MPS Head's Newsletter

Reflecting the Kingdom of God by Enriching and Transforming Lives

Autumn Term 2026

November	
16th	PTA Own Clothes Day – toy/sweet tombola donations
19th	2.30pm Writing EYFS workshop for parents in school hall
24th	Pottery Workshop – please make payment via ParentMail
27th	2027 Reception and Nursery Open Morning 9am – 10.30am PTA Own Clothes Day – bottle tombola donations **9am ADHD workshop for parents**
30th	Years 3, 4 and 5 Trip to the Rose Theatre (The Wind in the Willows) Year 2 Trip to the Polka Theatre PTA – deadline for Elfridges and Christmas tree orders
December	
1st	Year 2 Christmas Journey Year 5 Trip to Houses of Parliament Pottery Workshop
2nd	Rev. Lesley Charlton visiting for Collective Worship 9am
3rd	PTA Christmas Tree collection
4th	PTA Christmas Fair – Elfridges (during school), Festive Fair (evening)
5th	**St John's Christmas Fair – children to sing 11.30am and 2pm – all welcome**
7th-11th	Christmas Baking Week
9th	Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance with Father Michael 2.00 pm
10th	Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Save the Children Little Voices Concert to parents 9.30-10.15am
11th	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show 9am (Year 1 families) Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show 2.30pm (Year 2 families)
14th	Rocksteady Concert 10am
15th	Key Stage 2 Carol Service rehearsal in church 9am
16th	Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Service in church 9am – parents welcome Christmas Lunch – for all pupils (see menu on page 7) Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol service 6pm and PTA refreshments afterwards (TBC)
17th	Christmas Parties in class Santa Dash – sponsored event
18th	End of Autumn Term children leave at 2pm - No Night Owls

Back to school Tuesday 5th January 2027

Year 5 Eco Shop Grand Opening!

A huge congratulations to our Year 5 children on the fantastic grand opening of their brand-new Eco Shop this morning – the made £229.10 in sales on their first day!

We were thrilled to welcome the Mayor of Kingston, who visited to meet the pupils, hear about their sustainability goals, and officially cut the ribbon. The children showed incredible enthusiasm and teamwork, and we couldn't be prouder of their hard work in bringing this brilliant initiative to life.

Profits will go toward sustainable resources in school Such as water butts.







Health & Attendance Reminder

As we move through the autumn term, we want to thank you for your continued support in keeping our school community healthy and well. To help prevent the spread of seasonal illnesses, please keep the following guidelines in mind:

- Vomiting and Diarrhoea: If your child experiences vomiting or diarrhoea, they must stay off school for at least 48 hours from the last episode before returning.
- High Temperature: Children with a high temperature (fever) should remain at home until their temperature has returned to normal without the use of fever-reducing medication and they are well enough to participate in the school day.

For more detailed guidance on when to keep your child at home and how to report an absence, please refer to the Attendance and Punctuality Policy available on our school website.
Head Lice Notice: We have recently had a few reported cases of head lice across the classes. To prevent more cases, we kindly ask all parents to check their child's hair thoroughly this evening.

If you do find live lice, please treat them promptly using a fine-toothed detection comb (wet combing) or a medicated treatment from your local pharmacy before your child returns to school. Children do not need to stay off school once treatment has started, and tying long hair back can also help reduce the risk of transmission.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep everyone safe, healthy, and ready to learn.

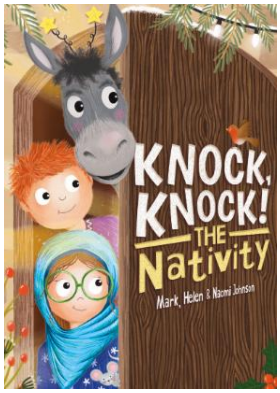
Important Parking Reminder
We would like to kindly remind all parents not to park, stop, or drop off on the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school gates during morning drop-off and afternoon collection times. We also ask that you park considerately in the surrounding streets and avoid blocking our local residents' driveways.
These markings and clear access routes are essential so that children, families, and drivers have a clear view of the road when crossing. Even stopping for just a few moments creates a blind spot and puts our pupils at risk.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us keep the roads outside our school safe and respectful for everyone.

Children in Need – Thank You!
A massive thank you to everyone who took part in today's own clothes day and donated so generously to Children in Need!

Thanks to your kindness, we raised an amazing £92.53 to help support disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. We are so grateful to our school community for coming together to make a difference!

Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show
We are delighted to invite Year 1 and 2 families to watch their Christmas Performance, *Knock Knock, The Nativity*, which will take place on **Friday 11th December** in the school hall.



To ensure fairness across all families, we have allocated three spaces per family. Due to the capacity in the hall and the fire evacuation regulations, we unable to offer additional seats.

Year 1 families have been allocated the morning performance (9am) and Year 2 families have been allocated the afternoon performance (2.30pm).

If the timing allocated to your child's year group is impossible for you to attend, we suggest coordinating directly with another family to swap performance timings.

