Newsletter 21st November 2025

Learning for life in all its fullness. John 10:10

Head Teacher's Welcome - issue 31

'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you'

Ephesians 4:32

Dear Parents, Carers and extended school community,

November is almost over and we are looking forward to the joy and festivities that December brings. Look out for December dates for your diary that should be coming out today. You should also have received an important letter about booking tickets for our Christmas Performance, 'The Big, Little Nativity'. Thank you in advance for supporting the school with this. Please note that we really hope that all children can return to school for the evening performance on Tuesday 16th December.

Well, the weather has certainly turned and although we are warm in school, it is really important that children are dressed suitably for the winter months. Please make sure your child has a coat in school. Hats, scarves and gloves are advisable too as we do go outside throughout the day.

You may have noticed that there has been a parking warden outside of school lately. This is to help manage the traffic in the morning and to help keep us all safe. Traffic is increasing year by year as we offer more places to children in our surrounding areas who travel by car to school. Walk to school if you can. Please do not park on the zig zags, or double yellow lines. Please consider how you are parking, our neighbours should be able to leave their property at all times and not be blocked in.

Finally, thank you for all of your support and partnership which helped us to be awarded The Diocese of Peterborough Church School Excellence Award. We are very proud of this award and pleased that it recognises our distinctiveness and effectiveness as a Church School.

Best wishes

Lianna Willis

Headteacher

Admissions Consultation for academic year 2027-2028

We are currently consulting on changes to our admissions arrangements that will apply from September 2027. You will find the full details and how you can comment on the proposals on our Trust website: HERE

Reception - Inkpen

Reception have had a wonderful first few weeks back at school! The children have settled in beautifully and have been busy exploring circles and triangles. We have been investigating what makes a triangle a triangle and what makes a circle a circle. The children have impressed us with their use of correct mathematical language, especially when challenged with the question, “How do you know?” It has been lovely to see their confidence grow as they describe and reason about different shapes.

This week, we have also been learning about Remembrance Day and discussing why it is such an important day. The children sat beautifully during our assembly and showed great respect as we learnt about ways we can all help to make the world a good place to live.

To finish the week, the children enjoyed creating some fantastic firework pictures! They used wonderful descriptive language to bring their artwork to life, with words such as *“pop,” “bang,” “bright,”* and *“massive.”*

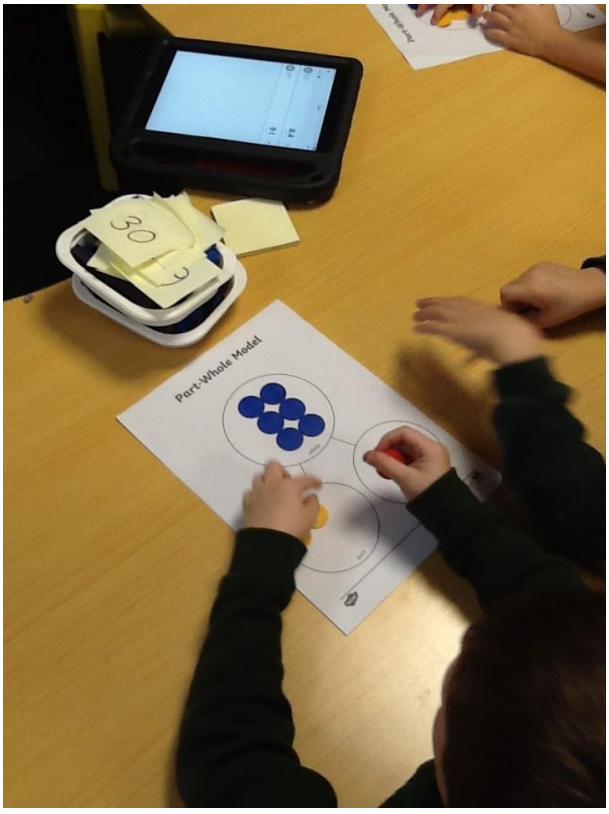
Desktop Speed Sounds Chart
Speed Sounds Set 1

Ernie went to see lots of fireworks at the weekend, he told me "they are loud pop, pop, pop."

Class 1 - Donaldson

Year 1 have had a great start back after half term. We have begun reading our new book, 'This is the Bear' and explored the meaning of some of the words from the story. In maths, we have started to use the part, part, whole model to visualise how a number can be composed and are beginning to learn how to count in groups of 10s and 2s.

In art, Year 1 have been looking at examples of line work by the artist Bridget Riley. The children used chalks to draw different types of lines on card. We then put our pieces of work together to create a class piece of art work called 'The Everyone Colour.'



