



Following in the footsteps of Jesus, we learn, love and laugh together

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

The final week of the first half term has certainly been a very busy one.

The week began with online safety workshops for years three and four. On Thursday this was extended to classes five and six. We believe safety online is very important.

On Tuesday we celebrated St. Luke's feast day. We gathered together with our parish community to celebrate in song and prayer.

As a special treat on Wednesday our children were entertained by the 'Pop Project', taking us on a tour around the world through music and song.

Finally today, our Safety Officers welcomed our local PCSO. Staying safe during our Halloween celebrations was the message shared.

We hope you all enjoy yourselves during your Halloween celebrations. Stay safe, and remember to be respectful.

Enjoy half term, we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 1st November.

Best wishes  
Eileen Murtagh

## Attendance

Lower than 90% Attendance Class 6	90-95% Attendance Class 1	96-100% Attendance Reception Class 2 Class 3 Class 4 Class 5
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Overall Attendance this week **94.9%**  
Across the school, **2 hours and 10 minutes** of learning time was lost this week through late arrivals.

Don't underestimate the importance of 100% attendance. Even one day missed can have an effect on learning.

- 98% attendance means 4 school days missed
- 95% attendance means 10 school days missed
- 90% attendance means 19 school days missed
- 80% attendance means 38 school days missed
- 5 minutes late each day means 3 school days missed

**Please be aware that requests for children to take holidays during term time will be classed as an unauthorised absence.**

## Reception

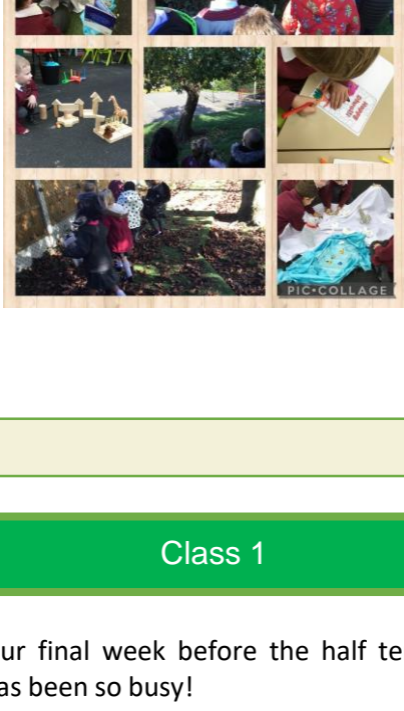
Our first half term in school is almost complete and it has been another wonderful week!

It was a special day for our school on Tuesday and we enjoyed walking to church and attending a special mass with our school family.

Tuesday wasn't the only day we were out of the classroom because, on Monday, we went for an exciting walk around our school grounds, searching for signs of autumn. There were lots of leaves on the ground and we were fascinated by the different colours we could find.

We've really enjoyed reading more of our book this week and created our own setting for the penguin to live.

We have also been finding out about the festival of Diwali and enjoyed learning how people prepare to celebrate this special occasion.



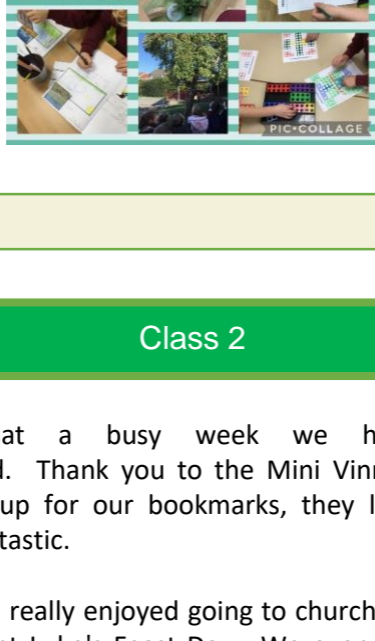
## Class 1

Our final week before the half term has been so busy!

On Monday, we went on an autumn walk around our school grounds, looking for signs of autumn. It was a beautiful day and we found lots of interesting things!

We have also been learning all about the festival of Diwali and enjoyed creating our own cards, drawing our own mehndi patterns and creating rangoli designs using numicon.

Following on from learning about the creation story last week, we listened to the story of Adam and Eve and the message that God gave them. This made us think about what we need to do to look after God's world.



## Class 2

What a busy week we have had. Thank you to the Mini Vinnies group for our bookmarks, they look fantastic.

We really enjoyed going to church for Saint Luke's Feast Day. We even got to take part in the offertory procession.

We had a boogie with the Pop Project and travelled through the decades with different music. Some of us even had a go using some of the instruments.

We have been writing our own stories inspired by Troll Swap and have been supporting Tonga in the Rugby League World Cup.



## Class 3

We have had a fantastic week in Class 3! In the last week before half term, we have been super busy.

