



Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been a time of reflection at St Katherine's, as children have immersed themselves in both our Remembrance Day celebrations and Anti-bullying Week activities over the past few weeks.

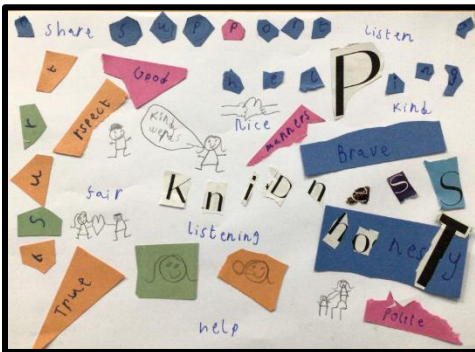
Firstly, our Year 6 children presented a moving assembly about the importance of commemorating the servicemen and women, who were involved in the two world wars and later conflicts. They used song and poetry to expertly convey why 'remembering' was a key part of British culture. We even had our own trumpeter start 'The Last Post' before our two minute silence! It was an incredibly moving assembly, which clearly had an impact on our children, and the Mayor of Tonbridge and Malling, who said that it was *"The best assembly he had ever seen!"*

Additionally, some of our children joined Miss Aikenhead, Mrs Loveland and Mylo (our Dog Mentor) to lay our St Katherine's wreath on the war memorial at Snodland cemetery. Thank you to everyone that was involved in our Remembrance Day celebrations. We also **£468** through our poppy sales – which is phenomenal!



## Antibullying Week

Last week, the children reflected on different types of bullying and the impact this can have on people. They used their learning to think about this year's antibullying theme, 'respect', which is also one of our key school values, and created word clouds to showcase their understanding. Here are some examples from Years 2, 4 and 5.



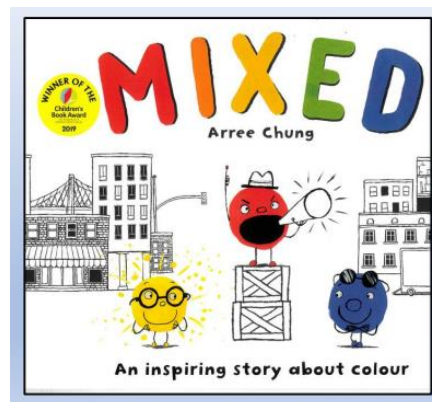
We also stood together against bullying by wearing odd socks to school last Tuesday. A great effort was made by all!



Everyone at St Katherine's is eagerly looking forward to seeing our visitors, Openview Education, who will be performing interactive theatre shows this week to further develop children's understanding of bullying. I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you to our PTA for subsidising a large proportion of the cost of the shows.

## Assembly

In my assembly last week, I used the delightful book 'Mixed' to further explore the theme of respect and what this meant to the children. Please click on the [link](#) to access the assembly.



**Pupil Voice:** "I liked the book because it shows that we are all different in the way we look and learn. However, everyone doesn't have to be the same and we should respect this." (Lilie-Jane – Year 4)

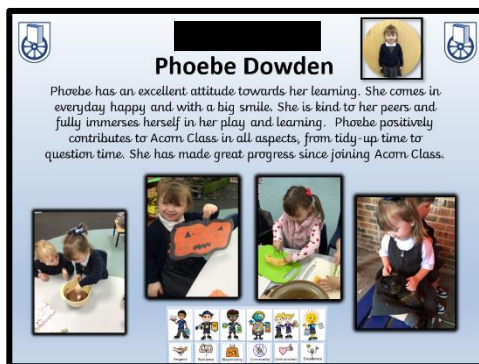
## Achievement Assembly

It was lovely to invite parents/ carers into the school to be part of our latest awards ceremony, where we celebrated children's achievements across the curriculum. I look forward to seeing many more of you throughout the course of the year.

Congratulations to the following children, who received a certificate during the Achievement Assembly:



- **Nursery:** Phoebe
- **Reception:** Olivia & Isabelle
- **Year 1:** Henry, Dennis & Jesse
- **Year 2:** Autumn & Daniel
- **Year 3:** Evie & Isla
- **Year 4:** Kohana, Charlie & Isaac
- **Year 5:** Zareen, Hollie & Finley
- **Year 6:** Maisie & Leo

Below are a few example slides from the Achievement Assembly.



