

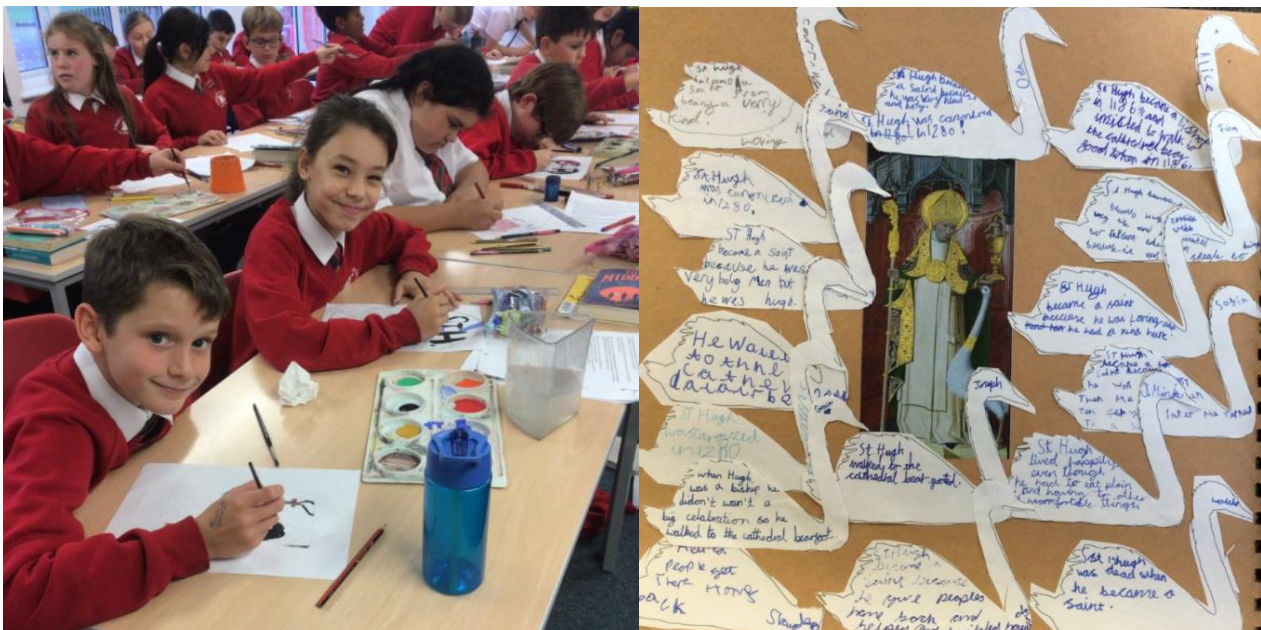


Newsletter 19 November 2021

Dear parents and carers,

It has been St Hugh's week at school this week and the children have been learning all about the life of St Hugh and celebrating his feast day with a wonderful Mass on Wednesday. Many thanks to Fr Gerard for coming into school to lead the celebration.

As part of our St Hugh week, children in year 6 were challenged to design and paint a stained glass window to tell the story of St Hugh including symbols and colours that they had seen in religious artwork. Meanwhile in Year 4, children retold the life story of St Hugh and created a lovely page in their class RE journal where the children recorded their favourite fact about St Hugh on a swan. Why don't you ask your child to see if they can tell you why we have a swan on our school mission statement?



Giant Bug Hotel opens in the St Hugh woodland wildlife garden

It has been a long wait since we ordered it back in June, but on Thursday our giant bug hotel arrived and it was definitely worth the wait! It has been manoeuvred into position in our woodland wildlife garden next to the outdoor story telling area and will definitely make our science lessons exciting! We also received a fabulous ant farm, which we will get up, and running soon which is sitting near our hedgehog house. Many thanks to The Friends who funded these wonderful resources for the children.



Weather Science in year 1

Our children in year 1 have been learning all about the changing seasons in science and have even made their own weather station to observe changes in the weather with a rain gauge and wind indicators. They will be observing the weather and seasonal changes over the next few weeks until Christmas, so talking at home about things like the leaves falling and how the time that the Sun rises and sets changes throughout the year will really help them with their learning.



Anti-Bullying Week – One Kind Word

Thank you to everyone who wore odd socks on Monday to help us celebrate our differences. The children learned all about speaking up about bullying and participated in a 'One Kind Word' Assembly by the Anti Bullying Alliance. The key message the children came away with was that in a world that can sometimes feel like it's filled with negativity, one kind word can provide a moment of hope. It can be a turning point. It can change someone's perspective. It can change their day. It can change the course of a conversation and break the cycle of bullying. Best of all, one kind word leads to another. Kindness fuels kindness.

Mrs Grace also led a meeting of our school council who created two child friendly anti-bullying policy posters to use around the school: one for KS1 and another for KS2. You can see a picture of the school council meeting at the bottom of their poster!

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What is bullying?

Bullying is when someone deliberately sets out to hurt someone, and does so over and over again. Bullying can include, saying mean things, name calling, scaring someone or physically hurting them. Bullying can happen anywhere including online.

What do I do if I am worried about bullying?

Tell an adult!
Remember we are a telling school.

Always talk to your teacher (or any adult in school) straight away, if you are worried about anything. Your teacher will listen to what you say and help you sort the problem out.

Remember!

Do not retaliate

Parent Governor Vacancy – Ballot result

Many thanks to all 3 candidates who took part in the recent ballot for our parent governor vacancy. The successful candidate was Mrs Grossi who will be appointed to the governing board for a four-year term.

Monday 29th November – Xavier school closure day

All of the primary and secondary schools in the Xavier trust are closed on Monday 29th November. Planet Soccer are able to run a multi-sports camp that day. Here is the booking link:

<https://bookwhen.com/planetsoccercamps/e/ev-srfv-20211129083000>

Mental Health and Wellbeing

If you have any concerns about your child's mental health or wellbeing, please contact your child's teacher through the office or speak to Mrs Pickard our SENCO and Wellbeing Lead. We have also just been informed of a mental health line run by Surrey for children age 6 and over and their families – here is the number.



Need to talk?

Call our free 24/7 emotional wellbeing
and mental health crisis line.
Available for young people aged 6 years and over,
their families and carers within Surrey.

Call 0800 915 4644



Term dates for 2022 – 23

The term dates for 2022 – 23 have now been confirmed by the Xavier Trust and have been updated on our website. Here is a link: [nmbbm \(sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk\)](http://nmbbm.sthugh-of-lincoln.surrey.sch.uk)

School crossing patrol

We've been talking to Surrey County Council this week expressing some concerns we've had from parents about how dangerous it is crossing the main road particularly with the road works at the end of Five Oaks Close. I just wanted to let you know that we are expecting Mr Di Stefano to come back to work in the New Year which should help make it much safer for you.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

God bless,
Mrs Harper