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Newsletter: Friday 23rd October 2026

Hail Mary Prayer as October is the month of Mary



School Values



Our School Values are:

Stewardship; respect; curiosity; forgiveness; love and resilience.

This term we are focussing on Stewardship

If your children show stewardship at home, please send in photos and what they have done to THarvey@sjt.thedcet.com and we will share this in our Celebration Assemblies on Fridays and pop them in the newsletter.

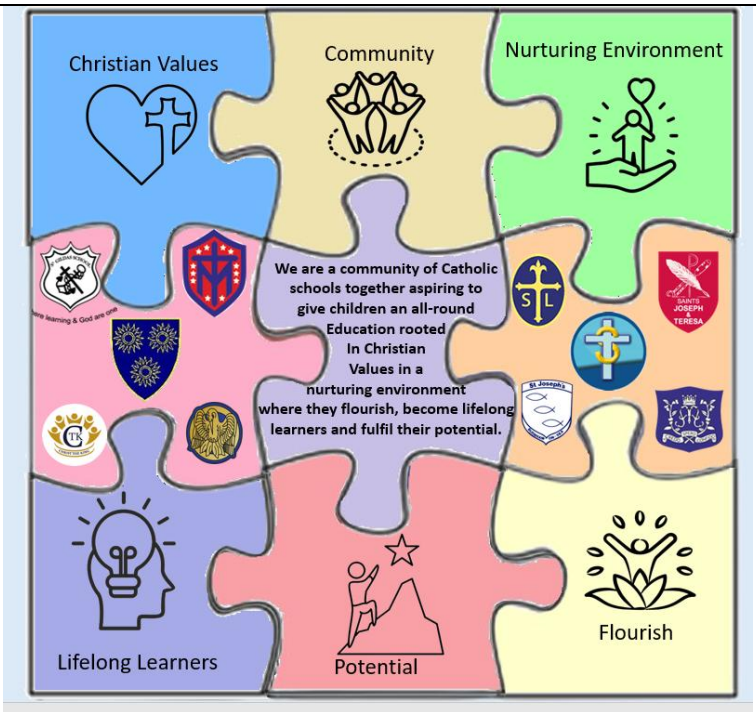
I look forward to hearing from you sharing how great your children are at showing stewardship at home.

DCET Trust's vision for their schools

Please see the below for the DCET Trust's vision for their schools.

You will notice the vision in the middle of the jigsaw. We have then taken the key words that we believe will have the biggest impact on our pupils from the vision.

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Wall of Fame Board

Our new and improved achievement board is up - please don't forget to share your children's achievements with us, we love seeing their out-of-school achievements.

Thank you, Miss Mckinley.



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Key Dates for this month

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Wishing you all a wonderful weekend and a restful half term break

We send our best wishes to all of the school community. May you have a blessed weekend and a restful half term break. Fingers crossed for the sun to shine!

M&M Productions of Beauty and the Beast

I am delighted to announce that we have organised for M&M Productions to Beauty and the Beast to the whole school on January 14th 2027. This will take place instead of our annual trip to the Hippodrome. We are looking at every other year attending the Panto at the Hippodrome and then having a production in school for the other year. Thank you to the PTFA for funding this.

Wells Community Skatepark

All Hands on Deck! Help us build Wells Skatepark

Wells Skatepark is getting closer to becoming a reality, but we need one final push over the next few weeks to help deliver the best possible park for our community.

After six years of community-led work, **over £367,000** has been raised or pledged towards our £500,000 target.

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The skatepark will be built, but the amount we raise over the coming weeks will help determine how much of the planned design we can deliver.

The new skatepark will provide a lasting, inclusive space for young people, families and riders to meet, be active, develop skills and enjoy their community. Designed for all wheels and abilities, it will be a place for people of all ages to enjoy.

It's All Hands on Deck for this final fundraising push. Can you help us make the skatepark the best it can be?

You can support the project through our Crowdfunder:

www.crowdfunder.co.uk/skatewells

Alternatively, to donate by BACS or cheque, or to find out about other ways to get involved including our Make your Mark on the Park sponsorship scheme

contact wellsskatepark@gmail.com or visit www.skatewells.org.

Every contribution makes a difference.

Thank you for helping us build something fantastic for Wells and its community.

A request!

Please can I ask that you label your children's clothing and snack pots. We have had a large number of jumpers with no names left lying around school. We always encourage your child to put their jumpers in their bags, however, if they do not get to their bags, with no names, we cannot allocate them to their owner.

Any unnamed school uniform, by the end of the week, will be given to the PTFA for the second hand uniform stall as we no longer have a lost property box.

Important notice for Wraparound

To support our safeguarding procedures. All school gates, including the staff car park near the hive will be locked from half past 3. When you are coming to pick up pupils from Wraparound care after school, please contact the school on **01749 440239** to let the staff know you are there and they will let you in.

Also, if you are running late, please also use the above number to let wraparound staff know.

