



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

**Belonging & Respect  
COMPASSION AGAPE STRENGTH PEACE SERVICE**

**NEWSLETTER – 29<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026**

**Dear Parents and Carers**

This week in **Collective Worship** our value of Strength allowed us to think more about bouncing back when facing challenge or difficulty to achieve our dreams. We discussed a few different famous people who had to do just this, including JK Rowling who was rejected 32 times by book publishers for her Harry Potter novels – can you imagine a world without HP?! **This week** children have been delving further into their curriculum learning – Oak class have explored nocturnal animals and the book Peace at Last in Drawing Club; in Chestnut, pupils have been continuing their coastline work looking at maps and the use of keys and also in Science with materials thinking about whether they bend, stretch, twist or squash. Sycamore have been starting to explore about sound as well as investigating plate tectonics whilst Maple are, as part of the sow grow farm unit, also looking at maps but using grid references and have started to explore life cycles in science. All children today have been out and about as part of the **RSPB Schools Birdwatch** – so far at the time of writing a few different varieties have been observed including robins, kites, magpies and chaffinches. Last night Miss Curtis accompanied selected pupils from Chestnut to a **KS1 Target Games** event – they tried a range of activities – archery, kurling and bowling to name a few and were excellent representatives of school showing a host of values and being just brilliant. Well done and thank you to parents for your support too. As we have shared it is the Year of Reading and this week Ms Hassan spoke to the pupils about it as well. We are busy planning World Book Day – however next week it is **National Storytelling Week**, and we will be taking part in some different activities as part of this. Attached are some home activities you may wish to explore. The world of **online** is an ever changing minefield and has positives to its use, but also many pitfalls and dangers which unfortunately at times, shape pupils in school behaviour and relationships – there are proactive measures that can be taken however to minimise this and I strongly urge that you are a present part of your child's online experiences – monitoring, filtering etc. This week alone we have dealt with a number of concerns in this field which includes pupils as young as 5 playing online games which are not age appropriate. Our Peer-to-Peer work continues today where we are looking at **being respectful** – children shared this story 'A little respectful SPOT' as well as considered respectful and disrespectful scenarios. We have moved on with our Zones of Regulation focus now and this too is attached for you to support your work at home. Today we say **Goodbye to Alba** who has been a wonderful member of our school community – we wish her every success as she embarks on her new education adventure. *Have a lovely weekend,* *Kind regards, Mrs. Sarah Smith*

	Headteacher Value Award	Class Award	STEM
<b>OAK</b>	Fred	Freddie & Arden	Lark
<b>CHESTNUT</b>	Zach	Charlie & Zosia	Hudson
<b>SYCAMORE</b>	Alba	Hayden & Oran	Willaim
<b>MAPLE</b>	Aleisha	Felix & Josh	Miriam

**HOUSE POINTS:** AIR:154 EARTH:133 FIRE:116 WATER:131

**Attendance figure** - Whole school for academic year: **95.3%**

**Authorised:** 3.58% **Unauthorised:** 1.1%

**Class attendance this week:**

**OAK:** 96.1% **SYCAMORE:** 95.4%

**CHESTNUT:** 94.2% **MAPLE:** 97.5%

**Safeguarding** is everyone's responsibility.

**Designated Safeguarding Lead:**

Mrs. S. Smith

**Deputy Safeguarding Leads:**

Mrs K. Green & Miss H. Curtis

**Gov responsible:** Rev'd Sara Cliff

**Diary – WB 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY**  
**National Storytelling Week**  
**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday**

Swimming 5

**Thursday**

**Friday**

12.30-2:45 selected Y5/6  
Net and Wall festival

**DATES** - Please visit the website where you will find our online calendar sharing any upcoming date information.

<https://croughtonallsaints.northants.sch.uk/dates-and-events>

A weekly diary is above.

**WANTED!** Any unwanted dressing up clothes would be gratefully received in **Oak** to refresh the offer available.

**READING CHALLENGE** - 51 children took part in the reading challenge with currently 20 pupils completing the whole journey. We will draw the raffle on Monday allowing for any reading today to be acknowledged and accepted. Well Done and Thank you for everyone's participation.

**ONLINE SUPPORT** – we value your support in this area and understand how tricky it is navigated. This week's support guide attached is on: **Group chats**

**UNIFORM** - Whilst we want uniform to be comfortable and also affordable and advocate black school shoes, trainers can also be worn but only if they are **all black** – there are some children who have returned with different footwear that doesn't fit this brief.