

8th March 2024

School Newsletter



A message from the Headteacher

I wish to announce that due to a number of changes in my personal circumstances I have made the difficult and very emotional decision to resign from my post at Latymer All Saints with effect from the end of the summer term. The recruitment process for the new Head Teacher has already started and I hope to be in the position to announce who will take over in September very soon and this should mean a smooth and thorough transition. Meanwhile, it is business as usual and I would like to assure you all of my unwavering commitment to the school community until the very end of my contract.

Best wishes.
Katy Brennan

Words of Encouragement

Our words of encouragement this week come from James 1:3:

“You know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.”

During this season of Lent many people have given up something that they enjoy until Easter. With only a few weeks to go this might have become a difficult commitment to stick to so it is good to find words of encouragement in the Bible.

Attendance award

Our attendance awards for last week go to:

Reception Blue, 2 Yellow, 3 Yellow, 5 Blue

Congratulations!

Look what the children have been doing!

Trinity

Trinity children have had a great week getting creative! The children decorated their own cupcakes with amazing designs. Staff were all very impressed with the care the children took. I'm sure their parents and carers will enjoy tasting the cakes brought home. The children also created some beautiful handmade gifts to take home alongside their cakes.





Nursery

We continued learning about dinosaurs this week. The children loved using the magnifying glasses to look more closely at dinosaur fossils. They made some comments about what they could see.

"That's dinosaur mouth," Shari.

"Is it a fish?" Levi.

"Look at the bones," Shai

Outside learning is an essential part of our curriculum. We have spent this week getting our outdoor area ready for our children to use. From next week all children will have access to all areas of the outdoors. **Please ensure that they have wellington boots in the nursery!**



Reception

This week the children have been focusing on the properties of 3D shapes. We used a ramp to test which shapes roll and which would slide. Children noticed that the 3D shapes with curved faces, such as a cylinder, were able to roll. The shapes with flat faces tended to slowly slide down the ramp!!



Our RE question this week was: Why did Jesus go to a special garden? We talked about when Jesus went to the garden of Gethsemane to pray and the children talked about their own special prayers and where they pray. They went on to create their own images of the special garden of Gethsemane.

During this week's literacy session, we read to the end of the story 'Wild' by Emily Hughes. The children used great vocabulary to predict the end and went on to re-count the story in lots of detail.



Year 1

The children in year 1 had lots of fun celebrating World Book Day this week. As well as listening to lots of stories, the children took part in a fun art activity where collected leaves from our playground and created leaf rubbings with a variety of art mediums. These included; charcoal, acrylic paints, watercolours and oil pastels. This activity was closely related to the whole school story that we listened to called 'Our Tower' by Joseph Coelho. During our science lesson we have also been looking at plants and leaves and understanding how plants grow as well as observing seasonal changes through trees. In maths, the children will be moving on to understanding length and height. Please talk to your child about things that are 'taller', 'shorter', 'longer' 'smaller' to help them gain and understanding of the everyday language used to describe length and height.



Year 2

This week the children worked tirelessly to complete their Reading mock SATs. It was so encouraging to see so many children displaying resilience and determination, as they did their best with their exams. We were impressed at the huge amount of progress the children have made since September. It was also refreshing to hear comments the children that realised how important the additional practice of the homework have been to their success. I would like to take this opportunity to also thank all the adults for the support and their contributions towards completing the tests with groups and individuals.

Year 3

Year 3 went to Lee Valley Leisure Centre on Monday. The children had so much fun learning how to correctly throw a javelin and how to do a long jump. We also had a go at sprinting, where we discovered how speedy some of our children are. We think we have some future Olympians in this year group.

Year 3 teachers would like to thank all of the parents who took the time to support us on our trip.



Year 4

Year 4 had an enjoyable week. On Tuesday, we visited The Cutty Sark as part of our Topic on trade and Transport. They learnt that it was a Clipper ship which carried cargo such as tea from Indonesia to England.

Furthermore, we listened to famous artists read books for World Book day and participated in a BBC book workshop.



Year 5

On Monday, Year 5 visited The Ragged School Museum. We experienced a day in the life of a child at school in the Victorian era. The children were shocked to see the differences – the strict nature of the teacher, no left hand writers and the use of chalkboards rather than paper. They also got to see the home life of Victorians and how much of a difference it is to what they see and experience today.

