

Kindness and Co-operation	Thankfulness	Friendship and Sharing	Respect	Unity	Responsibility
Hope and Peace	Patience and Perseverance	Trust and Honesty	Happiness	Courage	



# Newsletter

Friday 15th November 2024

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

There has been a huge amount going on this week. Some of this has been linked to our learning and others part of our wider curriculum - the work that supports personal development and encourages the children to embed a variety of skills and knowledge to support them as lifelong learners.

This started with the Remembrance Parade at the weekend. It is always a privilege to be involved in this and it was good to see so many of our pupils either taking part with their uniformed organisations or lining the route to pay their respects. There is more on this below.

This week has been Anti-Bullying week and the majority of this newsletter reflects on the work carried out as part of this and it was, of course, lovely to see so many of you at our Open Afternoon this afternoon. I hope the children were able to talk about the messages they have had from this week. It was also good to see children supporting Children in Need with our non-uniform day today and we look forward to sharing with you soon how much we have raised to support this worthy cause.

We have had trips and visits across some year groups this week and I delighted in watching our Early Years children in the hall yesterday as they all joined together to celebrate Nursery Rhyme week - it really was lovely to see them joining in with the songs and the actions.

In amongst all of this, and the day-to-day learning that is going on across the school, we are getting ready for a number of events at Christmas and we can't wait for you to join us for these too. Please do check the dates later in the newsletter to ensure they are in your diary.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

## Remembrance Day Parade

On Sunday 10th November, our school joined the rest of the Sandy community to be part of the town's Remembrance Day Parade.



Torben and Katie, who are Year 6 members of our School Parliament, joined Mrs. Bainbridge and Ms. Cassidy on the parade. They both represented our school in a respectful way, in line with our school values, as they laid the wreath.

It is always a privilege to be part of this event and show support for everyone who has protected our country.



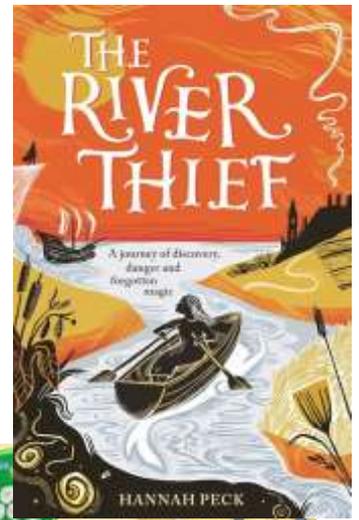
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## Author Visits Years 5-6

This week, Hannah Peck, the author of 'Kate on the Case' came to Maple Tree to talk about her new book 'The River Thief'. Years 5 and 6 were joined by children from St Swithuns and Robert Peel to hear the author read from her latest story, talk about how to generate ideas and answer questions about being an author. Children were able to buy her book and have it signed by the author. Thank you to parents and carers who bought the book. With your support, we will be able to organise a similar event for other year groups in the coming year.



## ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

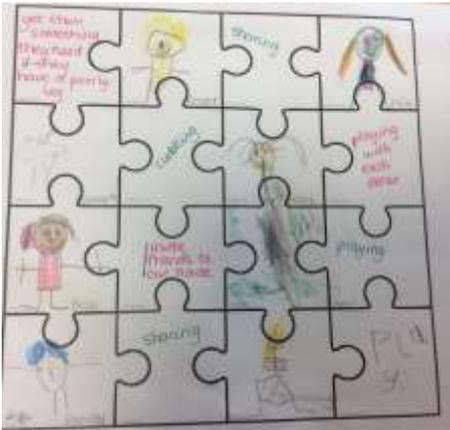
What an anti-bullying week it has been! The next four pages will showcase some of the work that the children have been doing this week to raise awareness and learn about anti-bullying.



# Our learning across the school this Anti-Bullying week:

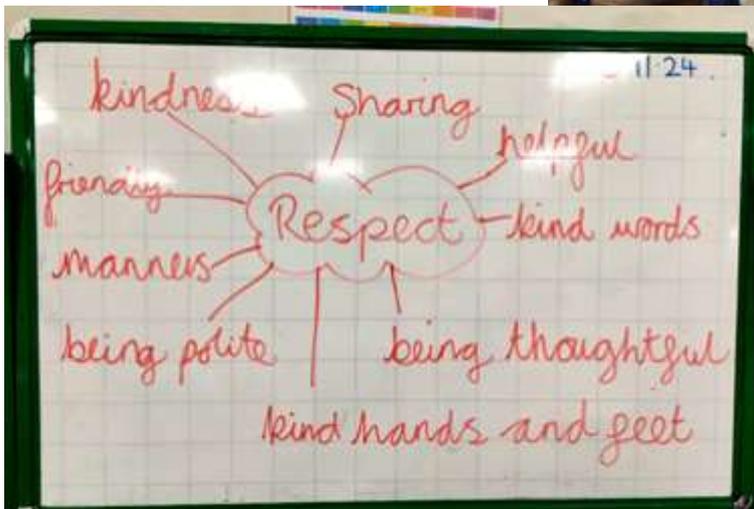
## Reception—Fir

During anti-bullying week, Fir class have been talking about acts of kindness that we can do to show others that we are friendly. We came up with ideas such as smiling, sharing toys, helping friends who are hurt and holding hands. We then used these ideas to make a patchwork to display in our class, along with our drawings of our friends.



## Year 1—Yew

This week in Yew class the children have discussed what they believe respect to be. As a class we created a mind map of ideas and discussed the importance of showing respect to others. We also did a sorting activity where the children had to decide if the pictures showed children being kind or unkind.



