



'How wonderful, how pleasing it is when all God's people come together as one.'

Belonging & Respect
COMPASSION AGAPE STRENGTH PEACE SERVICE

NEWSLETTER – 3rd OCTOBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

A new **photography team** came in on Monday and took a number of shots of individuals and siblings. You should have received all the details you need to order these by now! If you need any help, please do reach out. We were **visited by the Diocese** this week who carry out termly visits to see our work as a church school in action. Our last visit in the summer was focused on Collective Worship and this visit focused on **How does the school's theologically rooted Christian vision enable pupils and adults to flourish?** Richard was thoroughly impressed with our recent work on this and how well children and staff could articulate our values and our vision as well as the impact this has day to day. A small group of pupils were selected to talk with him and they all were highly praised for their thoughts and responses. On Wednesday afternoon a team of **Year 5/6 Girls went to an NSport Rugby Event** – here they had skill activities to complete before they played some games – they all represented the school superbly, demonstrating some lovely values and also had great fun – it was a fitting afternoon given the win for England Women's Rugby Team at the weekend. Thank you to the parents and Mrs Green, who supported the transportation as well as Mr Skears who accompanied them for the afternoon. Today children are going to enjoy some **reward time following the Gem Jar** being filled – children offered ideas of what they wanted to do – some more appropriate than others (!) and then got to select their choice of activity - 75% of the school wanted to go to the park and playing fields! The weather hasn't cooperated and with an alternative option offered, children were still keen to visit the park. Tomorrow it is the **first of our Open Mornings** and we look forward to showcasing our school (albeit without pupils) to prospective parents – Head and Deputy Pupils will give the tours, and this is always positively received. If you know anyone looking for a school place for next September do encourage them to come and take a tour either tomorrow or on the 16th October. Just a quick reminder to please send back your **Stoweman** entries as well as signing up for the **village harvest** service <https://forms.office.com/e/Fj7HqErXmy> and the **phonics and reading** evening <https://forms.office.com/e/9eE7e5vJQ4> on Monday.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards, Mrs. Sarah Smith

	Headteacher Value Award	Class Award	Arts
OAK	Scarlett M	Ozzie H & Finan S	Maggie J
CHESTNUT	Gracie B	Charlie H & Jessie D	Willow H
SYCAMORE	William R	Felicity O & Max E	Oran R
MAPLE	Poppy H	Harvey A & Myla S	Betsy T

House Point Scores for the week: Air:161 Earth:137 Fire: 148 Water:168

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Designated Safeguarding Lead:
 Mrs. S. Smith

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs. K. Green & Mrs L. Tite
Gov responsible: Rev'd Sara Cliff

Attendance figure - Whole school for academic year: **95.05%**

Authorised Absence: 2.85%
 Unauthorised Absence: 2.07%

INTERNET SAFETY – we regularly share support guides on this key area – this week attached is a flier on: **Online Bullying**

Diary – WB 6TH OCTOBER

Monday

5.30pm PHONICS and READING EVENING

Tuesday

Choir at Peterborough Cathedral (arrive 8:15 return 5.30pm)

Wednesday

Thursday

SCARF – PSHE Mental Health Workshops 4-5.30pm Y34 Tag Rugby event at Brackley Rugby Club – selected chn

Friday

9am VIP

Sunday

11am Village Harvest Service

PHONICS and READING EVENING
MONDAY 6th OCTOBER 5.30pm

An Introduction for everyone into our **new Phonics scheme Little Wandle** as well as information for parents about the process and teaching of phonics here at Croughton. This will then lead into the **teaching of reading** following the phonics program – what the accelerated reader ZPD program is about and its working, as well as reading for pleasure, Guided reading and our library!

Healthy School As a reminder we request healthy lunchboxes being sent in. Children must only drink water or milk and snack time is fruit and veg. Please could we remind you the school policy on sweets. Birthday sweets are not something we wish to encourage and will therefore not hand them out to children. It might be nice for a gift for the class to be bought instead.

Harvest - Our **School Harvest Service** is on Thursday 16th October at 1.30pm at All Saints Church. The **Village Harvest Service** is on Sunday 12th October at 11am at All Saints Church. We would love some children from school to be in attendance. We will be supporting the Hope centre again as well as a local lady who supports the homeless in Banbury. Please see letter/link sent home last week.

Y6 Secondary School link for applications, if live in W. Northants <https://www.westnorthants.gov.uk/seco-ndary-school-places/apply-secondary-school-place>