This trip has definitely allowed the children to see how different our lives are now in comparison.

A special mention to our very own Miss Looby who came dressed for the trip in full Victorian teacher's costume- Awesome!





Year 6

Children have worked very hard this week producing some diary entries; they imagined what it was like to be Anne Frank during WW2. Their entries focused on what life was like in Amsterdam in June 1942 for a young Jewish girl. They used topic vocabulary (outcast, discrimination, prejudice...) to help the reader to empathise with Anne.

Our RE lessons this week were centred around the stations of the cross. The children explored the question- How does Jesus' journey to the cross offer signs of hope? We also spent time looking at and discussing the following vocabulary:

Salvation: To be rescued/saved by God. Relationship between God and humankind is restored.

Forgiveness: To 'let go' of those things that hurt us.

Redemption: Being freed from sin by Jesus' death.

EE phone smart course

Lots of our children have mobile phones and their safety on line and appropriate use of their devices is a major concern to many parents. EE are offering a free course to teach our children how to stay safe and be kind online. The link is below:

<https://eephonesmart.co.uk/>

Spring Movie Nights

We are holding our annual Spring Movie Nights for our pupils:

Date	Year group	Collection time
Tuesday 12 th March	Reception	5pm
Wednesday 13 th March	Years 1, 5 & 6	5pm
Monday 18 th March	Year 2	5pm
Tuesday 19 th March	Year 4	5pm
Tuesday 26 th March	Year 3	5pm

Please note that siblings of pupils attending their year group's event must be collected on time, and not left in school to collect with the child attending movie night.

To cover costs, we ask each child to pay **£5** (via Parent Pay only). This includes snacks and drinks that will be provided for the pupils to enjoy during the movie.



To book a place for your child, please complete the payment on Parent Pay AND confirm all of the following information:

1. permission for your child to attend
2. agree your child can eat the snacks we are providing (ingredients listed on the letter and please include any food allergy information for your child)
3. confirm your child will be collected at 5pm

This year's movies:

Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 & 4

Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie (rated U)

Years 5 & 6

The Super Mario Bros. Movie (rated PG)



THE GREAT LATYMER ALL SAINTS BAKE OFF

Date : 22nd march 2024
 place : Junior hall
 Time: 3:15pm

Bring your best homemade cake
 With full list of ingredients

Watch the judges sample the baked creations and award their prize for the best cake then why not buy a piece and sample your favourite cake for yourself!

Come and taste the best cakes in Edmonton!



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Woolly mammoths of Enfield

One more day of the free children's theatre show Woolly Mammoths of Enfield by Chickenshed has been announced. This will be taking place at Fore Street Library at 12pm, 1.30pm and 3pm on Saturday 16th March.

The link to book free tickets is below. This is the final performance as part of the Festival of Industry.

Saturday 16th March, 12pm, 1.30pm, 3pm
Woolly Mammoths of Enfield by Chickenshed
Fore Street Library, 109 – 111 Fore Street

Chickenshed present an immersive, interactive and fun theatre performance for all the family. Join in with this interactive performance, told using song, dance, mime, recordings, animation, and everything in between. As we make the connections and power the engine, that is Enfield's industrial past and future in a creative and accessible newly created musical theatre extravaganza!

Book your tickets here!

<https://www.enfieldfestivalofindustry.com/whatson/woolly-mammoths-fore-street-library>



Newly Released Books February 2024



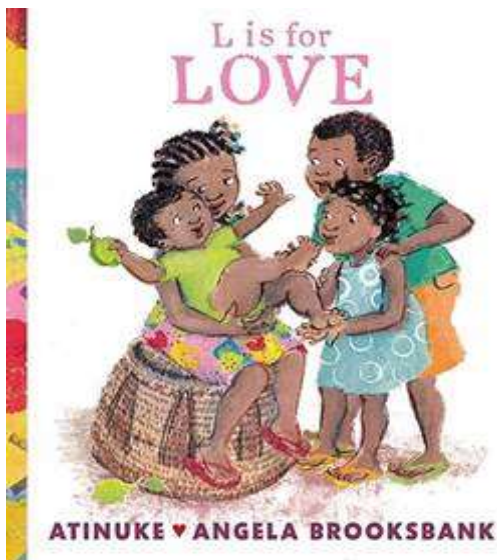
For ages 0-3 and up

Animal Homes: Rainforest

Author: Guilherme Karsten

It's sleepover time for little monsters – and the monster in this book is very excited to welcome readers to their special monster den under the bed. They are a little confused to realise that readers may prefer to sleep on top of the bed, however, AND that they don't have special monster pyjamas. Most odd.

