

THE SCHOOL BELL

INSET DAYS
Monday 22nd February 2027
Friday 2nd July 2027
Wednesday 21st July 2027

Autumn Term
13.11.26

On Wednesday, members of our School Council joined me at the Remembrance Day Service at the village memorial. They represented the school beautifully, and several members of the public commented on their excellent manners and maturity. I was incredibly proud of them.
This week also saw the launch of our librarians' Read the Rainbow challenge. It has been wonderful to see so many children already getting involved and celebrating a love of reading.
Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, and children are invited to wear odd socks on Monday to celebrate individuality and remind us that everyone belongs.
Our Reception children thoroughly enjoyed their winter walk this week. There was plenty of mud, puddles and outdoor exploration, just as we like it!
Please remember to send your child to school with a warm coat every day, as temperatures are dropping and coughs and colds are beginning to circulate.
Have a wonderful weekend.

Who to Contact with Questions or Concerns

We value strong communication between home and school and always want to work together to support every child.
If you have a question or concern about your child, your first point of contact should be your child's class teacher. The easiest way to arrange this is by contacting the school office, who will ensure that your message reaches the appropriate member of staff.
Class teachers are usually best placed to answer questions and address concerns, as they work most closely with the children on a daily basis and have the greatest understanding of their learning, wellbeing and experiences in school.
Where necessary, class teachers will seek additional support and guidance from Mrs Clarke (SENDCo) or Mrs Alvis and will ensure that any matters requiring further attention are directed appropriately.
By following this process, we can ensure that questions are dealt with efficiently and by the member of staff best placed to help. Thank you for your support and understanding.

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https://www.ssj-school.co.uk/

Collective Worship

This week in Collective Worship, we continued our theme of Jesus' Family Tree, learning about Ruth, who trusted God, showed loyalty to her family and became part of the family line that led to King David and, ultimately, Jesus. Through Ruth's story, children reflected on the importance of faithfulness, kindness and making positive choices, even during difficult times.

As the week included Remembrance Day, our Wednesday worship focused on remembering those who have served and sacrificed in conflicts past and present. Children learned about the significance of the poppy as a symbol of remembrance and reflected on themes of peace, courage and gratitude. We shared the moving poem In Flanders Fields and considered how acts of service and sacrifice continue to shape our communities today.

Throughout the week, children explored what it means to belong to a family, community and school where everyone is valued and welcomed. This linked particularly well to our preparations for Anti-Bullying Week and our ongoing focus on kindness and respect for one another.





Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Groups
Monday 16th November	Odd Socks Day Anti Bullying Week	All
Monday 23rd November	Christmas Photo Shoot - Cardwells - 4-6pm	All
Friday 27th November	Non Uniform Day *In exchange for Christmas Hamper donations*	All
Wednesday 2nd December	Cuppa & Connect 9am (*See info below)*	All welcome
Friday 4th December	Christmas Fair 5-7pm	All
Tuesday 8th December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal - invite only	Infants Juniors to watch
Wednesday 9th December	Nativity Performance 1 St Andrews Church @ 10am	Infants
Thursday 10th December	Nativity Performance 2 St Andrews Church @ 10am	Infants
Monday 14th December	Bikeability	Year 6
Tuesday 15th December	iRock Concert	Music Students/Parents and Siblings
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Church Service St Andrews Church @ 2.15pm	All families
Thursday 17th December	Visiting Pantomime Performance @1.15pm (School Hall)	All children
Friday 18th December	School finishes for Christmas *Finish at normal time*	