Donation Request
Please bring in any empty 500ml bottles that you have at home for our Eco Shop. Bottles can be left at the school office. Thank you for your support!

Christmas Lunch Reminder
Our festive Christmas Lunch is taking place on Wednesday 16th December, and we would love for as many children as possible to join in the celebrations! If your child would like a Christmas lunch on the day, please make sure you log in to your ParentPay account to place your booking.



Planners and Reading at School

To help children build confidence, accuracy, and comprehension, reading happens continuously throughout the school day in several structured ways. Following an enquiry on the feedback form, we'd like to clarify the role of planners and tracking reading.

3 Times a Day It is not unusual for a child to read out loud up to three times during a single school day.

Before School Early morning reading slots give children a calm, focused start to the day.

End of the Day Dedicated story and reading time at the end of the afternoon reinforces vocabulary and helps wind down before home.

Who They Read With

- **Teachers**: Focused individual or small-group sessions targeting specific reading goals, comprehension, and phonics/vocabulary.
- **Teaching Assistants (TAs)**: Regular 1-on-1 reading practice to build fluency, build confidence, and address individual needs.
- **Reading Buddies / Reading Groups**: Group reading sessions and peer-reading opportunities (e.g., paired with older pupils or classmates) to encourage social reading, discussion, and shared enjoyment.
- **Adult volunteers**: To work on accuracy and targeted support.

The Role of Reading Planners

The introduction of reading planners was designed to bridge the gap between school and home so every child's progress is celebrated and tracked:

- **Recording Every Read**: Whether a child reads to a teacher, a teaching assistant, a reading buddy, or a parent at home, each read can be recorded in their planner.
- **Fostering a Passion for Reading**: The primary goal of the planner isn't just admin, it is to inspire a genuine love and passion for reading. Tracking books read gives children a sense of pride and achievement.
- **Communication & Consistency**: Planners allow parents and school staff to see what books a child is enjoying, track their reading frequency, and celebrate milestones together.

When children see that their reading is noticed, recorded, and celebrated both at school and at home, it transforms reading from a daily task into a lifelong passion. Regular recording in planners ensures no effort goes unnoticed! So there may well be more 'reads' recorded than days the children have been in school.



Ancient Arts Workshops

Thank you to all the families who have already contributed towards our Ancient Arts Workshops, which include both the felt poppy making and upcoming pottery making sessions. Your generosity ensures we can continue to provide these memorable, hands-on creative experiences that enrich our pupils' learning and bring history and art to life in the classroom.

If you have not yet made your contribution, please log in to your ParentMail account at your earliest convenience to complete payment. Thank you, as always, for your continued support!



Have Your Say: School Catering Survey

Our catering provider, Caterlink, is inviting all families to take part in their **Parent & Pupil Survey** to help shape and improve our school meal service.

We encourage you to sit down and complete the questionnaire together with your child at home—it only takes about 9 minutes and gives you the chance to share what is working well and where things could be even better. You can complete the survey online here *(or scan the QR code below)* before it closes on **Sunday 20th December**.

Once all responses have been reviewed in the New Year, Caterlink will share a summary of the key findings with us. Thank you for taking a few minutes to share your valuable feedback!

A huge well done to our Years 1, 2, and 3 pupils who represented the school brilliantly at this week's hockey festival! Everyone showed fantastic teamwork and enthusiasm while learning loads of new skills, well done everyone!

Good Work Bags given out this week

Year 2

- Fabian

Year 4

- Penelope
- Leah
- Ida
- Grace

25 and 50 and 75 Reads Completed!

Adriel (R)
Laurie (R)
Ella (R)
Eden (R)
Lily (R)
Sophie (R)
Sofie (R)
Enrique (R)
Curtis (R)
Isabelle (R)
Phoenix (R)
Sunny (R)
Luke (4)
(100 reads!)
Kiara (4)
Josh (6)
Penelope (1)
Uma (1)
Ivy (1)
Siheon (1)
Verity (1)
Owen (1)
Kendra (1)
James (1)
Ida (4)
Erin (5)
Natty (5)
Imogen (5)
Owen (5)
Jonas (N)
Annabel (N)
Eliza (N)
Georgia (3)
Georga (3)
Maia (3)
Hana (3)
Isla (3)
Theo (3)
Anaya (3)
Grace (3)
Charlie (5)
Mateo (5)
Lucas (5)
Maryam (5)
Arya (5)
Anjenan (5)
Jianne (5)
Olly (5)
Naomi (5)
Isabel (2)
Yu Ya (2)
Edie (2)
Sebby (2)
Penelope (4)
Alissiana (5)



Celebration Station

Congratulations this week's Class Stars! (6) Daniel (5) Eco Warriors: Sharanya, Jianne, Suanne, Natty, George, Lennon, Finn (4) Soren and Ethan (3) Georgia (2) Edie (1) Mabli (R) Sofia (N) Rayan