However, when the little monster climbs up onto the bed and snuggles down with a cuddly teddy, his eyes start to close... perhaps little monsters like normal bedtimes, too



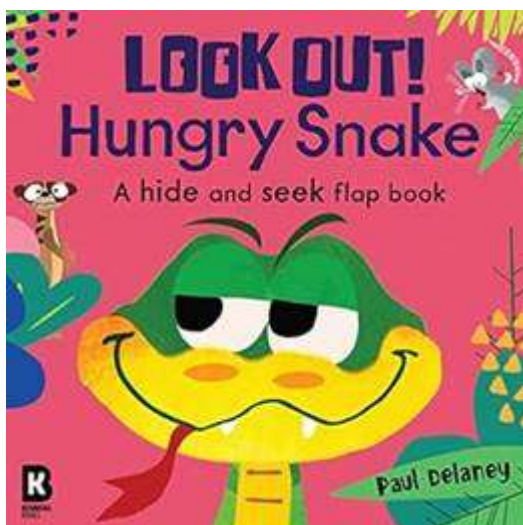
L is For Love

L is for Love and L is for Lemons...

Author: Angela Brooksbank

This is how the story begins as one family – Mama, Baba and children – leave their village at dawn to sell lemons at market in the Nigerian city of Lagos.

The family have a long journey ahead of them. There are heavy loads to carry, logs to cross, a lorry to catch and lazy lions to pass. When they arrive in the large bustling city, there are loud noises and so many sights to see around the marketplace. And once lunch is over, that can only mean one thing – the long way back home!



Look Out! Hungry Snake

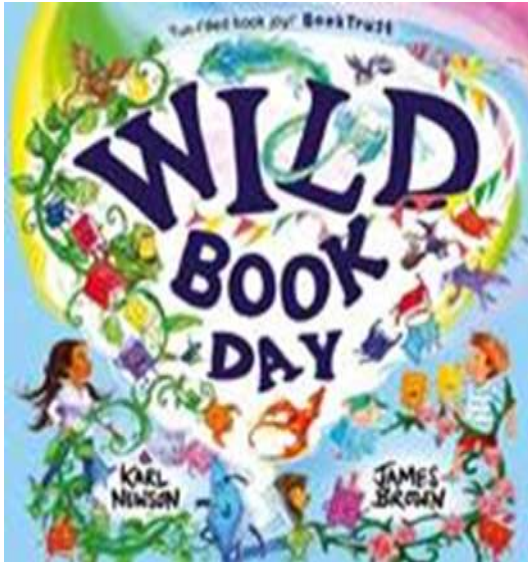
Author: Paul Delaney

Hungry Snake is in the mood for a snack, but, unfortunately, all of their prey manages to elude them: the toad that hops away just in time, the squeaky mouse, the screechy owl, the jumpy deer and the fish that swim away. There's no snack for the hungry snake today... all they can do is slither away.

This lovely lift-the-flap book – with good, thick pages and flaps– is colourful and playful, and introduces little ones to a selection of animals and their noises or actions.

For ages 4-5 and up

Wild Book Day



Author: Karl Newson **Illustrator:** James Brown

It's Wild Book Day! The day the pictures escape from the books. The dragons take flight with the rockets and witches. The pirates go digging for treasure and riches (on diggers, naturally). They're off to explore. But they mustn't be seen. So when you're looking, they're quiet, but when you're not there, it's Wild Book Riot!

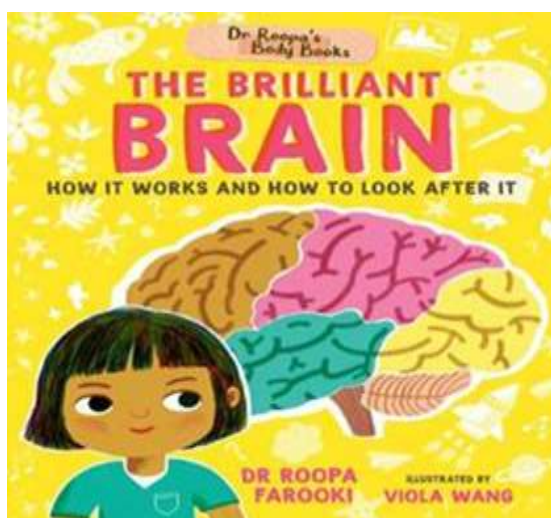
The illustrations are packed with characters' children will recognise – from the Three Little Pigs (and Wilbur the pig and Charlotte the spider) to the fairy godmother, Alice (in Wonderland) and Mowgli, along with wizards, dinosaurs, princesses and many more.

