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Archbishop Temple Church of England High School

John 10 : 1-10 The Good Shepherd and His Sheep

10 “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber.² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep.³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice.⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.”⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

⁷ Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep.⁸ All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them.⁹ I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture.¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Message from Mr Catlow

As we publish this final newsletter before our Year 11 students begin their GCSE written examinations on Friday, I want to take a moment to recognise the tremendous effort they have shown throughout their time at Archbishop Temple CE High School. They have worked hard, demonstrated resilience, and should feel confident in the knowledge and skills they have developed. However, this is not the finish line just yet—there is still important work to be done, and I encourage them to remain focused and determined until their final exam is complete.

Now is the time to establish strong routines that will support success. Ensuring plenty of sleep, leaving mobile devices downstairs at night, eating well, and staying hydrated will all help maintain energy and concentration. It is also essential that students check their exam timetables carefully, know when and where they need to be, and are familiar with their seat numbers. Being organised will help reduce unnecessary stress and allow them to perform at their best.

As a Christian community, we are reminded of the value of perseverance and commitment. In Galatians 6:9, we read: “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” This message feels especially relevant at this time—success is built on sustained effort, and the rewards of hard work will follow.

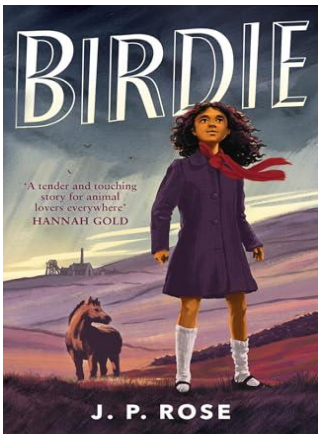
Finally, as we approach the bank holiday weekend, I would like to echo the message shared with staff this morning. This provides a valuable opportunity for rest and renewal. Whether revising or taking some well-earned time to recharge, I encourage everyone in our school community to find a healthy balance, ensuring they return refreshed and ready for the challenges ahead.

We wish our Year 11 students every success—they go forward with our full support and prayers.

Headteacher's Pupils of The Week

Ania C	7P	Outstanding attitude towards every aspect of school life
Kadie E	8P	Letting her light shine by investing in school life and the new route of school.
Soraya D-W	9L	For her outstanding achievements and continued success in her sporting aspirations
Emily P	10I	Outstanding example to other pupils in her duties as a school prefect
Otis G-R	11G	For living out our school values in all that he does

Reading Recommendations

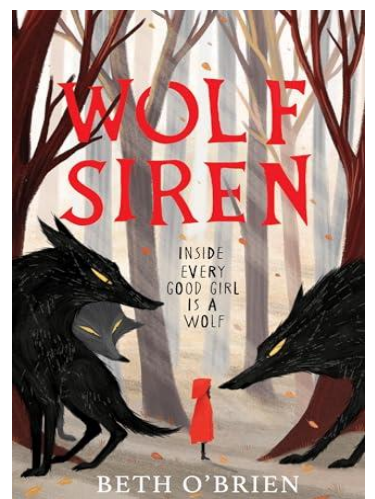


When Birdie is sent to live with her great-aunt in 1950s Yorkshire, she befriends the village's last remaining pit pony. A story of hope and courage, exploring themes of family, racism and identity.

Birdie Bagshaw has never known her parents. Having grown up in a children's home for mixed race children in 1950s Leeds, now she has come to live with her great-aunt in the Yorkshire Dales. From her arrival, Birdie is treated like an outsider by the local children. When their bullying drives Birdie to hide in the nearby coal mine, she finds an unexpected rescuer in the form of Mr Duke, the last remaining pit pony in the village. As the weeks pass, Birdie forms a special bond with the spirited little pony. But his future is in danger, and Birdie comes up with a daring plan to save his life in return . . .

Red is not allowed to go into the woods. Everyone knows that they are dangerous – because of their strange magic and the wolves that lurk there... But Red finds herself increasingly drawn to the woods and the place where her grandmother disappeared without a trace three years ago. When the woodcutter fails to return home one night and wolves are spotted close to the village boundary, fear drives a deep and dangerous divide between the villagers and the nature they live alongside.

