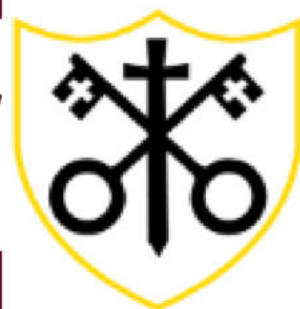






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## Catholic Life of the school

### Bruno's Baptism!

Father Gerry visited both Nursery and Reception children yesterday to explain the rites of Baptism. They baptised Bruno the class bear! then finished with Fr Gerry taking to the guitar to play one of his melodic songs with children singing and praising God. We thank Father Gerry for spending time with us and that God continues to bless him in his ministry.

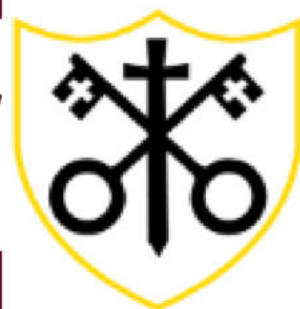






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## Memorable Experiences

### Y5 Royal Albert Hall Rehearsal

Y5 rehearsals for their upcoming performance next year March at the Royal Albert Hall were in full swing this week. Children attended St Peter and Paul C of E church alongside other schools taking part in this prestigious event to learn a series of songs that will form part of the mass choir ensemble. The opening song "We Are Family" by the famous girl group Sister Sledge filled the church hall as children joyfully sang along in their sweet melodic and harmonious tones. We look forward to bringing you more news on their development soon.



### Y5 and Y6 Into Film Festival Trip

On Wednesday 8th November, our year 5 and 6 classes went to Vue Cinema in Croydon as part of the Into Film Festival. They had a wonderful film experience, sharing the cinema with other schools and represented SS Peter & Paul Primary School brilliantly.

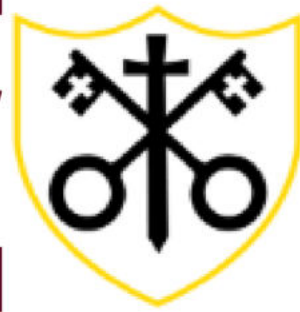






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## Reading For Pleasure

### KS1- Where the Poppies Now Grow

Set during the First World War, childhood friends Ben and Ray see their innocent war games turn into real battles in the war. The story is written in simple rhyme and shows the journey of the two friends through their adventures in war.



### LKS2- FARThER by Grahame Baker-Smith

A young boy is entranced by his father's ambition to fly. When his father goes off to war & doesn't return, the boy takes up that dream & makes it come true. Grown up, & with a son of his own, he then wonders to what amazing places this dream, passed down from generation to generation, will take his son - perhaps to the stars?



### UKS2- War Game by Michael Morpurgo

Four friends from rural Suffolk join up to fight in the First World War. Their enthusiasm quickly dampens as they are faced by two enemies – the German soldiers and the appalling conditions at the Front. But one Christmas Day, an extraordinary thing happens. One by one, soldiers from both sides cautiously emerge from their trenches. For a few hours, they put aside the war that has made them enemies to play a historic game of football in No Man's Land.

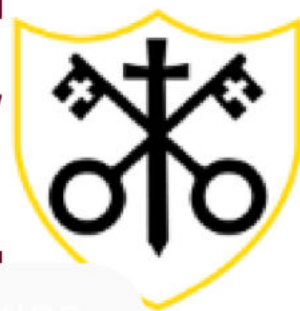






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READ **Curriculum News** LEASURE



**TIMES TABLES  
ROCK STARS**

PRESENTS



# ENGLAND ROCKS

**14TH - 16TH NOVEMBER 2023**  
7:30AM TO 7:30PM (GMT)

**PLAY IN ANY  
GAME TYPE!**

**1HR TIME LIMIT  
PER PERSON!**

WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE HIGHEST  
NUMBER OF CORRECT ANSWERS PER PUPIL!

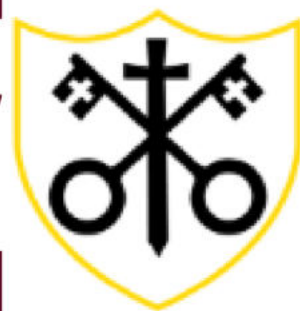
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## Community News

**HAPPY  
Diwali**

### Monday 13th Mitcham Library - Diwali Craft for Children



Please join Mitcham library for a fantastic evening of Diwali arts and craft fun for children. Please use 'Eventbrite' to reserve a slot.



### REMEMBER-Monday 13th Odd Socks Day and World Kindness Day

We will be launching **Anti-Bullying** week with Odd Socks Day this Monday! Please remember to wear odd socks on Monday to celebrate our uniqueness and differences. We would kindly appreciate a £1 contribution.

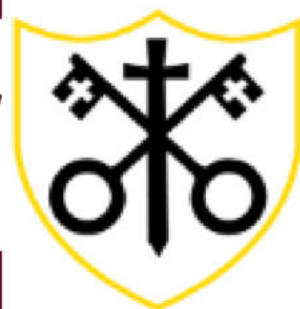




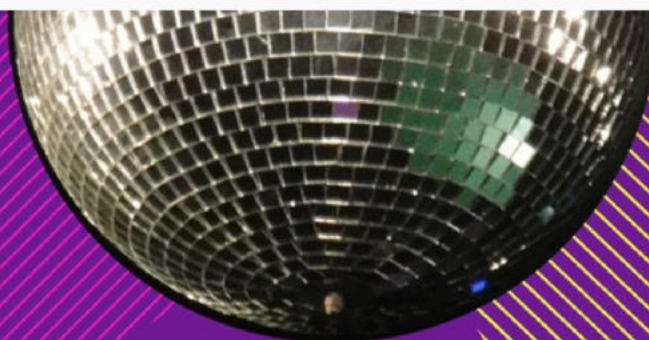


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READING FOR **PTA News** REPLEASURE



THE SSPP PTA PRESENTS

## CHILDREN'S DISCO

Nursery 3.15- 4.15  
Y1- Y3 - 4.30- 5.30  
Y4- Y6 - 5.45- 7pm

17th November 23  
Free glow stick included

**TIME TO PARTY!!**

£3 PAY VIA PARENTPAY. MORE  
INFORMATION VIA PARENTMAIL

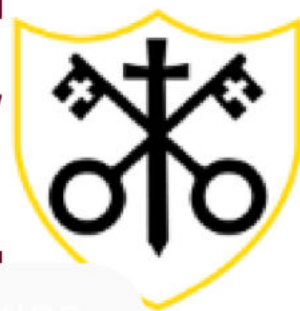






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## REAL COMMUNITY NEWS TREASURE

### Community News

**MITCHAM'S**  
**WINTER WEEKEND**

Mitcham Fair Green and Market Square

THURSDAY 7 DECEMBER 3-8pm  
FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER 3-8pm  
SATURDAY 9 DECEMBER 12-8pm  
SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER 11-4pm

Event includes:  
Ice rink • Live music  
Christmas makers market  
Food • Plus more!

Scan QR code for more details

**Towards  
Employment**