The Great Henna Party

Author: Humera Malik **Illustrator:** Sonali Zahra

Noor's cousin is getting married tomorrow and the whole family is preparing to celebrate. Baba (Dad) has decorated the garden with colourful fabrics, lanterns and flowers. They shimmer like treasure.

Noor and her female relatives have gathered to sing songs, feast on delicious food and the most important part – dye their hands with henna for the big day. Mama tells Noor of the 'henna name game' where the henna artist will hide the groom's name in the bride's intricately painted henna design and the groom must find it. Noor loves this funny game of hide-and-seek and wants to join in. But whose name should she choose?



Dr Roopa's Body Books: The Brilliant Brain

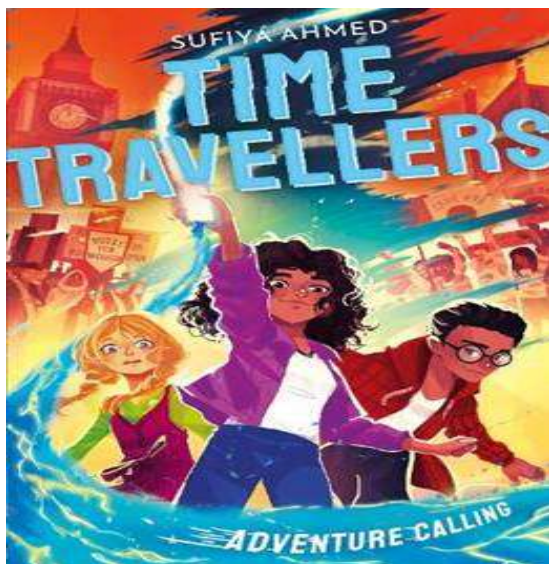
Author: Dr Roopa Farooki **Illustrator:** Viola Wang

Every second of the day, something is happening in your body – and your brain is controlling it all! Your brain is responsible for your thoughts, feelings and memories, but also telling your legs to walk and your lungs to breathe. And it makes you you!

This is a simple introduction to the way the brain works and, although it is a complicated topic, Dr Roopa Farooki explains the brain's many functions in a clear, child-friendly way. There are a few technical terms, such as 'cerebrum' and 'cerebellum', which are defined, and the pronunciation is spelled out, to aid the reader.

For ages 6-8 and up





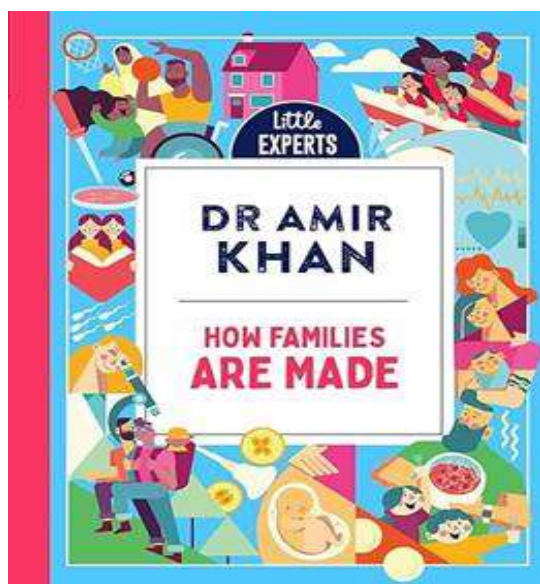
Time Travellers: Adventure Calling

Author: Sufiya Ahmed **Illustrator:** Alessia Trunfio

Sahana, Ayaan and Mia and three Londoners are on a trip to visit the Houses of Parliament, after being shortlisted for an art competition. They are fascinated by all the history and then somehow Sahana's mobile phone time travels them all to 1911! Here, in Parliament's Westminster Hall, Sahana and her friends are astonished to meet some fascinating women from that time at a Suffragists protest, a sister org to Suffragettes, who didn't believe in violent actions.