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Events that have taken place this week or previously:

Malala Class Assembly

Thank you to Malala Class assembly for their great class assembly on Wednesday based on Identity and Heritage. We loved to hear about all of your amazing learning and to hear your voice! Thank you to all of Malala families for coming.

Thank you to the PTFA

Thank you to the PTFA for their continued support – it is lovely to see the PTFA coffee shed open and raising funds to buy new musical instruments to support our music learning. Thank you to you for buying the coffees for the funds to be available! Thank you for all the great events that have taken place this week led by the PTFA. Please check out the PTFA Facebook page for more information.

Great Learning

Great learning has taken place in all classes this week – please see our Facebook and Instagram account!

https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61576247230425

instagram.com/sjt.stt.

Events to look forward to:

Bible Alive Assembly on All Saints

On Thursday 5th November at 2.50pm in the school hall, our Chaplaincy team with some of our Rosa Parks' students will be leading a Bible Alive Assembly on All Saints. All families welcome.

Remembrance Reflection

On Monday 9th November at 2.25pm in the school hall, our Chaplaincy team will be leading a reflection for the whole school. All families are welcome to join us.

Remembrance Mass

On Wednesday 11th November at 10am we will be celebrating a Remembrance Mass with the Parish at Church. All families welcome.

Poppy Appeal

From 2nd November, we will be selling Poppies for the Poppy Appeal in the school

playground, please bring change to come and buy and support this worthy cause!

OUTGROWN UNIFORM?

The PTFA are collecting uniform donations with a view to updating the online shop and holding an after-school sale in November. We are looking for the following:
- school logo jumpers
- ties
- branded PE shirts

Unfortunately, at present we are not taking non-branded items, due to storage space restrictions.
Please drop off items in reception by Friday 6th November.

School Photos

Following feedback from parents regarding the quality of this year's school photographs, we have arranged for Tempest Photography to return to school to retake the photographs on **Thursday 5 November**. Tempest apologises for the disappointment caused and has assured us that every effort will be made to ensure the retaken photographs are of a higher standard.

If you are unhappy with your child's current photograph, please **do not place an order**. You will have the opportunity to view the new photographs before deciding whether to purchase them.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Book Fair



We are excited to let you know that the Book Fair will return to school from the 5th-11th November at 3:15pm in the School Hall.

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EYFS & KS1 Nativity – key information

This year the children in Years R,1 and 2 will perform 'Born in a Barn'. Please see the allocated dates below:
Tuesday 8th December - Nightingale Parents - 1:45pm - School Hall
Thursday 10th December - Einstein and Shakespeare Parents - 1:45pm - School Hall
A maximum of two family members may come to their child's allocated performance.

Einstein & Nightingale Parents/Carers

Please can parents and carers of children in Einstein and Nightingale Classes complete the following survey regarding a potential trip to Carymoor Environmental Trust next year.
Carymoor Trip - May 2027 – Fill out form

Calling All Young Performers!

Would you like to be part of A Christmas Carol this Christmas?

Wells Theatre Festival is looking for enthusiastic children to join the cast of our exciting production of **A Christmas Carol**, being performed at **Wookey Hole Theatre from 17th–20th December 2026**.

Whether you love acting, singing, dancing or simply fancy having a go at something new, we'd love to hear from you!

We have a number of **speaking and non-speaking roles**, so you don't need any previous acting experience – just enthusiasm, imagination and a willingness to join in!

Rehearsals take place on most Sundays, with technical and dress rehearsals in the week leading up to the performances.

It's a wonderful opportunity to make new friends, gain confidence, experience the magic of live theatre and be part of a fabulous Christmas production.

Interested? Ask your parents or carers to contact **ros@wellstheatrefestival.org** to find out more.

Come and join us – Scrooge needs you!

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Parish News

Please see attached this week's newsletter.

Please see below link to access the Wednesday Word

https://www.stjosephandstteresa.co.uk/wednesday-word/

Celebration

This term we are focussing on the value stewardship

This week we gave certificates for children who are following any of our school values, for following the school rules and writer of the month.

Congratulations to those pupils who have received certificates today.

Nightingale

Well done to Teddy for trying really hard with your writing over the last few weeks. You have become much more confident and have shown fantastic perseverance when writing. You are now much more willing to have a go, even when you find things tricky. You keep trying, never give up and show great resilience every day. Keep this up!

Well done to Quinn for showing wonderful stewardship by taking an active role in caring for our environment! You have been making thoughtful choices, looking after our surroundings and showing us how important it is to care for the world around us. Your actions show that even little hands can make a BIG difference!

Well done to Bobbie for always being Ready to Learn, Safe and Respectful. You are a

wonderful role model who consistently follows our school rules, shows kindness to others and treats everyone with gentleness and respect. You are a kind, caring and respectful member of our school family. Keep it up!

Einstein

Well done to Eliza for writing an excellent character description based on our book 'Send for a Superhero'. She consistently used capital letters, full stops, co-ordination and present tense within her writing. Eliza always presents her work beautifully. Well done Eliza!