**Phoebe Dowden**

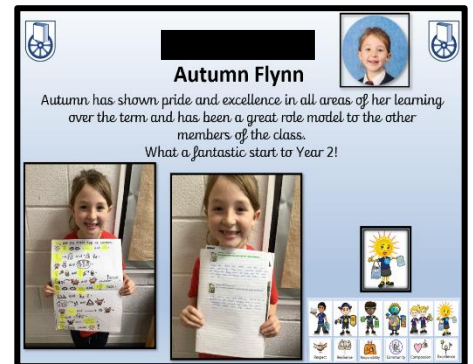
Phoebe has an excellent attitude towards her learning. She comes in everyday happy and with a big smile. She is kind to her peers and fully immerses herself in her play and learning. Phoebe positively contributes to Acom Class in all aspects, from tidy-up time to question time. She has made great progress since joining Acom Class.



**Henry Smith**

For showing excellence and increasing independence in his Maths and writing. Henry is always keen to try his best and is a great role model to all around him. Henry was also the only Year 1 student chosen to participate in the cross country running event.

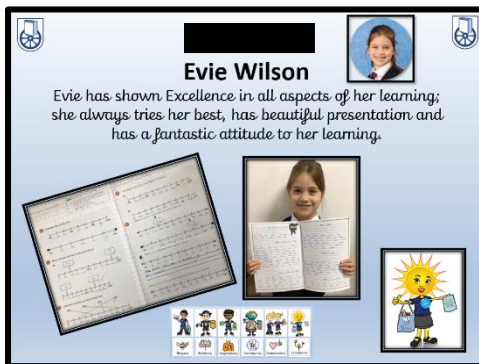

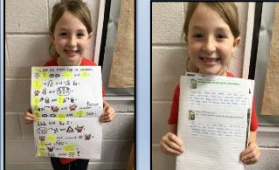
Well done! A great start to Key Stage One.



**Autumn Flynn**

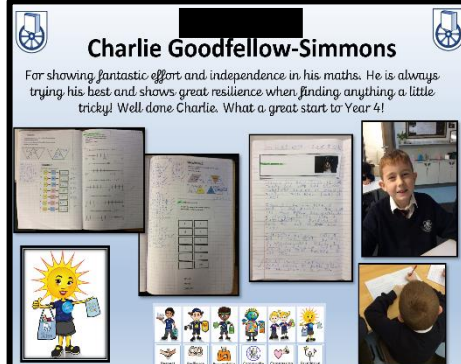


Autumn has shown pride and excellence in all areas of her learning over the term and has been a great role model to the other members of the class.

What a fantastic start to Year 2!



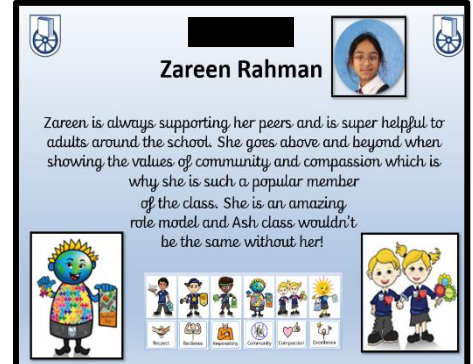


**Evie Wilson**

Evie has shown Excellence in all aspects of her learning; she always tries her best, has beautiful presentation and has a fantastic attitude to her learning.



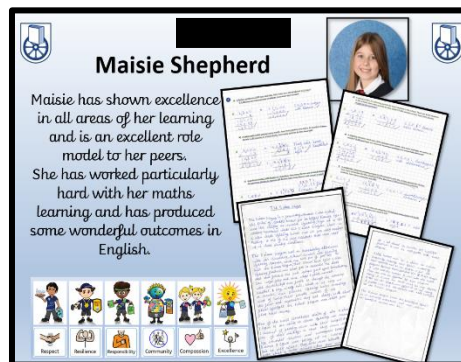


**Charlie Goodfellow-Simmons**

For showing fantastic effort and independence in his maths. He is always trying his best and shows great resilience when finding anything a little tricky! Well done Charlie. What a great start to Year 4!




