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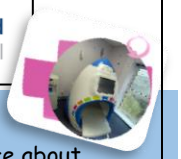
Value of the month: Consideration

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Message from Mrs Francis

Dear Parents and Carers,

It feels like winter is officially on the way with all the colder weather we have had recently. With this in mind, please ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day, so that they stay warm/dry at breaktimes.

My huge thanks to the PTA for all their efforts with planning and delivering the Christmas Fair; it was a roaring success (as usual) and raised an astonishing, record-breaking **£975**!! Thank you to all our families who attended and supported the children and their enterprise projects and helped to raise loads of money for the PTA's projects. It was heart-warming to see so many people show up despite the cold, damp weather. Thank you! A special shout-out to Mrs Blom and her team of helpers for all their hard work preparing for the fair.

Last week we had a brilliant visit from Sarah representing St Luke's. Hopefully you saw my Class Dojo post about the project we are getting involved in, which will further support St Luke's this year. We can't wait to get our training on the next steps and get the children coming up with their ideas for lighthouse designs! We will know more in the new year so will keep you informed then!

Over the next three weeks, we will be entering the whirlwind of Christmas preparations, and doing our best to keep you updated with what is coming up. Our Value of the Month in December is 'humility' so I will be talking to the children about how to be humble and not brag or show off. This will be really important in January when the children are telling their friends about what they got for Christmas, while being considerate and respectful of other's feelings.

Thank you for all your support.

Best wishes for a lovely weekend, Mrs Francis 😊

School Council Charities

As you may know, we love to hear the children's voice about everything from paint colours to fund-raising ideas. Class Councils have discussions and then the two School Councillors take all the ideas from their class to full School Council meetings with Miss Northcott. Every year, the School Council choose a charity to support. Last year, as you will remember, was St Luke's and this year, they have chosen to support the Children's Ward at Derriford Hospital. This week, Charlie from Plymouth Hospitals Charity visited our assembly to tell the children about how the money they raise will be spent and how it will help this brilliant cause.



In addition to the main charity, we will also be sponsoring a very special little girl called Annjanel, who is an orphan attending a remarkable school in the middle of the Mathare slum in Nairobi, Kenya. So that she can continue to attend school, our £370 sponsorship per year will buy her uniform and shoes, pay for a hot meal every day, buy all the materials and books she needs for school and cover healthcare costs. We hope to do this every year until she completes her schooling.



Recently, we sent a stack of books out to Patmos school for all the children to enjoy. The teachers of the school were so delighted and couldn't stop reading when they received them! If you would like to find out more about Patmos School, they have a website here: https://www.patmosschool.org/

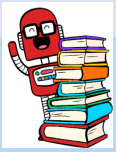
Thank you for supporting all our School Council's work to raise money each year; you are helping to make such a difference!



Children In Need competition winners!

A big well done to Audrey and Thea for winning the cake competition and to Alana and Aoife for winning the 'Best Dressed Teddy' competition.

Thank you so much to all the children who entered; the School Council children had a tricky job choosing the winners! You were all amazing!



2026 – The National Year of Reading

January is just around the corner and sees the launch of the National Year of Reading 2026. This is a government-led initiative which aims to get, children, young people and adults reading more.

We would love to hear from **you** if you have any good ideas about how we can celebrate this special and very important year. We will of course also be asking the children what they think we could do for them, but this is about getting everyone reading more. Please drop Mrs Francis or Mrs Rolfe a message on Class Dojo if you have a great idea. Thank you!

Important Dates for your Diary

4th December – Choir Singing at the Christmas Market 5-5:30pm
5th December – extra-curricular clubs finish for the term
10th December – Dress Rehearsal for Nativity
11th December – Key Stage 1 & Puffins Nativity Performances 10am and 2pm
15th December – Key Stage 2 Christmas Concerts 10am/2pm
16th December – Y2 trip to immersive dome
16th December – Choir singing at Torr Care Home
17th December – Choir singing at the Lord Mayor's Carol Service
18th December – School Christmas Dinner
19th December – Last day of Term 2
6th January – First day of Term 3
27th January – Y1 to the Aquarium
13th February – Last day of Term 3

Class Attendance

Week Ending 21.11.25
Puffins – %
Kittiwakes – 96.21%
Guillemots – 95.17%
Shearwaters – 98.97%
Little Egrets – 97.86%
Oystercatchers – 92.76%
Sandpipers – 94.33%

Week Ending 28.11.25
Puffins – %
Kittiwakes –97.93%
Guillemots –93.1%
Shearwaters –97.93%
Little Egrets –98.21%
Oystercatchers –93.67%
Sandpipers –95%

Star Books

W/C 17.11.25
Puffins – Novella
Y1 – Ezra
Y2 - Wynter
Y3 – Rory
Y4 – Emilia
Y5 – Finley
Y6 – Hughey



W/C 24.11.25
Puffins – Ruby
Y1- Audrey
Y2 – Elliot
Y3 - Aubrey
Y4 – Ruis-Lu
Y5- Wren
Y6 - Adam

Values Ambassadors

Congratulations to our Values Ambassadors! Each week, 2 children per class are chosen because of the great values they have displayed all week.