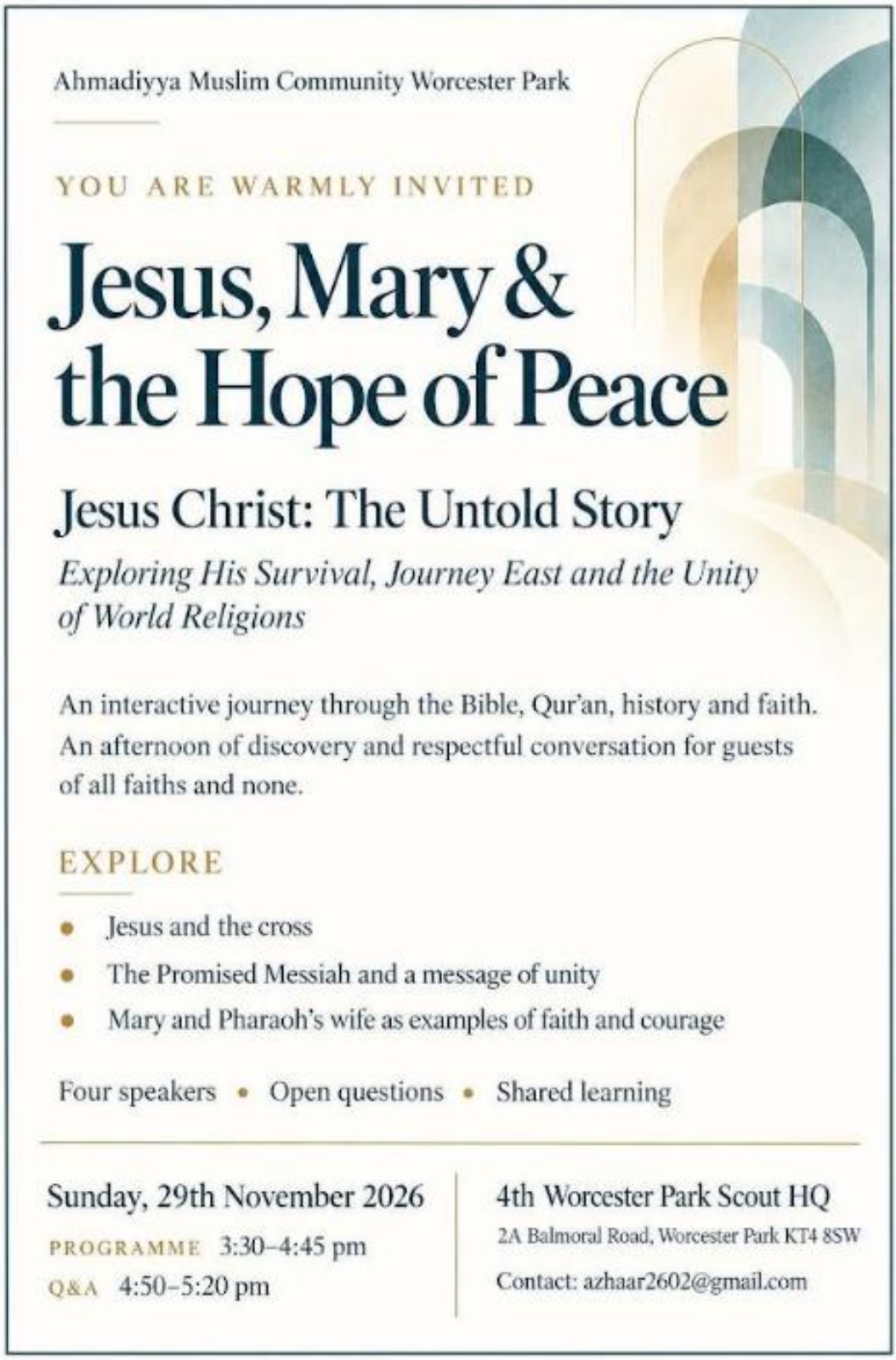
We also had children receive Values and Bee A Blessing certificates. Leo, Layanah, Isabel, Ethan, Aydin, Delilah, Harriet, Jennifer, Hugh.

Tidy Cup Judges this week – Olly, Mateo and Charlie. Year 2 won!

Well done everyone!



MPS Feedback Form – click here if you would like to give any feedback or comments to share with Mrs McMullan. If you would like a response, please leave your name so we can get back to you.


Ahmadiyya Muslim Community Worcester Park
YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED
Jesus, Mary & the Hope of Peace
Jesus Christ: The Untold Story
Exploring His Survival, Journey East and the Unity of World Religions
An interactive journey through the Bible, Qur'an, history and faith. An afternoon of discovery and respectful conversation for guests of all faiths and none.
EXPLORE
Jesus and the cross
The Promised Messiah and a message of unity
Mary and Pharaoh's wife as examples of faith and courage
Four speakers • Open questions • Shared learning
Sunday, 29th November 2026
PROGRAMME 3:30–4:45 pm
Q&A 4:50–5:20 pm
4th Worcester Park Scout HQ
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