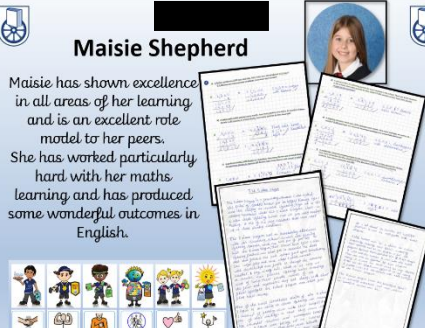
**Zareen Rahman**

Zareen is always supporting her peers and is super helpful to adults around the school. She goes above and beyond when showing the values of community and compassion which is why she is such a popular member of the class. She is an amazing role model and Ash class wouldn't be the same without her!



**Maisie Shepherd**

Maisie has shown excellence in all areas of her learning and is an excellent role model to her peers. She has worked particularly hard with her maths learning and has produced some wonderful outcomes in English.

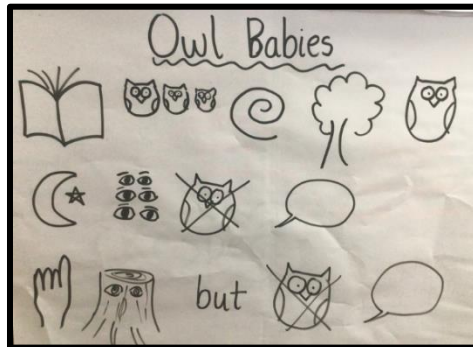
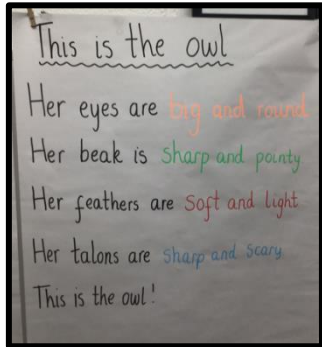


**Pupil Voice:** "I enjoyed the Achievement Assembly because I got to show my 3D bird, which I am proud of. My mum was there too!" (Isaac - Year 4).

## Curriculum News

### Reception Story Mapping and Performing

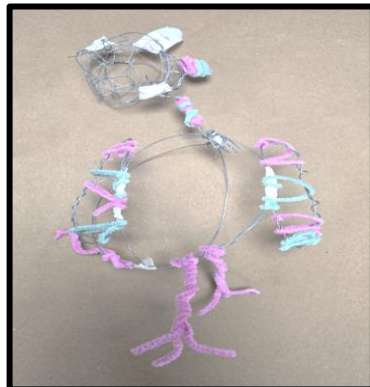
Year R have been having a 'hoot', whilst learning about owls, through their core text 'Owl Babies' and story mapping the key events in the story. They have then used the structure of the story, and the vocabulary they have learnt, to retell it through a variety of actions. Please click on the [link](#) to watch a clip of their learning.



## Art

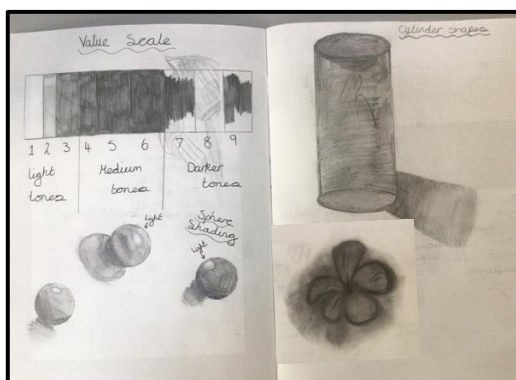
### Year 4 Art - 3D bird modelling

Our Year 4 children have had fun experimenting with different media to develop a three dimensional bird model. This involved learning new skills to design, create and evaluate their artistic outcomes. Many creative pieces were produced, like the examples below.



### Year 6 Macro Art

Year 6 have been developing their sketching, shading and critiquing skills through their macro art topic. They produced some stunning 'close-up' artwork, which was inspired by nature. Have a look at Grace's learning journey below.