Week Ending 21.11.25
Puffins - Jagger & Mariella
Kittiwakes – Anaiya & Chole
Guillemots – Violet & Freddie
Shearwaters – Jacob & Idris
Little Egrets – Uju & Mimi
Oystercatchers – Imogen & Anita
Sandpipers – Eve & Tiaya

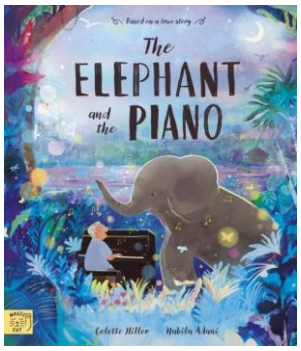
Week Ending 28.11.25
Puffins – Nora & Azeil
Kittiwakes – Johan & Darbey
Guillemots – Tilly & Alana
Shearwaters – Violet & Taran
Little Egrets – Cohen & Olivia
Oystercatchers - Elizabeth & Iris
Sandpipers – Jude & Hughey

SEN and Family Matters

The Family Hub at Morice Town is a wonderful source of advice and support for all families. Here are links to their website https://www.larkfamilyhubs.co.uk/ You can self-refer for support or we can help you complete a referral. Also, if you would like advice about anything to do with SEN, there is a new phoneline you can call: 01752 307049, or you can contact PIAS https://www.plymouthias.org.uk/ who can provide advice.

Book Club Key Stage 1

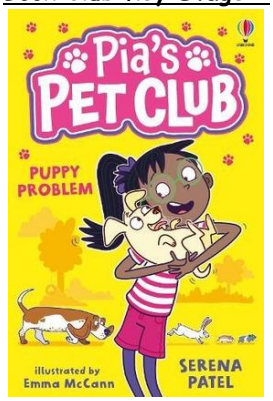
Recently, Mrs Dinham shared this book with her class as part of their book-judging for the National Children's Book Group book awards. It is gorgeous!
Some stories are true. Others are make-believe. And some stories are so amazing it seems they must be make-believe even when they are not. This is one of those stories.
In Thailand, there lived an elephant called Bonti. Short-tempered and destructive, he was alone. But when a musician came to play the piano for Bonti, something incredible happened…



Here is a link to buy the book on Amazon: https://amzn.eu/d/0LMrMb

Book Club Key Stage 2

Pia's Pet Club is one of the Book Trusts recommended reads for 2025-26 for KS2. Pia and her (annoying) sister have recently moved into their dad's new flat, and Pia is desperately bored. More than anything she wants a pet of her own, a dog being the dream, but no matter how hard she campaigns, her parents refuse. When she meets a new friend from the neighbourhood who is struggling with a naughty young puppy, she hopes that by training it up, she will prove to her parents once and for all that she is responsible enough for a dog. But Luna the puppy has other ideas and proves almost impossible to train. Not daunted, the resourceful Pia forms a Pet Club of children from the apartment complex, coming up with new and inventive ways to train the unruly pup and making great friends along the way.



You can buy it from Amazon here: https://amzn.eu/d/5BHSLBT

Learner of the Week Certificate Winners

Week Ending 21.11.25

Puffins – Nora
Kittiwakes – Audrey
Guillemots – Tommy M
Shearwaters – Arabella
Little Egrets – Harvey
Oystercatchers - Ruben
Sandpipers – Kabiri

Week Ending 28.11.25

Puffins – Violet
Kittiwakes – Ezra
Guillemots – Rosalie
Shearwaters – Dottie
Little Egrets – Mia
Oystercatchers – Elizabeth
Sandpipers – Mia

Recently at College Road

Puffins have been making Diya lamps, they discussed how Diya lamps are traditionally used during Diwali to symbolise light overcoming darkness.







Year 1 have been learning about the seasons, they have been planting spring bulbs so will now use their value of patience to wait for them to grow.









In Science year 6 have made Periscopes to investigate how light reflects







Year 3 have been learning about the artist Claude Monet, they have used different techniques to mix colours







