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"Do Everything in Love"
Corinthians 16:14

Newsletter Update- Friday 9th January 2026

Happy New Year! It has been a joy to welcome the children back this week and to begin another year of learning, growth and community together. As I have been visiting classrooms, I have been so proud to see how focused, settled and hardworking the children have been. It truly has been a wonderful start to the year.


The beginning of a new year is a natural time to pause, reflect, and set targets for the year ahead. In school, we encourage the children to think about goals that help them grow not only academically, but also emotionally and spiritually. This aligns closely with our school vision:

"Do everything in love." / *Corinthians 16:14* This verse reminds us that love should sit at the heart of all we do – in our learning, our friendships, and the way we care for one another. As we move through the year ahead, we will continue to encourage the children to show kindness, patience and compassion in their daily lives.

In Key Stage 2, pupils have begun an exciting geography topic exploring Marvellous Maps. The children are learning how maps help us understand the world around us, from identifying continents and countries to using symbols, atlases and digital maps with confidence.

To support learning at home, families may enjoy exploring the National Geographic Kids website, which offers child-friendly facts, maps and videos about countries around the world: [National Geographic Kids](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/kids/)

This week, I also had the pleasure of starting our new RE topic with Butterfly Class, focusing on what makes each of us special. The children spoke thoughtfully and confidently about what makes them unique, recognising their individual talents, strengths and qualities. This links perfectly with the first part of our school vision- "Love yourself" - reminding us that *"I am wonderfully and fearfully made."* It was a joyful and affirming discussion that celebrated the uniqueness of every child.

Celebrating Mrs Brown – An Inspiring Act of Love  This week we are delighted to celebrate a truly remarkable achievement. Mrs Brown from Bee Class has donated blood for the 50th time! An incredible milestone and one that deserves our warmest congratulations. Giving blood is a simple but powerful way of helping others. Each donation can help save or improve up to three lives, supporting people who need emergency care, surgery or ongoing care.

As families, the new year can be a great opportunity to set gentle, achievable resolutions that help strengthen time together. New Year's resolutions don't have to be big or overwhelming – often it's the small, consistent habits that make the biggest difference.

Here are a few simple ideas to support family time and wellbeing:

- **Shared meals** – aim for one meal a day or a few meals a week together, free from screens.
- **Family reading time** – read together for 10 minutes, whether it's a bedtime story, a comic or a chapter book.
- **Walk and talk** – a short walk together can spark lovely conversations and shared moments.

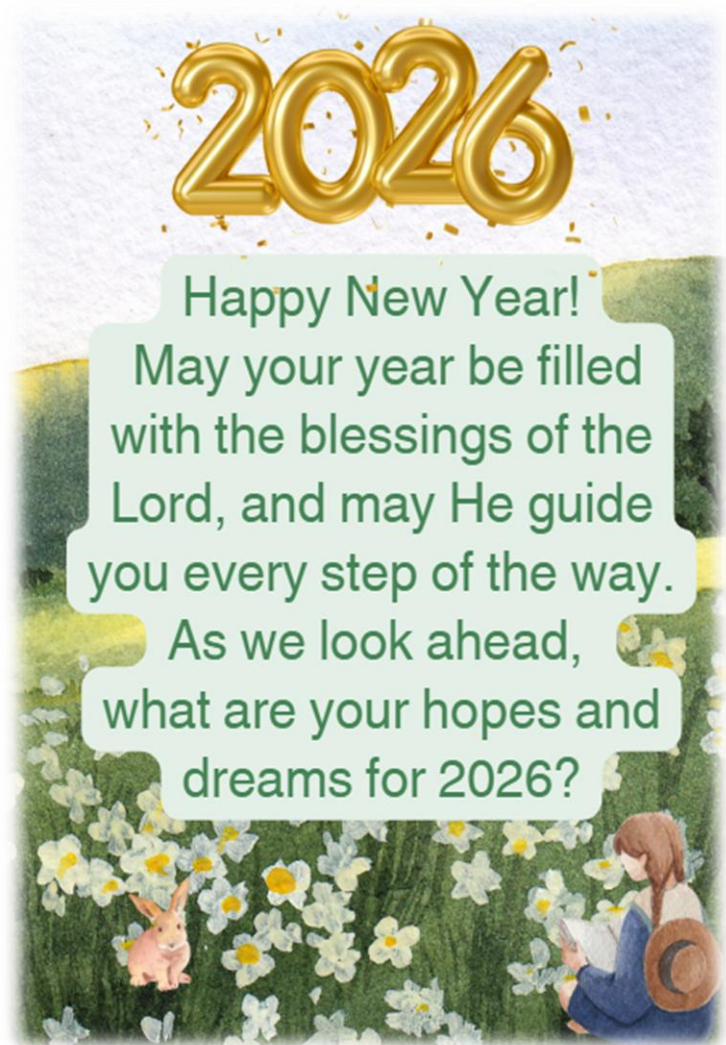
- **Gratitude moments** — share one thing you're thankful for at the end of each day.
- **Acts of kindness** — choose one small act of kindness each week to do as a family, for each other or for someone in the wider community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to everything this year will bring as we continue to learn, grow and truly *do everything in love* together.

With best wishes,

Diane Wright MA (Education)

Headteacher





Local Groups and Clubs



1st Burton Latimer Girls' Brigade

7th Kettering Rainbows

Aged 5-7 years old? Would you like to join the Rainbows? We meet every Wednesday in term time at Fuller Baptist Church (next to Boots) Kettering Town Centre from 6:00pm-7:15pm.

For more information please email us at 7thketteringrainbows@gmail.com.

Meets on Mondays (term time) 5:45-7pm) at Burton Latimer Methodist Church, Piggotts Lane, (near the fire station), for girls from reception to year 5. For more information message team leader Helen Lockwood on 07948481679.



17th St Andrew's Scout Group

Girlguiding

Squirrels, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts meet on Tuesday evenings (term time) at St Andrews Church Rooms, Crown St, Kettering. Cubs meet from 6:30-8:00pm & do camping, cooking, learn new skills, visits and more. For more information call Karen, Scout group leader 07990952276.

We have lots of Girlguiding groups within Kettering, Barton Seagrave and Burton Latimer area: Rainbows for 4-7 years, Brownies for 7-10 years, Guides for 10-14 years and rangers for 14-18 years. For more information please email ggkettering@gmail.com.



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are excited to announce that on **Friday 16th January**, we will be having a United Kingdom **WOW Day** in KS1!

This will be a fun-filled day where the children will take part in exciting activities and learn all about the different countries that make up the United Kingdom.

To make the day even more special, we would love the children to come to school dressed to represent one of the four countries of the United Kingdom. (England, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland)

However, there is no need to buy an expensive outfit—homemade costumes are absolutely fine! (please **do not** send the children in superhero outfits)

We hope this will be a fun and creative day for everyone. Thank you for your support.!

Best wishes,

Mrs Brown, Mrs Popa and Miss Goldsmith.



St Mary's Stars this Week

EYFS

Martin

Year 1

Alex

Year 1/2

Paula

Year 2

Shayne

Year 3

James

Year 3/4

Michaela

Year 4/5

Fiyin, Cora &
Blanka

Year 5/6

David

Year 6

Daniella

