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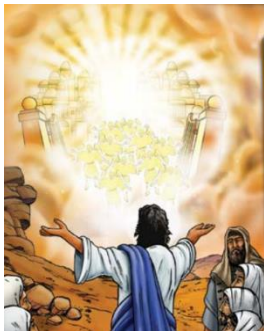
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Dear Parents,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus describes the 'earth-shaking' signs of his return at the end of time. Jesus reminds us to look beyond the troubles of the world, to something far more important. Jesus assures us that although many things in the world may change, his words will last forever. This is such an important message for us when we consider events of the last 18 months and the current climate crisis. We can be certain that our faithfulness to God will be rewarded in this life and in the life to come.

**"Lord, open my heart, mind and ears to receive your Word."**



Jesus said to his disciples, "When the time for the end of the world is near, many things will happen. In those days they will see the Son of Man approaching in the clouds with great power and glory; then he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father." Everyone can learn more about this Gospel in Church ~ all are warmly invited.

*Adapted from Mark 13:24-32 The 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year B*



*"Let us ask then for the grace to remain faithful to following Jesus and to listening to his Word."*

Pope Francis

## **The Wednesday word is Faithfulness**

### **COP26 Climate assembly**

Thank you so much to Miss Mistry and the School Council who planned and delivered a very powerful assembly today. They gave us some wonderful ideas as to how some small changes in our behaviour and routines could contribute to making a huge difference in our world. The children have directed each class to ensure we have monitors to switch off electrical equipment when it is not being used; have suggested creating a raised bed to plant vegetables and will monitor the use of the paper recycling sacks in the classrooms. The children created amazing persuasive posters. Well done to Miss Mistry and the children!



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## House winners

It was lovely to see the children from St Mark and St Matthew houses celebrating their success by wearing their own clothes today. Please continue to encourage your child to work to the best of their ability to gain house points for their saint house.

## Remembrance Day

On Thursday, KS2 gathered together to pay their respects and remember those who have given their lives in wars and conflicts around the world. The children were wonderfully respectful. Thank you to The Abbey Catholic Primary School who invited us all to share in their Remembrance service; the KS1 children felt privileged to be part of this.

## Anti Bullying Week 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> November



Kindness is more important today than it has ever been. The isolation of the last year has underlined how little acts of kindness can break down barriers and brighten the lives of the people around us. This is one of the reasons, that 'One Kind Word' has been chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week taking place from 15 to 19 of November 2021. Please ask your child about what they have learnt next week about anti-bullying. On Monday, all children may come to school in their odd socks to symbolise we are all different but all the same.

## KS1 phonic workshop- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November

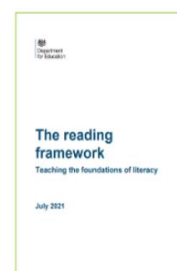
On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 9.00am, Mrs Elliott will be holding a parent workshop on how best to support children with their phonics. All parents are welcome to attend this important meeting.

## 'Reading with your child' workshop

Thank you to the parents who came to the workshop this week; we were overwhelmed by the response and we have already heard children talking about the stories their parents have read to them which is amazing. For those of you who did not get the chance to attend, many parents were shocked by the following figures which show just how important it is to hear your child read and to read stories to them at home.

**Here's how many words children would have heard by the time they were 5 years old:**

Never read to	=	4,662 words
1-2 times per week	=	63,570 words
3-5 times per week	=	169,520 words
Daily	=	296,660 words
Five books a day	=	1,483,300 words.



## Common coughs and colds

At this time of year, we know children can become unwell with colds and coughs. We understand that covid is still in our community but please remember that a child only needs to be off school, and have a covid test, if they have a high temperature, constant cough or loss of smell and taste. Having a cold does not mean that your child needs to be at home. Please always call Mrs Ali in the office if you are unsure.



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## Gospel Virtues

This half term, children will be growing to be **Learned** and **Wise**. **Learned**, by finding God in all things; and **wise** in the ways they use their learning for the common good.

Congratulations to the following children for living out these virtues: David, Savannah, Josephine, Zayaan, Nathaniael, Bisrat and Lois.

## Commendations

The following children have been commended by their teachers and teaching assistants for their wonderful work in school: Rediet, Inaaya, Khalisa-Mai, Dabira, Zabreena and Mathius.

## Presentation Awards

Well done to the following children who have shown such pride in the presentation of their work this week. Abdul-Raheem, Herani, Chizitelum, Niyah, Wamiri, Chidera and Janna.

## Special Mention

Wamiri- For always greeting adults everyday with a wonderful smile and good morning. An absolute ray of sunshine!

## House Points

Congratulations to **St Matthew** for being the winning house this week.

## School Councillor

Congratulations to Daniel who has been voted our FY School Councillor.



## Attendance

Congratulations to Year 2 with the highest attendance this week.

Attendance during one school year	equals this number of days absent	which is approximately this many weeks absent	which means this number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	150 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons





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## Prayer for All Souls Month of November



Into your hands, God of love and all compassion, we commend our brothers and sisters in the sure hope that together with all who have died in Christ shall be united with you in your Heavenly Kingdom. We give thanks for the blessing of life which you bestowed upon them in this life; they are signs of your goodness and our fellowship with the saints in Christ. Merciful God, turn toward us and listen to our prayers. We ask this through Christ, our

Lord.

Amen.



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Yours sincerely

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