Only Red seems to hold the key – but she has a secret, and exposing it could ruin her family forever ...



We love hearing about books you have read so let us know what book you think everyone should read!

Careers

Careers - Next Week:

Year 10 one-to-one careers appointments are currently being scheduled. Pupils will receive notifications regarding the date and time of their individual careers meeting.

Pupil Success Outside of School



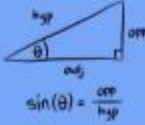



Soraya DW in Year 9 was chosen for the U15 training camp for the **U15 woman's England team** last weekend.

What an amazing achievement, we are exceptionally proud of you Soraya and look forward to hearing more of your football journey to success.



Mathematics

Mathematics Pupil of the Week

	Y7 Freddie B	Y8 Ines D	Y9 Savannah B	
 	Y10 Indy S	Y11 Zack Y		

Attendance Matters

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EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

PUNCTUAL

- Arrive at school on time
- Arrive to lessons on time
- Aim for 100% attendance

Daily lateness equates to...

3	5 minutes late = 15 hours of learning lost 3 days of learning lost
6	10 minutes late = 30 hours of learning lost 6 days of learning lost
10	15 minutes late = 50 hours of learning lost 10 days of learning lost

100%
Excellent attendance!
Our aim for all students.

6 DAYS ABSENCE
30 hours of learning lost.
On the right path - keep it up!

10 DAYS ABSENCE
50 hours of learning lost.
Poor attendance gives you less chance of success.

19 DAYS ABSENCE
95 hours of learning lost.
Poor attendance gives you less chance of success.

100% Excellent

97% Well Done

95% Good

90% Needs Improvement

All Day, Every Day

Top Attendance Forms By Year

- Year 7: 7L - 96.2%**
- Year 8: 8P - 92.0%**
- Year 9: 9L - 94.2%**
- Year 10: 10T - 94.5%**
- Year 11: 11I - 94.2%**



Another good week of attendance comes to end, along with the Year 10 exams. Well done to all Year 10s for getting through!

Next week sees the start of GCSE exams, so all Year 11s need to be in every day to maximise their revision opportunities.

Enjoy the bank holiday on Monday, hopefully there will be some good weather with it.

Attendance is everyone's responsibility — from leadership and pastoral care, to tutors and support staff — with parents and pupils as essential partners. Rooted in Faith, strengthened through Nurture, and lived out in Service, we work together to ensure every child shines God's light by being present, engaged, and thriving in school.

Attendance is a shared responsibility — no single individual has sole ownership:

- Leadership provides strategy
- Attendance administration provides data and tracking
- Pastoral staff provide relational support and intervention
- Parents are partners
- Students are active participants

Absences:

Absences can be reported using Synergy. If you look on Synergy there should be an option to create new message in the Inbox section of the app, relevant evidence can also be attached.

Medical Appointments:

- Whenever possible, schedule appointments outside of school time
- Avoid making appointments between 8:20am – 9:20am, or 12pm – 1pm
- For any appointments during school time, please provide evidence such as an appointment confirmation

One day off means five missed lessons. Just one day off every few weeks would add up to over 50 missed lessons in a year!



If you have any attendance related concerns please get in touch, we are always here to help in any way we can!



Important Notices

As the weather warms up can we please remind pupils to bring a water bottle into school with them. We have water stations around the school where they can refill throughout the day.

Juice and water cartons are also available to purchase from the school kitchen during break and lunchtimes.



The poster features a blue background with gold geometric shapes at the top and bottom. On the left is a circular logo with 'F A B S' and 'Church of England Primary School'. On the right is a shield-shaped crest with a dragon. The text is centered on a white background.

Join our PTA!

Our PTA meets just once per half term and plays a vital role in school life.

They raise funds to support school clubs through a Dragons' Den-style pitching event, help fund and support key school events including Open Evening, Year 7 Transition Evening, Prom and Sports Presentation Evening, and organise popular community events such as the annual Bonfire Night.

With exciting plans underway for a Christmas Market, it's a great time to get involved.

New faces are always welcome!

If you are interested in joining our wonderful PTA or simply happy to give a little bit of time to help out at one of our events please scan the QR code.



Important Dates for your Diary