Anti Bullying Week
Monday 16th November 2026

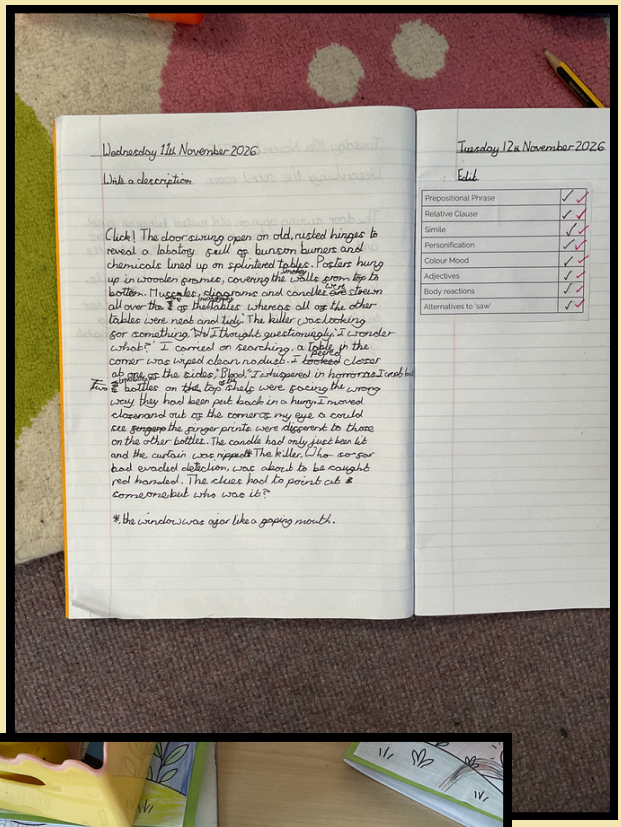


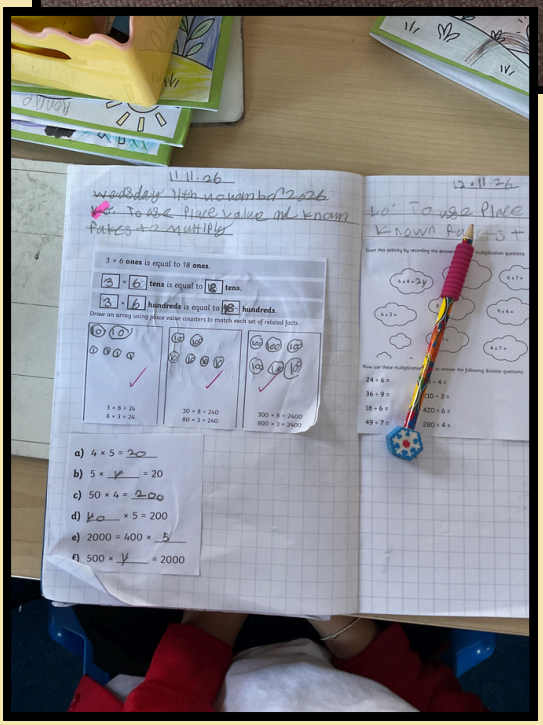
Coffee Morning

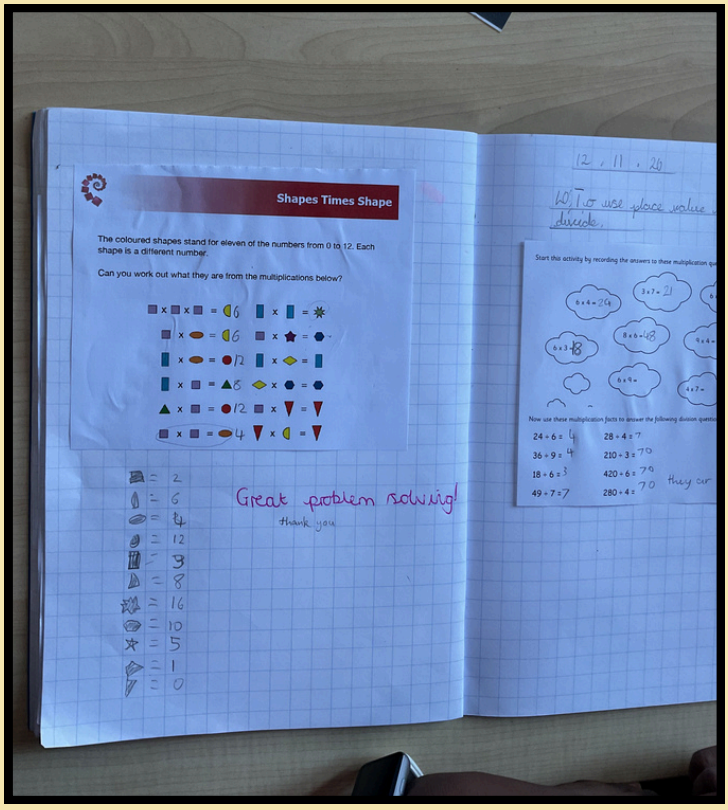


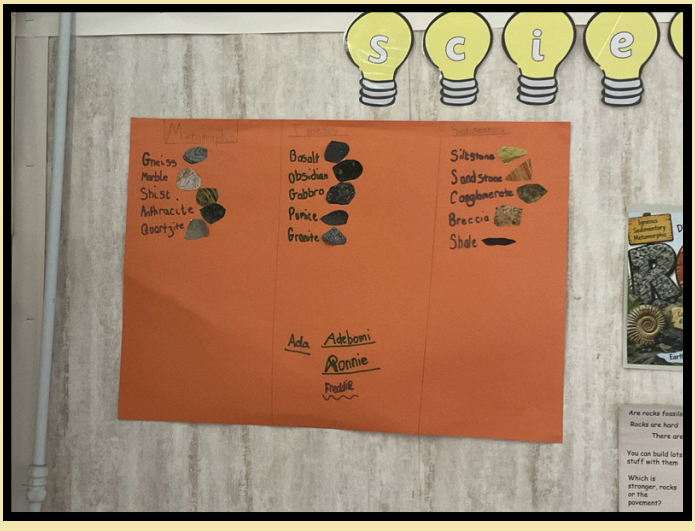
The School View











School Association News

As preparations begin, the School Association are now looking for volunteers to help before and during the event, as well as donations for our Christmas hampers and raffle prizes. If you are able to offer your time, donate an item, or support the event in any way, please do get in touch with the School Association.

The Christmas Fair is always a wonderful community event and we are very grateful for the support our families provide. More information will be shared soon, but for now, please save the date and keep an eye out for opportunities to get involved.

Friday 4th December, 5.00pm to 7.00pm - we hope to see you there! 🎄✨

