



Loving and learning together, with Jesus

## Month of Mary

This week we have reflected on the Month of Mary as a whole school and in class.



Reception had a very special time in their own class Prayer and Liturgy



'Mary is very special because she looked after Jesus. She looked after everybody in the world.' - Sienna

'We can pray to Mary'. - James



'We made beads for Mary. They are very special.' - Hazel

## Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

**PRAY**  
AS YOU  
**STAY**

8.30am

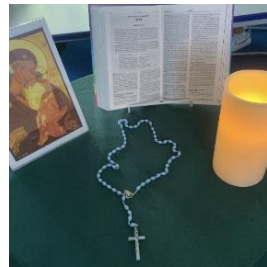


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Some of our Junior Disciples are planning a Prayer and Liturgy for the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup> October.

**We warmly invite all parents to come with their child/children to join us in prayer.**

## Learning in Action



As we are now in the Month of October, Year 4 led and participated in a prayer and liturgy to celebrate the Month of the Holy Rosary. Year 4 listened to Luke 1:26-38, and responded in prayer by saying the Holy Rosary. The Rosary is a beautiful prayer of Our Lady where we ask her to take us by the hand and lead us to her son Jesus.

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 T hink for kids not stop creation  
 I am going to give you a sample  
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S tewardship means to protect our world  
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 E veryone must take their part and  
 W e must not litter because  
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In Year 3, the children have been reflecting on what it means to be a good Steward of the Earth and the messages of Pope Francis during their religion lessons. They have been writing their own acrostic poems listing ways we can be Stewards of the Earth.

## Curriculum in Action Reading



Year 2  
Thomas:

"I love reading because it works my brain and it fills me with energy".

Lillian:

"Reading opens the door of the world and I love it because it's full of adventure".

Oscar:

"I love looking at the pictures because they transport me into another world!"



Year 3

Zachary:

"I love reading because I like to learn new words. I especially like fiction books about cats!"

Bella:

"I like stories that have chapters in so I can get really stuck into the plot and characters. I like reading a lot!"



Year 4

Ndudim:

"I absolutely love getting lost in a story! I love the Dragon Rounds series of books because I love the combination of magic and mystery! They are intriguing because they have an after-story that links the characters from one book to the next which makes me want to read on!"

Ava-Lynn:

"What I really like when I'm reading is how the story paints a picture in my head which brings it to life!"



Year 5

Harper:

"I love reading because it takes me into completely new world. I love the Dork Diaries books because this book is really funny and very realistic! One of my favourite books is Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo because it makes me feel like I am travelling across the ocean and living on the island."

Oliver:

"I love reading non-fiction books because the facts and information help us to learn about what happens in the past. This has helped me to enjoy our guided reading text, 'Treason by Berlie Doherty' about how dangerous it was to upset King Henry VIII."

Year 6

Jake:

"I like reading, especially the book we are reading in Year 6 - Goodnight Mr. Tom. It makes me want to learn more about World War II."

Soshana:

"I love reading because the actual story is always a surprise, and you can't always guess what the story is about just from the front cover!"

## SPOTLIGHT ON SEND



**SEND Coffee Morning – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**  
Please join us for a coffee morning on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. This will be an opportunity for parents of children who are supported for their educational needs to meet one another and share experiences and ask questions. It will also be an opportunity to explore some of the strategies and supports we use in school and consider how they could be used in the home. We hope you can join us.



## School Events Anti-Bullying Week 11 – 15<sup>th</sup> November

### Odd Socks Day - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November

This year Odd Socks Day is taking place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November. We invite all staff and pupils to wear odd socks to help raise awareness for Anti-Bullying Week. There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or buy expensive costumes. We are not collecting money. All you need to do to take part is wear odd socks.

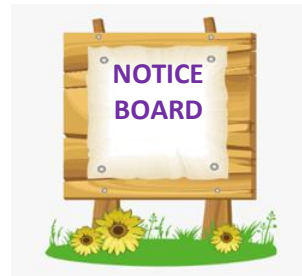


## PUPIL ACHIEVEMENTS

Well Done to Jake, Ollie and Joe (Year 6) who recently represented Billericay in the District Football Trials.



Huge congratulations to Niamh (Year 5) who recently became East FIG dev 1 champion. She achieved 1st on beam, 1st on bars, 2nd on vault and 3rd on floor, and was awarded the Carrie Webb Trophies for the highest scores on bars and beams.



### Open Mornings

We warmly invite parents who are applying for a Reception place for September 2025 intake, to our Open Morning on the following dates:  
Wednesday 6th November, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30am.  
Please contact the school office to book your place  
01277 653770.

### Secondary School Applications

Applications for Secondary school places September 2025 – Applications for a secondary school place starting September 2025 are now open and can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). The deadline for applications is 31 October 2024.

### Parent Calendar

Parents are reminded to check the Calendar in the Information section on the School Website for upcoming dates and events.

### Polite Reminder

Parents and carers are politely requested to be mindful of parking restrictions and the local residents when dropping off and picking up from school. We appreciate that the areas around the school do get very congested but the children's safety is our top priority.

## Sporting Achievements

Well done to the children in Year 5 & 6 who competed in the Netball Tournament at The Billericay School this week. They did incredibly well and won 3 matches and drew one! Despite the weather, they gave it their all and we are extremely proud!



## Reminders and Diary Dates

15 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5 led mass – 1.45pm (Year 5 parents invited)
17 <sup>th</sup> October	5B Class Assembly
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Friends second-hand uniform sale
22 <sup>nd</sup> October	RISE Theatre – God's Planet Event
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Make the Rules Day (Friends Event)
24 <sup>th</sup> October	SEND Coffee Morning – 9am
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Pray as you stay – 8.30am Flu Immunisations
	<b>Break up for Half Term</b>
28 <sup>th</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Half Term ( <b>4<sup>th</sup> November Inset Day</b> )
5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Pupils return to school
7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	5A Class Assembly
12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Odd Socks Day



# Attendance

**Missed lessons result in missed learning.**

## **What could that mean?**

- Missing an aspect of Phonics
- Missing an introduction to a new class book
- Missing a piece of music that is needed for the next lesson

Whilst illness cannot be avoided, we ask for your continued support in avoiding time off from school.

