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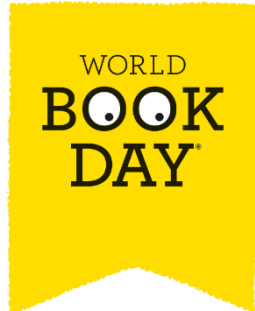
Attendance

92.8%

Target: **96.4%**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Celebrating with



What a fabulous World Book Day! Parents and children have told us how much they enjoyed celebrating our wonderful cultural diversity. Thank you to Mrs Broster, our reading lead, for organising the day and to all who contributed.

This week I had the great pleasure of taking Hazel, Ash, Maple and Willow classes around St. Augustine's church to study the 'Stations of the

Cross'. These fourteen intricate carvings on the church walls mark the story of Jesus being condemned to death and eventually laid in a tomb. We viewed all of them, but the children stopped at four stations on our journey. At these four stations we listened to a reading, had a reflection, prayed and sang a brief Taizé chant. Next Monday I will be taking Elm, Oak and Birch classes.



This forms part of our preparation for Lent and replaces the usual Lent trail in school. More information can be found here: [Stations of the Cross: Lent 2026](#)



Thank you to the wonderful chaplains: Caitlin, Chloe, Milly and Audrey who led the sessions with me.

How are those Lenten promises going? It can be hard to give something up, so we often encourage doing something extra. Are your children helping out more at home for example? We hope so!

Finally, a very Happy Mother's Day to all of those who perform that role in their families. Thank you to our wonderful PTFA for the after-school events this week.

Mr Mark Hilliam
Headteacher

Term 4 50 (or 500) Word Competition in school



Write a story, poem or information text inspired by gold.

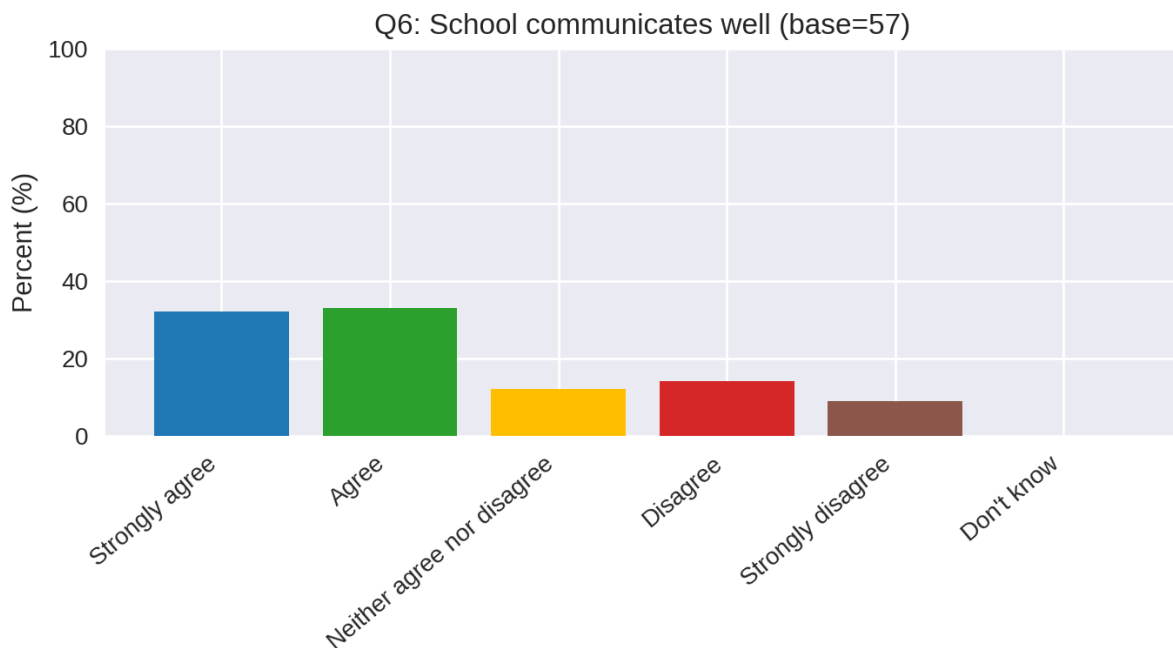
500 word competition with the Royal Mint.

The winner will receive a gold coin, £5,000 for their school or local library, and their story illustrated by an artist. The competition is open for entries until 17th April 2026 and is for 7-11-year-olds. Simply submit your entries on their website or by post.

<https://www.royalmintmuseum.org.uk/learning/short-story-competition/>

Ofsted Question 6 -The school communicates well:

Here is the response you gave Ofsted via Parent View for question 6 - communication. Here we fared better, with 65% agreeing. There is still work to do therefore and we always endeavour to improve our communication.



Dates for your diary

Newly added dates highlighted

Thursday	2 nd	April	INSET Day 5 – School closed
Friday	6 th	March	Year 4 class assembly
Thursday	12 th	March	Spellathon 2
Wednesday	18 th	March	Year 2 class liturgy, 2:30pm
Friday	27 th	March	Year 3 class assembly
Monday	30 th	March	Easter Mass: 9:30am in church – note change of date
Thursday	2 nd	April	INSET Day 5 – Term 4 ends
Easter Holidays			
Monday	20 th	April	Term 5 starts
Wednesday	22 nd	April	Kilve Court Residential for Hazel Class(back on 24/3/25)
Friday	24 th	April	Year 2 class assembly
Monday	11 th	May	SATS week for Oak Class (year 6) – Monday to Thursday
Wednesday	13 th	May	Willow Class mass, 2:30pm (tbc)
Thursday	14 th	May	Ascension Day: Prayer and blessing in school from Fr Barnabas
Friday	15 th	May	Year 1 class assembly
Tuesday	19 th	May	Sports Day
Wednesday	20 th	May	Ash (Reception) Class Liturgy, 2:30pm
Thursday	21 st	May	Reserve Sports Day
Friday	22 nd	May	Term 5 ends
May Half-term			
Monday	1 st	June	Term 6 starts
Monday	8 th	June	Oak Class (Year 6) Residential to Grittleton - until Friday 12th
Wednesday	10 th	June	Maths Themed Day 3
Friday	12 th	June	Reception class assembly
Friday	3 rd	July	End of year disco (tbc)
Friday	17 th	July	Oak Class (Year 6) leavers' mass, 9:30am
Tuesday	21 st	July	Term 6 ends, day finishes at 1:30pm

