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Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will all be aware, this week has been a somewhat different week here in school. I would like to thank parents for your well-wishes for our member of staff and for your flexibility and support over the week. I am pleased to share that the member of staff is over the worst and making a good recovery. Other than lunch provision, life here in school is back to 'normal'; the deep clean of our kitchen takes place today and it is anticipated that we will be serving hot lunches again next week.

Next week, the final week of this term, we will be focusing on **Holy Week**. The children will be considering the events of Jesus' last week on earth and representing these in works of art inspired by the artist Paul Gauguin, who painted 'The Yellow Christ.' The children's work will be shared in our Holy Week service in Church on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 11am. Parents are invited to join us at the service. Then, on Thursday, our annual Easter Bonnet parade will be taking place. Over the years the children have produced some amazing bonnets and I am looking forward to seeing this year's creations. My job of judging the entires gets harder every year!

**Below is a summary of the learning that has taken place across the school this week.**

### Early Years

This week in Early Years, we continued learning about people who help us, with the children exploring different jobs and describing their characteristics. In Maths, Nursery class have been focusing on the concepts of long and short using a variety of objects to support their understanding. In Reception, children have been developing their mathematical vocabulary, particularly focusing on height and length. Finally, in RE, children have been exploring the meaning of the cross and what it represents for Christians.

### Year One

This week in Year One, we've had a lovely week of learning, with the children showing great enthusiasm and curiosity in all areas. In Maths, the children have been learning to measure and compare objects, using the language "taller" and "shorter" to describe what they notice. In English, we have been exploring poetry, writing our own poems about animals, thinking carefully about what they eat and what they might be scared of. During our Connected Curriculum lessons, the children have continued learning about the life of Queen Elizabeth II, reflecting on her legacy for the country and the wider world. In RE, we have been learning about forgiveness, thinking about why it is important and how we can show forgiveness in our own lives.

### Year Two

This week Year Two have been working hard on their acting careers by practising for their assembly and I think those of you who watched, will agree that we have some fantastic actors in the class! We spent quality time creating the rocket, preparing our positions and working on our timings. In English we have been planning our reports on the moon and looking at subtraction in Maths. The children have been learning about symbols in RE and thinking about what different symbols mean to us. In PE we have moved on from rugby and have been learning how to play football - improving our ball skills when passing and our ability to work as a team taking part in a match.

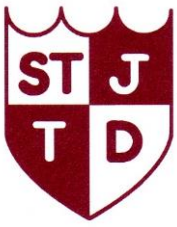
### Year Three

This week in Year Three, we came to the end of our work on fractions, and the children have done very well in grasping these new concepts. In English, they wrote brilliant reports on different countries in Europe, using our ICT skills to carry out research. In RE, we learned about the betrayal of Jesus and reflected on this by putting ourselves in the shoes of Judas. In Connected Curriculum, we explored the city of Normandy, learning about its famous landmarks and traditional food. Great job, Year Three.

### Year Four-Five

This week in Year Four and Five, we've had a really positive and productive week, with the children engaging well across all areas of the curriculum. In Maths, Year Five have been learning how to find fractions of amounts, using practical strategies and applying their understanding to a range of problems, whilst Year Four have been exploring perimeter of rectilinear shapes. In English, we have been reading chapters 4-7 of Floodland, exploring vocabulary in depth and discussing how word choices help to build atmosphere and meaning within the context of the story. In RE, we have been learning about what happened at the Last Supper, thinking about why this





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event is important for Christians and how it links to Holy Communion today. In French, the children have been practising numbers to 50, building confidence in both speaking and recognising numbers.


### Year Six

In Science, Year Six have learnt about the colour of light. In particular, scientists call it white light and we see all the separate colours when light refracts and slows down at different speeds through a prism or water droplets. In Connected Curriculum, they have researched the Brixton Uprising online looking at secondary and primary sources. In Maths, they have learnt how to interpret pie charts with percentages and practiced understanding what operations are needed in multistep word problems. And finally, in English we have been reading all about Cherry and her giant necklace – we won't spoil the tale and tell you how it ends, but we can share that tears were shed when we read the final line!

Head Teacher awards were presented to the following children in this week's celebration assembly.

EYFS	Laura for showing great engagement while playing with others. Za'Raiyah for making excellent progress in reading during phonics lessons.
Year One	Aaleyah for finding different numbers to add to, and within 50. Jonathan for giving a detailed recount about villagers working together to solve a problem.
Year Two	Isabella has been superb at place value and adding some huge numbers together! Hannah for always showing respect and making sure she is making the right choices.
Year Three	Isaac for showing great confidence during the Year Three assembly and being a fantastic team player by encouraging others. Abena for showing excellent concentration in English and using strong ICT skills to research European countries.
Year Four & Year Five	Philip for being a great learning role-model by consistently modelling expectations to his peers. Kiara for showing the Value of Faithfulness when being there for a friend when they needed it.
Year Six	Aziz for his excellent improvement in number formation which helped him achieve full marks in his arithmetic assessment. Riyan for his brilliant improvement in his Maths, particularly his arithmetic. He has nearly doubled his score and was only 2 off full marks!

The house point totals for this week are:

 <b>GARRISON</b>	6	 <b>AUGUSTINE</b>	20
 <b>FRANKLIN</b>	14	 <b>DICKENS</b>	13

On a final note, please be reminded that we break up for the Easter holiday next Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 1pm, returning to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

Kind regards

Mrs Warland  
Head Teacher