"I think we should call our art work 'The Everyone Colour' because it's colourful and everyone has done a piece of work." - Alice

"I know 2 and 14 make 16 because 14, 15, 16. There's 2 more from 14." - Henry

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Class 2 - Ahlberg

Year 2 have had a fabulous start to the new term. In English, we have explored the story of Possum Magic (our topic is all about Australia) and have been applying the skills of capital letters and contractions to our writing. In maths, we are using our subtraction knowledge to

take away a one digit number from a two digit number using our tens frames and base ten to support. We are getting really good at counting backwards. Our science lessons have been focused on habitats and we have been thinking about what a habitat needs to provide for the animals and plants that live in it. We are comparing a woodland habitat in Britain with a woodland habitat in Australia.

" Taking away is good when I use the equipment to help me " - Reuben

"My favourite part of the story was when Hush and Grandma Poss sailed in the umbrella on the sea" - Ben

"Habitats have to give animals shelter, food, water and air" - Rosie

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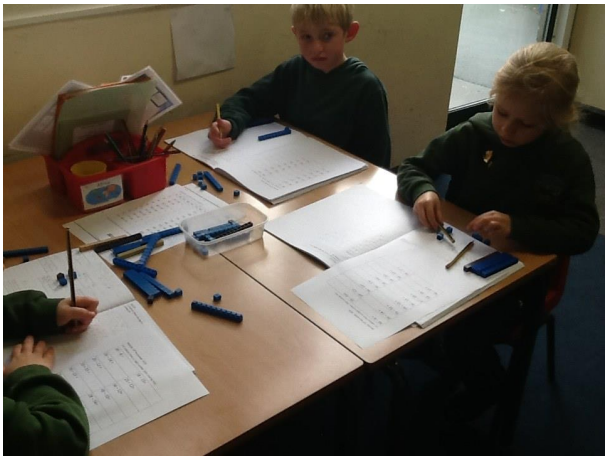

Class 3 - Dahl

In Year 3, we have been continuing our learning with using the column method for addition and subtraction questions. We have been exchanging between the different place value columns. The children have been looking at their 3 times tables in different ways. We will soon be using our facts of our times tables when we move on to our multiplication and division unit.

In English, we have been looking at our class text - The Worst Witch by Jill Murphy. The children are really enjoying reading about all the trouble Mildred gets herself into without meaning to! We have been paying particular attention to the setting in our book and will be writing our own setting descriptions about this very soon!

In geography, we are studying all about the UK. We have been looking at the countries that make up the UK, the different counties that are around us and the differences between villages, towns and cities. And in science, we are learning all about forces and magnets. The class were brilliant at identifying when we push or pull objects to make them move or change their shape.

"The lady is pulling on the string of the bow to make the arrow move." - Lucy

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Class 4 - Morpurgo

Year 4 have had a great start to the term! We have been loving our new book for this term, 'The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe', although nobody likes the thought of living in Narnia where it is always winter but never Christmas! Our first hot write this term is going to be a diary entry. We have been working on our skills for this hot write, including using fronted adverbials of time and organising our paragraphs around a theme. Children had fun

unjumbling sentences, spotting the fronted adverbial and making sure the comma was in the right place.

In maths, we have been working hard on column addition and subtraction and using the inverse operation to check our answers. We are continuing to work on securing our times tables in a variety of way, including through dance, which the children are really enjoying! It's great to see everyone joining in so enthusiastically with the dancing as much as the maths!

As part of Anti-Bullying Week this week, we looked at how we can all make a difference with the power we have. We talked about what bullying looks like, including when it is online or through phone messages. We discussed the importance of respecting other people's choices and speaking out when things are wrong or unjust. Children made a kindness agreement and, as a class, we decided to use our power for good and try to perform random acts of kindness everyday. Children caught being kind will get 5 house tokens for their house team. The children were very keen to get started! Super attitude Year 4!

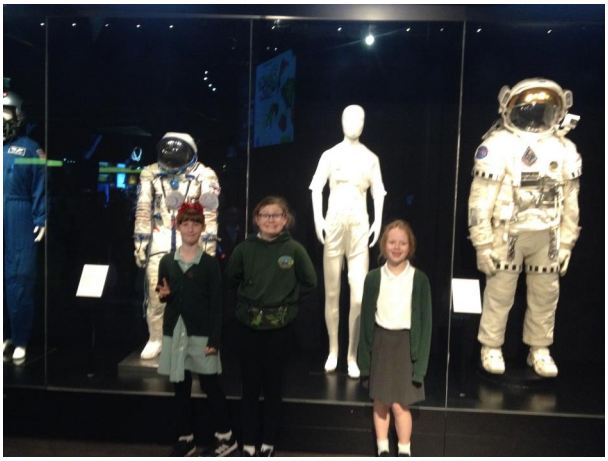
You have to respect people's choices if they don't want to play a game anymore - Emily

Class 5 - Rowling

Welcome back!

