



Head Teacher Mission Awards:

Cedar	Fred - For living out the school mission statement through his caring and supportive nature and for being a helpful learning partner. Emilia - For being a great role model, one that is kind and helpful to all.
Cherry	Aarav - for being a good role model by having a positive attitude to his work and being a kind friend. Nichola - for living out the Mission Statement by approaching all that she does with positivity and a smile.
Elm	Margot - for living out our school mission statement in the way she behaves and shows kindness to others. Conor - for trying his absolute best to complete all tasks and using different skills to ensure his work is his best.
Fir	Eva – Eva has settled very well into Year 2. She is a wonderful role model to her peers and strives to live out our mission statement in all that she does. You share your kindness with everyone! Vincent - It has been lovely to watch Vincent's confidence flourish this half term. He always wants to share his knowledge and understanding with his peers. Keep up the hard work Vincent!
Hazel	Miriam - For your sensible and thoughtful approach to your learning every day. You listen respectfully and carry out your activities to the best of your ability. Nia - For your thoughtfulness and mature approach to the needs of others. You really are a kind, caring Christian.
Maple	Megan - For her positive attitude towards everything she does. Megan endeavours to live out the school mission statement every day. She has a really positive attitude towards her schoolwork and enjoys seeking a challenge to further her learning and understanding. Miriam -For her positive contribution in class and living out our school mission statement. Miriam is always keen to share her ideas with the class and asks appropriate questions. She is also a kind friend who always tries to help others.
Oak	Rose - for living out the mission statement every day. She is a kind and helpful member of the class. She has a positive attitude to all her learning and is a great role model to her peers. She is sensitive to everyone in the class and actively makes a conscious effort to promote happiness in our community. Daniel - for always trying his best across all areas of the curriculum. He perseveres even when he finds things hard. He uses his talents to extend his own learning. This was recently demonstrated in his geography homework where he produced a fact file as well as a model of a polar bear in its habitat.
Pine	Nina - for always being thoughtful and kind towards others, she brings calmness and positivity to the classroom every day. Leo - for living out the school mission statement and being an excellent role model to those around him by demonstrating outstanding behaviour.

Poplar	<p>Max - For his gentle kindness towards his peers, for always working enthusiastically and for living out the mission statement as he contributes to our caring school community.</p> <p>Charlotte - For her outstanding attitude towards her learning and for being a fantastic learning partner. Also, for living out the mission statement and reflecting daily upon what Jesus would do if He were here.</p>
Rowan	<p>Conor - for his hardworking and enthusiastic attitude towards learning and for living out the Mission Statement in the way he treats others in the class.</p> <p>Mylene - for exhibiting our school values every day in what she says and does. She fully applies herself to all learning activities and takes pride in her work.</p>
Sycamore	<p>Lena - for always being there for others and following in Jesus' footsteps.</p> <p>Brandon - for the positive attitudes he brings to all learning environments, working hard across the curriculum and producing many pieces of high-quality work already this year. Well done Brandon and keep it up!</p>
Willow	<p>Harry - for working incredibly hard this half-term. He is kind to all, and it has been lovely to see his confidence and enthusiasm for learning grow, particularly in reading and spelling. Well done, Harry!</p> <p>Sarai - for showing herself to be a lovely, mature young lady throughout her first half-term in Year Six. She is exceptionally hard-working and aims to ensure that every piece of work is of the highest possible standard. Well done, Sarai!</p>

Franciscan Values Awards:

Congratulations to the following pupils who received the St Francis of Assisi Franciscan Values awards this half term:

KS1 Kindness Award – Maria (Year 2)

KS2 Gratitude Award- Olivia (Year 6)

Staff and Curriculum changes this term:

This term we welcomed Mrs Higgs who is job sharing with Miss Roper, allowing Miss Roper to continue to teach high quality music to our pupils on a Monday and Tuesday. Mrs Guiver has made a great start working in Nursery, with our youngest pupils already enjoying their sessions. Mrs Kitchen has also made great contributions to Ash class and EYFS. This term we are using a PPA company to deliver French, Art and Design Technology from Years 1-5. As a result, our Year 1 and 2 classes are receiving specific French teaching which is enriching their knowledge. Years 5 and 6 are receiving specific French lessons from Mrs Correa- an MFL teacher from St Mary's, which is giving them the best opportunity to improve their language skills prior to secondary school. Alongside the PE coaches and music from Miss Roper, our pupils really are having a wide range of learning opportunities from specialist teachers.