## Sports Update

A number of our children participated in local football events last week. Firstly, our mixed Year 2 football team played against a number of other schools, winning two games and losing three. They were only one point away from making the semi-final! Well done to everyone for demonstrating our school values throughout the tournament.



Later in the week, our Year 3 & 4 children took part in another football competition. They showed wonderful enthusiasm and teamwork to win two games out of the five they played. Well done!



Thank you to everyone that represented the school and for the adults that organised and supervised the children throughout the events.

## Children in Need

Thank you to everyone for showing their support for Children in Need on Monday, by wearing spots or yellow items into school. A reminder that if you would like to donate, please click on the following [link](#), which will take you directly to the Children in Need Website:



## Quiz Night

The next PTA event will be the Parent Quiz Night, which takes place on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 6.30pm – 9.00pm in the school hall**. We are looking for teams of 6 to come and pit their wits against each other – including a staff quiz team! Parents/ carers are asked to bring their own nibbles and drinks.

**Tickets can be purchased via school money, which is located under 'shop item'.** We kindly ask that **all tickets are purchased by Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**. We look forward to a fun night of general knowledge and laughs.



## Christmas Fair

We are excited to announce that our PTA are currently making arrangements for our Christmas Fair, which will take place at school on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**. In order to raise sufficient funds for the event, **we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. For this, we will be asking children to bring in donations of chocolate & wine into school. More details about the Christmas Fair will be emailed to parents separately.



## Book Fair

Our wonderful Book Fair returns to St Katherine's from **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November**. The fair will be run by our Reading Ambassadors in the library **from 3:20-3:45pm**. For every book sold the school earns FREE books for our class and school library. Come and take a look.



## Attendance Winner Wheels

At the end of each half term, children are entered into two attendance draws to win the chance to participate in a pool party or choose a family activity at Mote Park Leisure Centre.

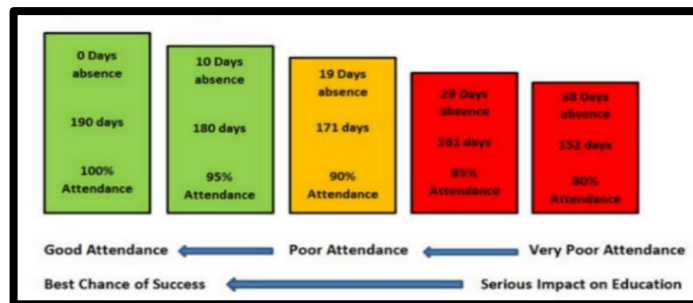


- Children qualify for the pool party draw if they have maintained 100% attendance in any one week of the term.
- Children qualify for the Mote Park Leisure Centre draw if they have maintained a 97% – 100% attendance throughout the term.

**Congratulations to all our Attendance Winners for Term 1:**

Year Group	Winner
Year 1	Danaya & Roseanna
Year 2	Joshua & Zaire
Year 3	Freddie & Elodie
Year 4	Mia & Charlie
Year 5	Lillie & Leo
Year 6	Connor & Leo
Whole School	Robbie

## Attendance Matters!



## Weekly Attendance

Year	Classes		
N	Acorn 97.3%		
R	Bramley 91.1%	Gala 94.6%	
1	Peach 95.5%	Pear 93.6%	Plum 93%
2	Cherry 95%	Quince 91.7%	
3	Hazel 93.9%	Walnut 95.5%	
4	Spruce 92.1%	Pine 92.5%	Fir 94.8%
5	Cedar 91.7%	Teak 93.7%	
6	Ash 94.4%	Oak 93%	Elm 94.6%

School Target: 95%



## Key Dates

EVENT	DATE
National Road Safety week	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November
Van Cols individual and sibling photographs	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November
Anti-Bullying Theatre Show (Year R – Year 5) & Year 6 Workshops	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November
Scholastic Book Fair	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November – Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 3:20pm – 3:45pm in the Library
Non-Uniform Day	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November
St Katherine's Christmas Fair	Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Church Service for Children	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
EYFS Christmas Concert	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December – 9:15am
Christmas Lunch	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
Performance to children	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
KS1 Christmas Nativity Performance to Parents	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
Evening Christmas Church Service for Parents	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December – Details to follow
End of Term	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December