It was lovely to start our term off with a ' big bang' as Year 5 explored the Space Centre. We were blown away by the huge rocket tower, orbiting planets and the dazzling stars in the planetarium. Every level of the rocket tower, filled our enthusiasm for learning about space. The children learnt new facts, found new discoveries and were able to investigate how

travelling to space has changed over the years. The children asked deep and meaningful questions, enjoyed the practical tasks and showed great awe and wonder towards our planet and beyond. The staff were not only impressed by their thirst for knowledge but also their impeccable behaviour and manners, when representing our school. The trip was a great success and we can't wait to use our experience and make links in the classroom. What a delightful and mature set of students we have in Year 5!



NEXT SCREENING IN
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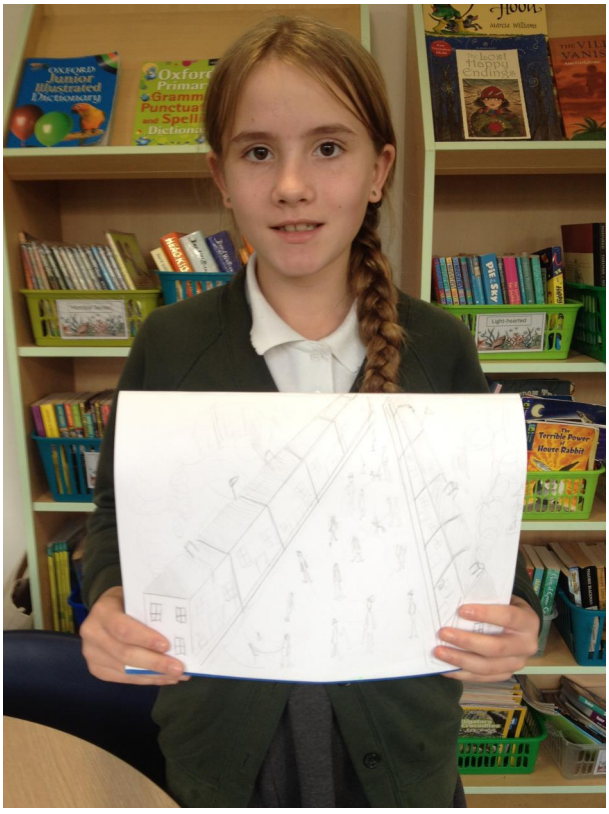
HOURS MINUTES

"That yellow light in the middle of all those stars is the sun. The solar system has so many stars." - Darcie

Class 6 - Horowitz

At the end of last half term, we really enjoyed blocking our art unit; we produced some wonderful pieces of Braunston in the style of Lowry. This term, year 6 have been reading Pig Heart Boy, by Malorie Blackman, which has lead to some rather deep and meaningful debates. Next week, we will be using all we have learnt to write a balanced report about whether Cameron should be given a pig's heart as a transplant for his survival. Whilst half the class have been enjoying forest school, the other half have been researching and designing bread to make. Obviously, research had to entail tasting some appetising pieces to aid us in our designing. I would also like to say a huge well done to year 6 for they way they embarked on a set of trial SATs papers; we sat at our designated spaces and carried out the tests as we will in May. They were extremely brave, showed all the school values and all did very well. This reflects their hard working, determined and positive approach to all school life entails.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Junior
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and Spelling
Dictionary
Happy Endings
The Terrible Power of Hoppy Rabbit

"I was really pleased with my art work and hope my bread turns out just as well this week. I do love art and DT!" Amanat

Focus on sport

We have really enjoyed all the sports clubs: we have danced cheerfully with Mrs Nash; we have run with determination with Mrs Craig and Mrs Fisher; we have shot some great basketball with HotShots; and have bent into crazy shapes in gymnastics with Miss Gemma. Next week, Miss Gemma is changing her Tuesday morning breakfast club to Dodgeball. Please see the attached flyer.

Church and Community

Our Diocesan Support Consultant had this to say about his visit to our school,

Dear Mrs Willis

What a fabulous couple of hours spent in your warm and welcoming school this morning. You really did organise a wonderful morning to celebrate your well-deserved achievement. I am so glad I was able to attend. THANK YOU. Your school's hospitality was second to none. You can feel very proud of your whole team and ESPECIALLY the wonderful children. Worship

was absolutely first class in every way. If I could turn back the years, I would love to work in a school like Braunston.