## Year 2—Aspen

This week we used the focus of anti-bullying and respect to continue with our poetry journey. We discussed and shared what anti-bullying means and then talked about how we can respect each other. The class had the most incredible ideas and we completed a class acrostic poem. They then took their own ideas from this and were able to create their own individual poems as a result. We also used our key respect words and turned them into hand prints and devised our own mascots too. They were so unusual with some lovely messages and thoughts attached.

Tuesday 12th November 2024  
L-O-T-O write an acrostic poem

Remember anti bullying and kindness  
Eaten soft manners and please  
Stay nice to everybody  
Please have good habits set legs  
E very one be lovely  
C are for every body even if they are  
not nice to you  
Treat others the way you want to be  
treated.

by Saffie

Tuesday 12th November  
2024 L-O-T-O write an  
acrostic poem

Remember to help others  
E veryone should use  
manners.  
Spectacularia lives  
Please and thank you  
E very day be nice.  
C are for people.  
Take care of your  
family.

by Albert.

Tuesday 12th November 2024 L-O-T-O write  
an acrostic poem

Rightful people are good.  
E verywhere humans are kind.  
Supper is for sharing.  
Passion is what we need  
E verybody should care and use manners  
Caring for others.  
To be best you can.

by Aylea

## Year 3—Rowan

This week Rowan have pledged to Choose Respect, by creating a piece of artwork. The children of Rowan **cooperated** to create a heart that was full of their handprints in all different colours to show **unity** no matter our differences. Next, we discussed our **responsibilities** as friends and peers through drama – exploring different scenarios and how we could best respond to them to encourage **friendships**. Rowan class **bravely** shared their own experiences and **trusting** each other to **respect** their vulnerability. Rowan also drew and designed their own handprint as part of a whole school pledge to anti-bullying as well as designing an anti-bullying mascot for the school.



## Year 4—Poplar

Poplar took part in the BBC live lesson focusing on this years theme of Respect. The children wrote some acrostic poems using Respect. We have also looked at the effects of bullying and the children wrote an anti-bullying pledge of what they are going to do to help stop bullying.

### Activity 3: Finish this poem...

R emember to listen to others

E veryone's ideas and opinions matter

S how support to each other

P lay fair

E veryone has fun

C onnect your friendship

T each calmly and respectfully

R emember to listen to others

E veryone's ideas and opinions matter

S how support to each other

P lay fair

E groot in listening

C omeone catch everything so be nice

T rust your team mates

## Year 5—Juniper

This week we have focused on 'Choose Respect'. Juniper class have been representing this by creating maps on handprints that show we are choosing respect rather than bullying. We have also empathised with circumstances where children have been bullied or been a bully and discussed what we would do in their situation. Juniper felt that they could identify what bullying is and that they have a good network of adults and peers that they could talk to if there was a problem.



## Year 6—Elder

During Anti-Bullying Week, Elder class discussed how they can 'Choose Respect'. They talked about what the definition of respect is and how they can put this into practice on a daily basis and not just for Anti-Bullying Week. They thought about ways to resolve conflicts in a respectful way.

For example 'agree to disagree', respond in a calm manner, and remember everyone's feelings and opinions matter. We also enjoyed taking part in the BBC live lesson where Hacker supported Gary and Barry sort out their differences when captaining their sports team.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Friday 22nd November** Be Bright, Be Seen Day
  - 27th November-3rd December** Book Fair
  - Thursday 28th November** Grandparent's Breakfast
  - Monday 2nd December** Year 6 trip to Bletchley Park
  - Wednesday 4th December** Year 3 and 4 Faith Tour trip
  - Wednesday 11th December** School Pantomime
  - Thursday 12th December at 2.30pm** Parent Forum
  - Friday 13th December** UKS2 Christmas assembly – 9:15-9:45am
  - Friday 13th December** Mulberries Christmas songs and stay – 11am-12pm
  - Friday 13th December** Carols on the playground- 3:40pm
  - Monday 16th December** LKS2 Christmas assembly – 9:15-9:45am
  - Monday 16th December** Mulberries Christmas songs and stay – 2:30-3:30pm
  - Tuesday 17th December** Rock Steady Concert
  - Tuesday 17th December** KS1 Christmas assembly – 9:15-9:45am
  - Wednesday 18th December** Reception Christmas assembly – 9:15-9:45am
- Term dates for **2024-2025** can be found [here](#).

# Celebrations and Weekly Wins!

### This week's House Winners



**Congratulations!**

Weekly totals:

<b>Buzzards 301</b>	<b>Robins 254</b>
<b>Doves 150</b>	<b>Ravens 227</b>
<b>Kingfishers 121</b>	<b>Swallows 240</b>

## Attendance Awards

Week beginning 4th November 2024

The best attendance award is presented to:  
**Juniper** class this week!

<b>Mulberries</b>	<b>Fir (YR)</b>
90%	93%
<b>Yew (Y1)</b>	<b>Aspen (Y2)</b>
95%	96%
<b>Rowan (Y3)</b>	<b>Poplar (Y4)</b>
97%	97%
<b>Juniper (Y5)</b>	<b>Elder (Y6)</b>
99%	95%



# *Christmas Wreath Making Workshop*

*Please join us for an  
evening of festive fun*

*Festive refreshments will be available,  
please bring own secateurs/scissors*

**25** | 6.30 pm -  
**NOV** | 8.30 pm

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*To book email [fomtprimary@gmail.com](mailto:fomtprimary@gmail.com)  
or follow the QR code*





# Christmas Craft Market

Come along to our fun filled festive evening, with amazing gift ideas and help show your support to small local businesses.

From bows to books, candles to colouring, we have a fab range of stall holders waiting to make your Christmas magical.

There will also be a raffle & refreshments available

**Monday 2nd December 2024 6-8:30pm**

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**FREE  
ENTRY**