Sahana thought everyone in British history was white but now she meets a group of women from over 100 years ago, including Lolita Roy, women with brown skin like her, who have generally been overlooked by history but who played an important part in gaining women's right to vote.

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How Families are Made

Author: Dr Amir Khan **Illustrator:** Donough O'Malley

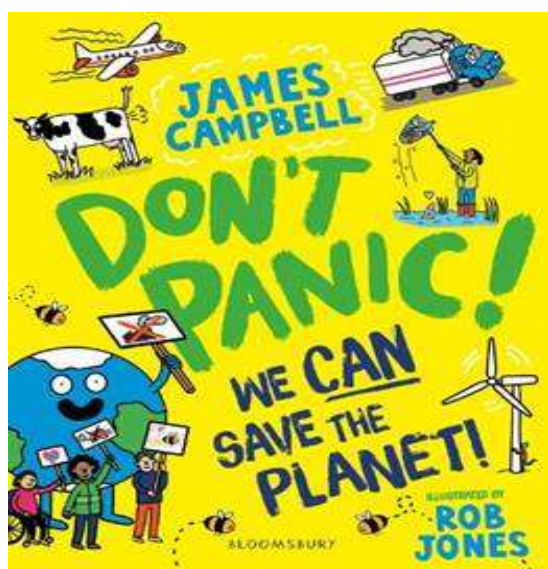
Dr Khan meets many families in his GP surgery, and this is his introduction to the various ways that a family can begin. He explains the biology of a man and a woman making a baby, then explores sperm donors, IVF and surrogates. There are interesting facts about a baby in the womb (at 31 weeks they're the size of a coconut!), and age-appropriate explanations of birth and Caesarean sections. The main message, though, is that whoever you live with, however you came into the world, your family is special.

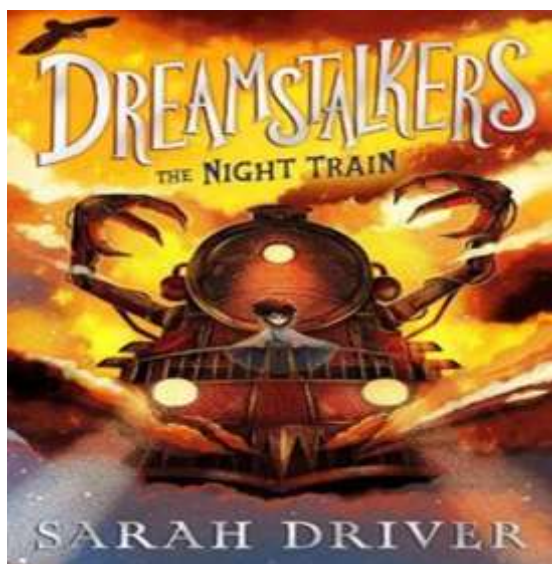
Don't Panic! We CAN Save the Planet!

Author: James Campbell **Illustrator:** Rob Jones

From the creators of the very popular The Funny Life of Teachers, Pets et al, comes a funny guide to saving the planet. Written by James Campbell, who is practising what he preaches, this is full of tips on what you can do, along with inspirational heroes, like Greta Thunberg and Buckminster Fuller, who designed everything for the good of others. The brilliant illustrations by Rob Jones add humour, and funny flights of fancy, in what is ultimately a serious book. There is a lot of silliness, but a lot of serious advice and suggestions, and ultimately the message is that we can turn things around. Bound to inspire young eco-warriors everywhere.