In Maths this week we have been learning all about adding and subtracting 10s for 3-digit numbers.

In English we have been writing a letter to grandad based on our story the Seal Surfer by Michael Foreman. After half term we will be starting a new book and I know the class will miss working with this story!

In The Way, The Truth and the Life we have been learning all about the signs and symbols of Baptism.

Our highlights of the week this week have been the Halloween Disco and our performance by the Pop Project. With the Pop Project we learned all about music from around the world. Great work this week Class 3!



## Class 4

Class 4 have had such a fantastic final week of this half term! It has been a very busy week, filled with lots of learning and fun.

On Tuesday, as a school, we went over to our church to celebrate Mass for the Feast of St Luke. It was so wonderful to see all of the children in church together.

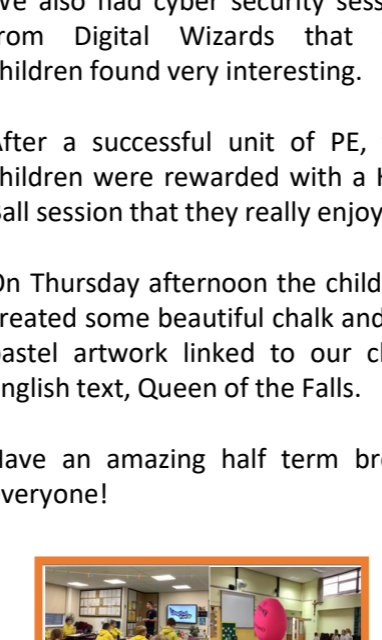
On Wednesday, we had the Pop Project in to celebrate diversity through music! Class 4 thoroughly enjoyed the performance and joining in with songs from around the globe, and across the decades.

In maths, we consolidated all of our learning from day 1, ensuring that all of Class 4 have a good understanding of place value, before we move on to addition and subtraction next half term. Lots of reasoning skill progression took place this week.

In English, we finished our text, Gorilla, concluding with an incredible hot write! We also discussed our opinions on the book, our likes and dislikes.

We learnt many other things in religion, geography, science, music, PE, the list goes on! It's been a jam-packed start to the year.

Class 4 would like to wish everyone a safe, happy and holy break.



## Class 5

What a fantastic end to the first half term! We have had all sorts of great visitors come into school this week.

The children (and staff) loved Pop Project, this was based on the evolution of pop music through the decades and the countries that influenced it.

We also had cyber security session from Digital Wizards that the children found very interesting.

After a successful unit of PE, the children were rewarded with a Kin-Ball session that they really enjoyed.

On Thursday afternoon the children created some beautiful chalk and oil pastel artwork linked to our class English text, Queen of the Falls.

Have an amazing half term break everyone!



## Class 6

We have had a brilliant end to our first half term! We have not stopped this week.

On Monday, we were busy starting our Hot Task and have worked hard on this throughout the week- some amazing writing has been produced!

On Wednesday, we were lucky enough to have a visit from The Pop Project who took us on a journey of music from around the world and through the decades.

On Thursday, we took part in an Internet Safety session with Digital Wizards... we learned lots about what not to do online!

We have all worked so hard this half term and deserve a rest- have a great half term.



## Award Winners

Congratulations to all this week's winners. You've made us all very proud.

### Head Teacher Awards



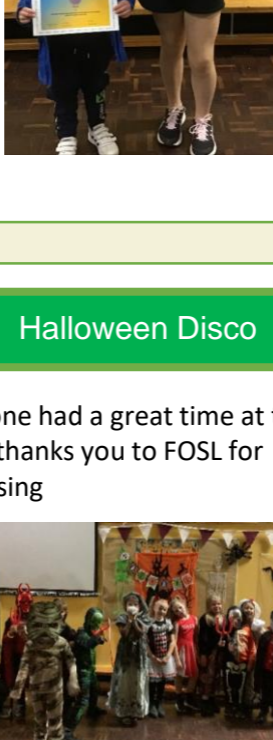
### St Luke's Sports Awards



### Mr Curran's Sports Awards

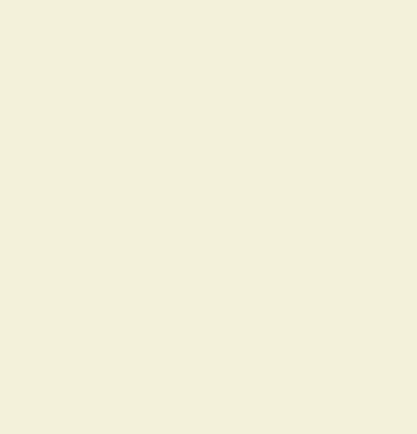


### Pride Awards



## Halloween Disco

Everyone had a great time at the disco, thanks you to FOSL for organising



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