

Remembrance

Today, we came together as a school community to commemorate Remembrance Day. Mr Affleck guided us through a poignant and meaningful ceremony, paying tribute to the sacrifice and bravery of those who gave their lives for a more peaceful world. Each class crafted a poppy wreath that was carefully laid in our new Remembrance Garden. The children observed a moment of silence, during which they paid their respects and remembered the fallen.

Thames Hospice Reindeer Run

During Monday's assembly, we had the pleasure of hosting Thames Hospice, who provided information about the upcoming Reindeer Run that our school will be participating in. Each pupil should have received their sponsor forms on Wednesday this week. The event is scheduled for **Thursday 7th December** during the school day. Please encourage your child's participation and help them with their fundraising efforts.

Anti-bullying week

Monday is the start of anti-bullying week. As part of our learning we would like to encourage children to come to school in odd socks on Monday 13th to celebrate the theme of 'being different'. Being different is the Jigsaw PSHE theme for this term and children were part of a launch assembly last Monday.

Governor Visits

Starting next week, we will have the first of five visits from our school governors. These visits will focus on important areas such as Teaching and Learning, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), safeguarding, pastoral

support and attendance. The governors will have meetings with both pupils and staff to ensure that we continue to provide an inspiring, safe and supportive learning environment.

School Trips

As part of our commitment to providing enriching educational experiences for our pupils, we have planned a number of school trips for this term. These trips are designed to enhance our pupils' learning and provide them with valuable experiences outside the classroom. We rely on contributions from parents and carers to cover a portion of the expenses. It is important to note that if we do not receive sufficient contributions, it may be necessary to reconsider or cancel some of these trips. We understand that financial constraints can impact families differently, and we are committed to providing support to those in need. If you are unable to contribute the full amount or have concerns about the cost of a specific trip, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Staff Development Across Trust Primary Schools

Our teachers had the opportunity to meet with educators from Lynch Hill Primary School and The Grove this week as part of staff development activities within the Trust primary schools. These meetings provide a platform for our teachers to network and share best practices, benefiting



Photo: Owls model the reindeer antlers

Photo: Pupils in Wolves with their wreath



our pupils and the wider school community.

Nursery Extended Provision

We recently sent a letter to the families of our Nursery children regarding the extended Nursery provision starting in January. We want to offer them the first option to take up a full-time places. The deadline for notifying us of your decision is **Friday 17th November**. After this date, we will open the offer to all interested families. Please read the letter and contact the school office with any questions.

Importance of daily reading

We want to stress the importance of reading with your child every evening. We encourage you to establish a daily reading routine with your child, dedicating at least 10-20 minutes to reading together before bedtime. Choose books that capture their interest and engage their imagination.

Farewell to Mrs Philps

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came to bid farewell to Mrs Philps. She was deeply moved by the kind words and good wishes she received last Friday. We appreciate your support in making her farewell a memorable one.