



The 4 Bees Newsletter

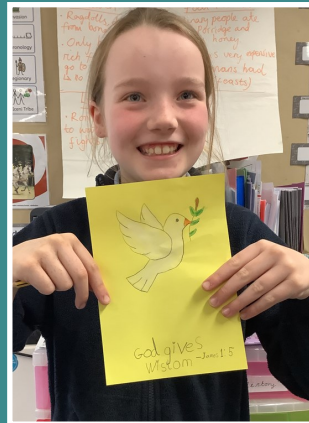
'Life in all its Fullness': Believing ~ Being Our Best ~ Being Creative ~ Belonging



Exploring Christianity across the Globe

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This week, our school enjoyed a special **Global Christianity Day**, exploring how Christianity is lived out around the world. From EYFS to Year 6, pupils discovered that - while Christians share core beliefs - worship and daily faith can look wonderfully different across countries and cultures.

Classes explored photographs, stories and short video clips showing Christian worship in Africa, Asia, Europe and South America. Children compared these with Christian practices in the UK, noticing similarities such as prayer, singing and important symbols, as well as differences in music, buildings and styles of celebration.

In Key Stage 2, pupils took part in enquiry and philosophy sessions, asking thoughtful questions about why Christians worship in different ways and how faith inspires people to help others. Year 5 and Year 6 also explored stories of Christians putting their beliefs into action through organisations such as Christian Aid.

A real highlight of the day was **Dove Class's Zoom call with our partner school in India**. The children learned about what pupils there study in RE, the religions represented in their school community, and how they worship collectively. It was an amazing and insightful experience which the children (and adults) thoroughly enjoyed!

Bee Kind Winners

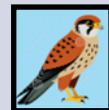
- Reception— Hallie
- Year 1— Max
- Year 2— Eduard
- Year 3— Phoenix
- Year 4— Olivia
- Year 5— Meghan
- Year 6— Florrie

Headteacher's Awards

- Reception Alice
- Year 1 Niamh
- Year 2 Jessica
Nate
- Year 3 Penelope
- Year 4 Marshall
- Year 5 Finlay
- Year 6 Alec

Express Yourself Day (Non-School Uniform) — Tomorrow!!

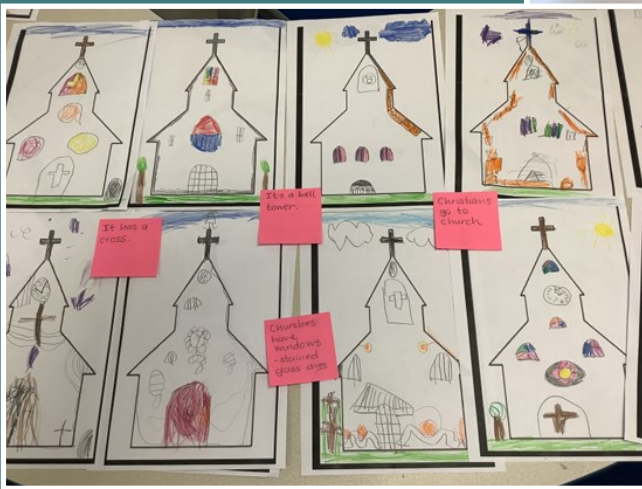
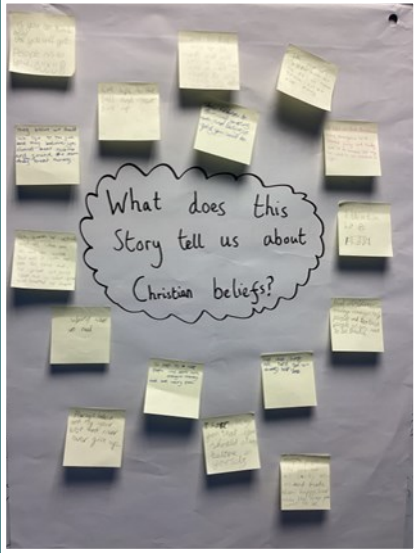
As part of our **Mental Health Week**, we will be finishing the week by celebrating our individuality with an '**Express Yourself**' Day. Children are invited to come to school wearing clothes that express their personality and interests (please ensure outfits remain practical and suitable for school!). In the afternoon, pupils will take part in activities designed to help them express themselves creatively - whether through art, discussion, movement, music or however they choose. We are looking forward to celebrating what makes each member of our school community unique!



Please come and join us at 9.05am tomorrow morning for **our first class assembly of the new year, Kestrel Class, along with our Celebration Worship**. Please join us for a hot drink beforehand at 8.45am. If we don't see you we hope you have a lovely weekend!



Photos showing some activities from our Global Christianity Day





Celebrating looking after our Mental Health

This week, we have been focusing on and celebrating **Children's Mental Health Week**. We were delighted to welcome Amy Gair from the Multi-Schools Council, who opened the week with an assembly exploring what mental health means and how we can look after our feelings and emotions. Mrs Cook followed with a Collective Worship based on the **Place2Be theme, and school value of Belonging**, where we celebrated our differences and recognised that we all belong to Birchanger Primary School. The children shared that when we show kindness and acceptance, everyone feels safe, valued, and able to belong. We're now looking forward to Friday, when we will express ourselves and celebrate our uniqueness!



Diary Dates— Spring Term 2026

Children's Mental Health Week—wc 9th February—Non-School

Uniform Day—tomorrow (Express Yourself Day!)

Valentines Day Tuck Shop—Friday 13th February

Half-Term—16th-20th February—children return to school on Tuesday 24th (23rd is an Inset Day)

Young Voices (Yr 5 and 6) at the O2— Monday 23rd February

Book Week—wc 2nd March (Fancy Dress Book Character Day—Friday 6th March)

KS1 Dance Festival—Thursday 12th March

Mothers' Day Lunch—Friday 13th March

Parents' Evening (incorporating Caterlink Food Tasting!) - Tuesday 24th March

Yr 3 and 4 Roman Day - Wednesday 18th March (details to follow)

Safer Internet Day— this will take place on 16th April

Class Assemblies:

Kestrels—tomorrow

Puffins—27th February

Doves—13th March

Wagtails—20th March

Magpies—27th March

Weekly

Fire	341
Earth	333
Air	320
Water	236

Scores on the Doors

Congratulations to Fire who are our weekly house point winners!



Please come and help yourself to free **Pret-A-Manger sandwiches and treats**, provided by Touchpoint, at 5.30pm tonight. Also remember our **free weekly yoga** with Che which is at 7.00pm in the hall every Wednesday.