Well done to Lessy for always showing love towards others. Lessy has had a great start to Year 1. She is sensitive, caring and kind natured and is always empathetic towards others. She is also developing a great love for learning and always tries her best. Super work Lessy!

Well done to Ted for always following our school rules of being ready, safe and respectful. This week I have been particularly impressed with the way that Ted has shown respect and care when in our outdoor learning area. Great work Ted!

Shakespeare

Well done to Anna for writing a brilliant story inspired by our class text, The Dragon Machine. Anna used a wide range of adventurous verbs and adverbs in her story writing and wonderful noun phrases to add description. Her writing was organised into paragraphs and beautifully presented, making it a pleasure to read. Well done, Anna!

Well done to Isla for settling so beautifully in to Shakespeare Class this term. Isla always shows respect by following our school rules and showing a readiness to learn. It's been wonderful to see your confidence grow this term when sharing your ideas and completing your independent work. Well done, Isla!

Congratulations to Freddie for showing curiosity in all of his learning. Freddie is always eager to share and explain his ideas, and plays an active role in his own learning. Well done, Freddie! Keep it up!

Rosa Parks

Romilly for always being curious about the next step. She is always asking thoughtful questions, exploring new ideas and always wanting to learn more. Well done, Romilly.

Amara has shown great readiness, safety and respect in the class this week. She can manage her distractions well and focus on achieving the best that her work can be. She was also really respectful during a paired working activity. Great work Amara.

Hermione has shown wonderful determination during our writing sessions, focusing on her handwriting and content within her work. Hermione has started a wonderful play script

about our book 'Tar Beach' using lots of the writing features we are looking for. Well done

Malala

Congratulations to Lenny for producing a wonderful biography based on our book of The Undefeated by Kwame Alexander. Lenny has shown that he was able to research Serena Williams and then write a biography that was cohesive and carefully sequenced, with detailed facts and information. The desire to write was lovely to witness. Well done, Lenny.

Congratulations to Velina for showing resilience this week. Velina has shown a great attitude towards challenge this week, by taking on an active role in our class assembly. I was so proud of her bravery and courage shown and I know she will continue to flourish throughout the year with the support of those around her. Well done, Velina

Congratulations to Aidan for showing that he is ready, safe and respectful. I had the pleasure of walking to Cedars Hall with the class and Aidan was speaking so wonderfully with his partner throughout the walk. I am impressed with his maturity and kindness which he is showing on a daily basis. Well done, Aidan.

HOUSE POINTS:

Through receiving class dojo's in school, we are working towards whole school house points! Well done everyone for contributing towards good behaviour!

Yellow: St Joseph 431 points
Red: St Teresa 429 points
Blue: St Francis 428 points

Starline

To support with great learning behaviours, we have reintroduced Starline. We are looking to see which classes are walking around school quietly, sensibly and on the left and who can line up at the end of break and lunch quickly and quietly, ready for learning.

Congratulations to Einstein this week!

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December	
Wednesday 2nd December	Shakespeare Class Liturgy 2.30pm
Tues 8th and Thurs 10th December	KS1 nativity to parents 1.30pm
Weds 16th December	Advent Mass 10am
Week beginning 21st December	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
January	
Monday 4th January	Trust INSET day
Wednesday 6th January	Epiphany Mass 10am
Thursday 14th & 15th January	Bikeability Group 1
Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd January	Bikeability Group 2
Wednesday 27th January	Shakespeare Class Assembly 2.45pm
February	
Week beginning 1st February	National storytelling week Children's mental health week
Wednesday 3rd February	Einstein Class Liturgy 2.30
Tuesday 9th February	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 10th February	Ash Wednesday Mass 10am
Week beginning 15th February	HALF TERM
March	
Week beginning 1st March	National Careers Week
Thursday 4th March	World Book day
Week beginning 8th March	Science Week
Wednesday 17th March	Einstein Class Assembly 2.45pm
Wednesday 24th March	Nightingale Class Liturgy 2.30pm
Thursday 25th March	Last Supper Mass 2pm Reports to Parents
Friday 26th March – Friday 9th April	Easter Holidays
April	
Wednesday 14th April	He is risen Mass 10am
May	
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 6th May	Ascension Mass 10am
Week beginning 10th May	Year 6 SATS

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Wednesday 19th May	Nightingale Class Assembly 2.45pm
Weds 26th May	Crowning of Mary 2.30pm
Friday 28th May	TRUST INSET DAY
Week beginning 31st May	HALF TERM
June	
Tuesday 15th June	Leavers Mass Clifton Cathedral
Friday 25th June	INSET day
Wednesday 30th June	10am Peter and Paul Mass
July	
Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th July	Parents Evening
Thursday 15th July	Year Six play 6pm
Thursday 22nd July	Year 6 Leavers Mass 10am Y6 Graduation ceremony 2.30pm
Friday 23rd July	INSET DAY
Monday 26th	Summer Holidays