School Uniform:

Now that we are entering the second half of the Autumn Term, please remember that we no longer wear our summer dresses or shorts to school. Outdoor footwear needs to be solid navy blue or black shoes or boots- not black trainers with white or any other coloured stripes, ticks or logos. There may be a few pupils in school who have been given permission to wear alternative footwear under medical advice before corrective surgery. If that is the case for your child, please make an appointment to see Mr Coldwell. Please could you also make sure that your child has a pair of black indoor shoes/plimsolls in school.

Attendance:

Whilst our school attendance last year was above the national average, we are still looking for attendance across the school to be 96% and above, which was our pre-Covid

average. Well done to Hazel, Maple, Oak, Pine, Poplar, Rowan and Willow classes for achieving above 96% this half term.

Attendance from 01.09.23-19.10.23

Ash- 95.37%

Beech- 95.10%

Cedar- 95.66%

Cherry- 95.51%

Elm- 95.5%

Fir- 95.68%

Hazel- 96.01%

Maple- 96.09%

Oak- 97.63%

Pine- 97.02%

Poplar- 96.36%

Rowan- 96.43%

Sycamore-95.61%

Willow- 97.2%

Parent Consultations:

A reminder that our parent/teacher consultations for Nursery-Year 6 are face to face in the hall on:

Tuesday 21st November 16.00-19.00

and

Thursday 23rd November 16.00-19.00

We will send out more details on how to book your ten-minute slot after half term.

Please note that as we will be in person and not at the mercy of technology, we will not be offering any other times to hold this consultation this term so please do ensure you are able to attend.

School Council Representatives

As part of involving our pupils with improving our school, KS1 and KS2 pupils were invited to consider being a School Council Representative. Each candidate who put their names forward had to speak in front of the class to explain why they would make a good candidate. Each class voted for one boy and one girl from their class to represent them. Congratulations to the following elected School Councillors:

School Councillors		
Cedar Class	Emilia	Fred
Cherry Class	Una	Adam
Elm Class	Ayda	Beau
Fir Class	Orla	Jacob
Hazel Class	Josie	Stevie
Maple Class	Nancy	Seth
Oak Class	Jenna	Davi
Pine Class	Valentina	Leo
Poplar Class	Olivia	Sean
Rowan Class	Sabrin	Michael
Sycamore Class	Anwen	Max
Willow Class	Georgina	Olly

We had our first meeting this week and discussed various potential projects. The agenda for the year will be finalised soon. Next term, the representatives will communicate this to their own classes, collating the views of their peers.

Chaplaincy Team:

We have had a busy start to the year! In September, we hosted the Chaplaincy Teams from across the St Francis of Assisi Academy Trust for a liturgy; afterwards, we were presented with our badges by Mr Celano, and we are wearing them with pride! We led a whole-school assembly about the Franciscan Value awards; it was very nerve-wracking, but we enjoyed the experience. We have also been leading the Rosary every Friday lunchtime during October, and it has been lovely to see the younger children praying peacefully. Each week, we take turns to create a 'Monday Mission', based on the Gospel from Sunday, and we share this with all of the classes.

Next half term, we will continue to spread the Good News through our actions. We are really looking forward to looking after Creation by arranging a litter-pick and showing compassion by organising a collection for the local food bank.

Thank you:

We would like to say thank you to the Blue Diamond Garden Centre, Harlow for their kind donation of £30 towards our gardening club.

Finally:

We wish Mrs McKenna the very best as she finally goes on maternity leave. We prayer for her and all expecting mothers in the world.

Prayer

Hail Mary, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope.

To you, we cry, as children of God, joined as one with our wounded world, with hearts full of hope for a home transformed.

Mother of Creation, look upon us we pray, so we may come to see God's earthly garden through the radiant light of wisdom.

Holy Mary, Mother of all, make us worthy we pray, to treasure the earth our common home, and show us the blessed fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Amen.

(Cafod- This prayer is inspired by the Salve Regina.)