Speak soon

Very best wishes

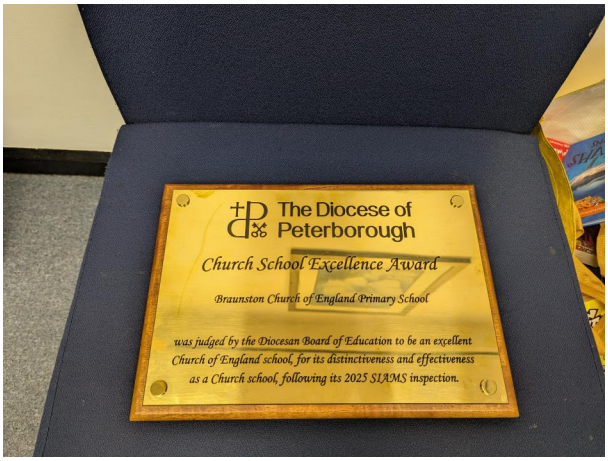
Richard

Richard Meekings

Diocesan Schools Consultant, Diocese of Peterborough

All Saints Church Braunston News

Click HERE for all the latest news from All Saints Church



Wellbeing

We would like to share with you the following online parent workshop titled ***Supporting Your Child with Uncertainty and Anxiety***. Delivered by JOGO Behaviour Support, the workshop will provide parents and carers with practical strategies to understand anxiety, build emotional resilience and support their child when situations feel overwhelming or uncertain.

The session is suitable for parents of children of all ages. It is designed to be informative, encouraging and accessible, with time for questions and reflection.

Workshop information

Date: Tuesday 25th November

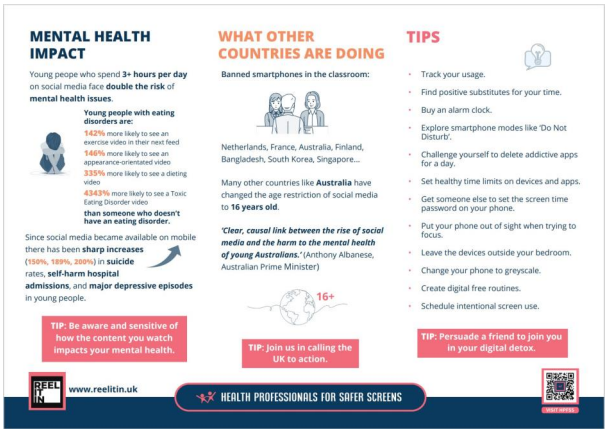
Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm (online)

Cost: £20 per person

If you would like more information or to register for the workshop, please visit:

Parent/Carer Workshop - Understanding & Supporting Your Child with Uncertainty & Anxiety

1 - Northants Healthcare Foundation Trust (NHFT) has shared the attached flyer to highlight the risks faced by our children and young people whilst online. Developed with teenagers, the research shows some shocking statistics regarding screen use and the effect it has on the developing brain.



2 - The findings for the impact on mental health are staggering, with young people who spend more than 3 hours a day on social media facing double the risk of mental health issues.

If you would like any further support with how to manage your child's screen-time, or have any concerns regarding your child's mental health, please do contact us.

Certificates of The Week

Pupil of the Week			
	W/C 3.11.25	W/C 10.11.25	W/C 17.11.25
Inkpen		Rosie	Maggie-Ann
Donaldson	Ferne	Alice	Henry
Ahlberg	Orianna		Jack
Dahl	Aubrey	Emily	Ellis
Morpurgo	Grayson	Grace	Emily
Rowling	Stanley	Jasmine	Elliott
Horowitz	Primrose	Amanat	Johannes

Our School Value Resilience – Relationships – Reconciliation – Responsibility – Respect & Reverence - Reflection			
	W/C 3.11.25	W/C 10.11.25	W/C 17.11.25
Inkpen		Struan	Reuben H
Donaldson	Nevaeh	Charlie	Barney
Ahlberg	Charlie H	Isla	Emily
Dahl	Luna B	Axelle	Amelia
Morpurgo	Finlay	Rory	Polly
Rowling	Alfie	Sophia	Jamie
Horowitz	Max	Oliver	Honey

Attendance

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	03.11.25	10.11.25	17.11.25
Inkpen	89.6%	91.3%	92.3%
Donaldson	95.8%	90.3%	97%
Ahlberg	98.3%	93%	98.3%
Dahl	95.4%	94.7%	94%
Morpurgo	98%	96.4%	96.4%
Rowling	97.3%	91.4%	91.8%
Horowitz	95.4%	96%	96.7%
WHOLE SCHOOL	95.6%	93.2%	95.2%

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If you have a safeguarding concern click HERE

ARBOR -

- **Please see our Arbor app for all school communication**
- **Report an illness via the app.**

Link to calendar of events Click Here For Calendar (Password Bps7)

Request term time absence Click Here For The Form