

# Summer Term 2026

## May Newsletter

### Agape – To live, to learn, to love together.

A reminder that it is bank Holiday on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May so it will be a longer weekend, let's hope the weather remains sunny and everyone has a good weekend.

Our playground has recently been enhanced with a range of new line markings, designed to provide fun and engaging activities for all of our children. The playground now features a variety of colourful games and activity zones, encouraging pupils to be active, creative, and co-operative during their break times. From hopscotch, a road and number activities to noughts & crosses, chess and draughts, the space has been thoughtfully developed to support both physical activity and social interaction.

The markings are looking wonderful, and it has been fantastic to see the children's enthusiasm as they begin to explore and enjoy them. We hope these additions will continue to bring joy, encourage active play, and support positive play experiences for everyone. We look forward to seeing the many ways in which the children make use of these new features in the weeks ahead.

It is with sadness that we inform you that Mrs Whitehead, the Teaching Assistant in Moreton Class, will be leaving us in July at the end of the summer term. Mrs Whitehead has made a valued contribution to the school and has been a great support to the children and staff in Moreton Class. She will be leaving to work alongside her husband in their family business. We are sure you will join us in thanking Mrs Whitehead for her dedication and in wishing her every success and happiness in this new chapter.

We are currently advertising this position and will keep you informed when we have appointed.

#### **Attendance**

Attendance continues to be a high priority. Any medical, doctor & dentist appointments are recorded on our attendance registers. Please ensure that the school office is shown a copy of the appointment text, email or letter for us to be able to add this to our system. Without this documentation your child's absence may be recorded as unauthorised.

#### **Our school vision and values**

Over this term we will be revisiting our vision and values as a school community.

Through our Church school status, we aim to inspire all of our school community to show equality and tolerance to all in a safe, challenging environment. Developing resilient, aspirational, compassionate individuals who are enthused by all faiths and lifestyles showing faith and belief in one another

**“Live in agreement with one another. Do not be proud but ready to mix with everyone. Do not think yourself better than others .” Romans 12:16**

This message teaches us to be kind, peaceful, and not think we are better than others. Living in agreement means getting along with people, understanding how they feel, and working together happily. It reminds us to be helpful and friendly instead of arguing or causing problems.

Being humble means we treat everyone with respect, no matter who they are, and we include everyone so no one feels left out.

Why is this important? Have you ever had a disagreement with someone because you both wanted to be right? Being kind and willing to listen can help fix those problems and make friendships stronger.

This message also reminds us to think about how we treat people who might seem different from us or who we think are less important. It teaches us that everyone matters and everyone deserves to be treated kindly and fairly, no matter who they are or where they come from.

When we are friendly and include everyone, we can make people feel happy and welcome, and we can make new friends too.

Have you ever ignored someone or not wanted to play with them? How do you think things might change if you gave everyone a chance and showed kindness to all?

“Live in agreement with one another” – This means try to get along with everyone and be peaceful. Even if we are different, we can still be kind and work together.

“Do not be proud, but be willing to be with everyone” – This means don’t think you are better than others. Be kind and friendly to everyone, no matter who they are.

“Do not be conceited” – This means don’t show off or think only about yourself. Being humble helps us make friends and keeps everyone happy.

We promote a variety of Christian values but our focus is on Tolerance, Love, Compassion, forgiveness, peace and respect supporting us all to live in agreement with others

In our Religious Education lessons, we use and talk about three characters.



My name is **Theo**. I am a **theologian**. I ask questions about what people **believe**.

### **Theo the Theologian**

Theo is a theologian, and encourages children to use the disciplinary skill of theology. He is interested in what people believe, where those beliefs come from and how concepts connect with each other. He helps children to understand that not everyone will believe exactly the same things, even if they consider themselves to follow the same religion. He also helps children to interpret and understand sources of authority, such as religious texts and books, prayers, the Shahadah, different gospel stories, etc. Children are encouraged to recognise that people will interpret the same source of authority in a range of different ways.

### **Sophie the Philosopher**

Sophie is a philosopher, and encourages the children to use the disciplinary skill of philosophy. She is interested in how people think and reason with the world, and why. She asks questions about what people know and how they know it. She allows children an opportunity to interrogate their own thoughts, values and opinions, developing critical thinking skills when asking 'Why do I think that?' thus linking to their own personal knowledge. For example, Sophie might ask the children to explore whether they think something is 'good' or moral, and then encourage them to unpick why they think that; is it their upbringing, a parent, their environment or a religious worldview that has shaped that opinion? The children can then apply these critical thinking skills when considering the opinions and thoughts of others, and of different worldviews, linking to our British Values of tolerance and mutual respect.



My name is **Sophie**. I am a **philosopher**. I ask questions about what people **think**.

### **Livvy the Sociologist**

Livvy is a sociologist, and encourages children to use the disciplinary skill of sociology. She is interested in how people live, and how the things they believe might influence how they live. The children are encouraged to recognise that this will not be the same for everyone within one worldview, and they are asked to compare and contrast similarities and differences within one worldview. Livvy helps the children to analyse and compare contexts as well; what is appropriate for one worldview in one area might not be appropriate in another, and this influences the ways in which people live. This prevents the children from developing overly generalised and simplistic ideas about 'all Christians' or 'all Muslims'; instead allowing them to develop an idea of



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the richness and variety of different lived worldviews.

### **Warmer weather**

We hope that the warm weather continues through this term. Please can you ensure your child has a hat, a water bottle and sun cream (they need to apply themselves and only on themselves) and of course a raincoat for those not so great days.

## Year 6 SATS

Our Year 6 Children will be taking their Key Stage 2 assessments from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May. The Year 6 children may come into school at 8am for breakfast on these days. It is extremely important that they are in school for these assessments.

## Swimming

Swimming continues for Reception, Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5 on Fridays until May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please ensure children arrive promptly at school and have a full swimming kit and towel.

Year 2. Year 3 and Year 6 will attend swimming from Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

## Britten Sinfonia

This orchestra will be joining us on 5<sup>th</sup> May providing a performance of 'The tail of the whale' for Moreton class.



### Forest school sessions-

Monday -Marriott Class

Tuesday - Nene and Moreton Class

Friday-- Magdalene Class

Please ensure children have their full kit and appropriate clothing for the weather conditions on their forest school day. Long sleeve tops are still required during hot weather along with hats.

## PE / Dance

PE sessions take place on Wednesdays and Dance on Thursdays.

Please ensure children have the correct PE Kit in school for these sessions. A reminder that PE kit is black jogging bottoms and a red T-shirt and sweatshirt. Children must have a change of shoes for PE.

**Earrings must be removed for PE. Dance and Forest School**