For ages 9-11 and up



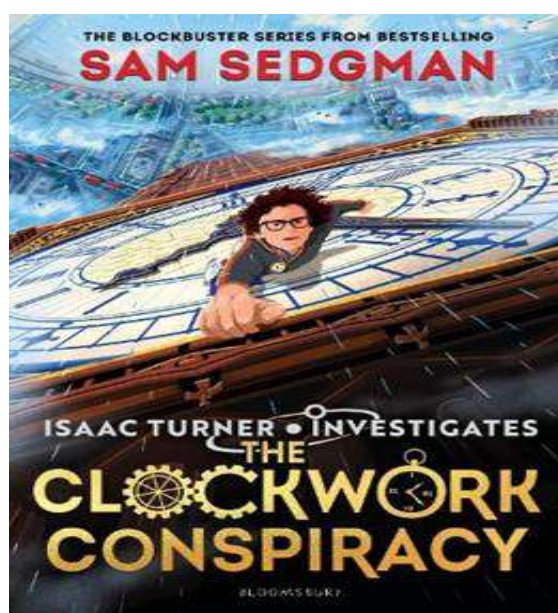


Dreamstalkers: The Night Train

Author: Sarah Driver

When everyone's dreams disappear, and dark, shadowy nightmares slither across the moors, Bea discovers her mother used to be a Dreamstalker. Dreamstalkers are warriors and performers who work inside dreams. Now the evil Queen who Bea's mother ran from years ago is growing more powerful, and she has the other Dreamstalkers under her control. Nightmares are taking over, and villages across the land are being abandoned. Then a mysterious Night Train steams into Bea's life, and takes her, her owl Pip and an erstwhile friend, Martha, to the city of Silvervein. There, they must find a way to defeat the powerful Queen. But how can two girls do

this if scores of powerful mages can't?

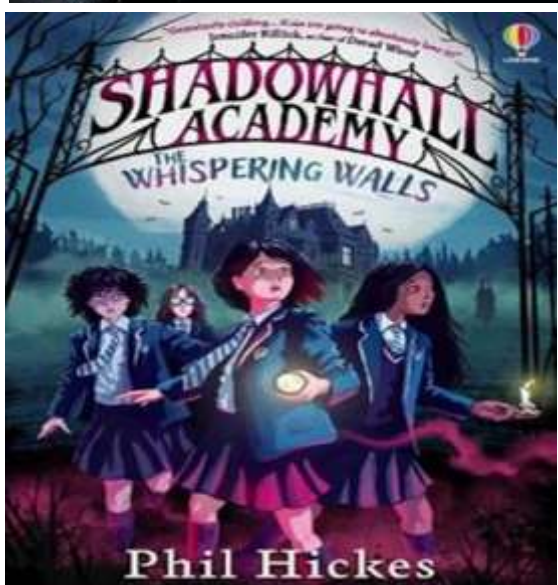


The Clockwork Conspiracy

Author: Sam Sedgman

Isaac's dad Diggory Turner looks after the Great Clock in the Palace of Westminster. Twice a year, when the clocks change, Diggory climbs Big Ben's tower to reset the hands of the famous London timepiece.

However, when Diggory vanishes from the belfry without a trace, Isaac's life is thrown into disarray. While the police look into Diggory's disappearance, Isaac stays with Solomon Bassala, his father's friend and Speaker of the House of Commons. Solomon's headstrong daughter, Hattie, loves a good mystery and convinces Isaac that they should conduct their own investigation.



Shadowhall Academy: The Whispering Walls

Author: Phil Hicke

Isabel has mixed feelings about starting at Shadowhall Academy. On the one hand she's excited, having never been to boarding school before, but on the other, she's nervous that she won't make new friends. The school is old, chilly and absolutely huge with endless corridors and hidden nooks and crannies. So when her roommates tell her the place is haunted, she's not sure if they're just trying to scare the new girl or if the stories are true.

But the tales of students who have vanished and strange sightings in the woods start to ring true when the girls hear odd noises in the night and it soon becomes obvious that they are in real danger. Can they solve the mystery of the whispering walls before the worst happens?



Dates for your diary

Wednesday 27th Mar: Nursery closes for Easter

Thursday 28th Mar: Children break up for Easter 1.30pm (No after school club this day)

Monday 15th April: Children return to school after Easter Holiday

Thursday 25th April: Class photographs

Friday 24th May: Children break up for half term at 3.15pm

Monday 3rd June: Children return to school after half term

Wednesday 3rd July: INSET day (No children in school)

Wednesday 24th July: Children break up for Summer holiday at 1.30pm (No after school club on this day)

If you have any queries about information in the newsletter please do not hesitate to contact school via the office or to ask one of the staff team in the playground at the beginning and end of the day.

Best wishes

Katy Brennan

Head teacher

In our school we love deeply, respecting everyone and treating them with dignity;
we aspire with confidence, working hard and embracing challenge and
we serve God and the community, following the example of Jesus, to create a better world.

Ephesians 5:2 (NLT)

"Live a life of love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us"

