

### School News

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#### Act of Faith

My God, I believe in you and all your Church teaches, because you have said it and your word is true.

Amen



## "Well Done"

to the following pupils who received special awards this week:

Reception - George, Rebecca, Taliha

Year 1 – Finley, Jake, Bella

Year 2 – Lily, Nelli, Annabelle

Year 3 - Agastya, Whole Class, Martha

Year 4 – Lila, Rosie, Pearl

Year 5 – Harley, Emilia, William

Year 6 - Mathilda, Belle, Rebecca



#### Message from the Headteacher

On Monday, as part of our Multi-Faith week learning, Reception visited the Church. Father Clive showed them around and explained the use of the alter, font and lecturn. He also talked about the different parts of the service.

The Year 1 and 2 trip started with an enjoyable coach journey into Oxford on Wednesday, chatting and spotting birds. When we arrived, we were greeted by Sara, who worships at the Synagogue. She showed us all the special things in the Synagogue, such as the Ark and the Eternal Light. She then revealed the Torah scrolls, which were beautiful. We were not allowed to touch those scrolls but Sara gave us other books to read with the special Hebrew writing, which is written right to left. Jessica said "I loved touching the book and got to read backwards!". Darcee loved the shiny Menorah candlestick and spotted lots of stars of David which she noticed "were 2 triangles".

"We went to Oxford Synagogue.We learned about the Torah. You are not allowed to touch it. You have to use a 'Yad'." - *Henry Year 1* 

"I put the cap on and the Tallit." - Bella Year 1

On Thursday, my class, Year 3 and Year 4, went to London to visit the Shri Swaminarayan Mandir because we are learing about different religions. Our one is Hinduism.

We learned that the temple was built over 3 years. The temple was made of white marble that was hand carved in India and shipped to England.

It was a really good experience because we found out that Hinduism is very different compareed to our religion.

When worshipers arrive at the temple, they take their shoes off to show respect to their Gods, which is quite different.

Hindus have lots of different Gods. They have animal Gods, Human Gods, King Gods and Queen Goddesses.

We saw the Atri ceremony where Hindu Priests waved candles, said a prayer and placed gifts of fruit in front of the Gods.

We were able to walk around the temple to look at the amazing carvings and the statues. - *Florence Year 3* 

This week we welcomed Mr Goodall, our new piano, singing and brass teacher. Our pianists sounded wonderful under his direction.

The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch takes place next weekend (26th - 28th January) and we are asking all pupils to get involved by bird spotting. As part of our Catholic social teaching and being stewards of creation, our Year 1s and 3s have been making their own bird-feeding fat balls to encourage the birds into our school. Pupils have kept track of their findings on their special tally charts.

To get involved at home please go to visit https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/

Year 1 & 2 Trip to the Synagogue











Year 3 & 4 Trip to the Hindu Temple













#### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Dates for Autumn Term	
Wednesday 31st January	U11 Hockey Tournament
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Kingham Artisits Clay Workshop
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 & 6 Choir Workshop
	Year 4 Ball Skills Tournament
	Reception & Year 6 Height and Weight Checks
Monday 12th February	Half Term Holiday
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Chair of St Peter Mass
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Dance Festival (NEW)
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 & 3 Multi Skills Festival
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Chipping Norton Music Festival
Thursday 21st March	Parent Consultation Evening
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Holy Week Mass
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 & 4 Easter Production
Thursday 28th March	School Closes at 12.05pm for Easter
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Beginning of Term Mass
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 1 Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park (NEW)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 MFL Festival
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	U10s Rugby Tournament
	Confirmation Service - 7pm (NEW)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Ascension Day Mass
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS Week
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Yenworthy Residential
Monday 27th May	Half Term Holiday
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	INSET
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Photos
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Drama Workshop
	U11 Cricket Tournamanet
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Sports Day
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Backup Sports Day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 5 Kids in the Kitchen (NEW)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Transitions Days - CNS (NEW)
	Whole School Move Up Day (NEW)
	Meet the Teacher Afternoon - 3.15pm (NEW)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Transitions Days - CNS (NEW)



# SATURDAY STORYTIME

**AT CHIPPING NORTON LIBRARY** 

Join us for a story at 11am
First Saturday of every month
This is a drop-in event so there's no need to book

