



friendship
aspiration
forgiveness
justice
hope



"Do Everything in Love"
Corinthians 16:14

Newsletter Update- Friday 23rd January 2026

Over the past few weeks, our school community has been joyfully exploring the *Fruits of the Spirit* through Collective Worship. Each class has been working hard on preparing their own worship, and they are excited to share their reflections with you later this term. We look forward to welcoming you into school and celebrating this special learning journey together. (Please see the last page with class dates and times of Worship).

One of our recent themes has focused on *joy*— specifically, how we can remain joyful even when faced with challenging situations. The children have offered thoughtful ideas on gratitude, resilience, and looking for moments of light even on difficult days. Their contributions have been inspiring, and we can't wait for you to see how they bring these themes to life in their worship presentations.

Home Reading: A Key to Lifelong Learning

This week, I led the home-reading group for children who had not managed to read at least three times at home. A total of 34 children came to read with me, and while it was a lovely opportunity for me to offer them this time to read, I ask you to encourage your child to read at home.

Why Reading at Home Matters

Research consistently shows a powerful link between home reading habits and children's academic development:

- Studies show that just 15 minutes of reading per day can significantly boost a child's vocabulary, comprehension, and confidence.
- Early reading has long-lasting benefits: Children who are read to frequently at age 4–5 perform better on reading and numeracy tests later in school.
- Access to books and reading role models especially parents who value reading—are among the strongest predictors of reading frequency.

These findings remind us how essential it is to nurture a reading culture at home. Even short, daily reading sessions make a huge difference.

How You Can Support at Home

- Read together for a few minutes each day
- Talk about the stories you share
- Model a love of reading—let your child see *you* reading
- Visit the local library to choose books that match their interests

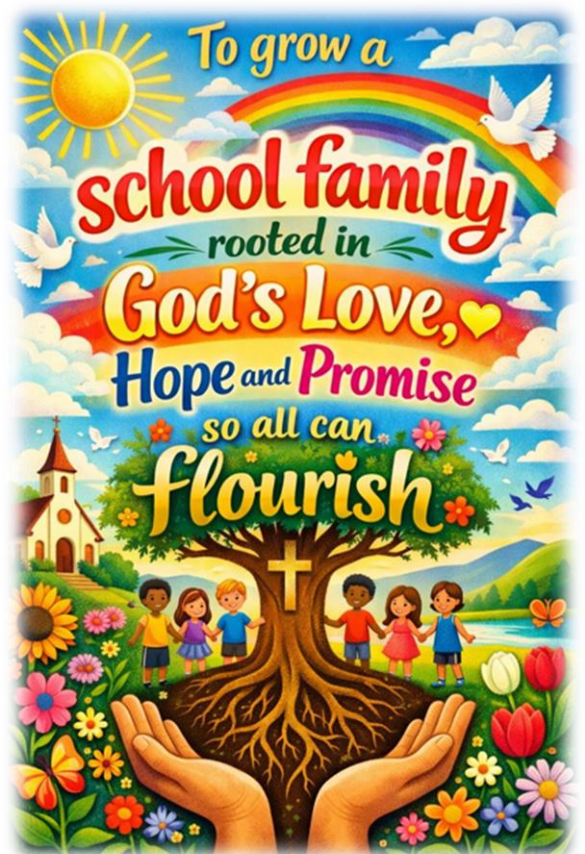
Together, we can help all our children grow in confidence, curiosity, and compassion.

Thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes,

Diane Wright MA (Education)

Headteacher





VOLUNTEER READERS WANTED

St Mary's CEVA Primary School

Could you spare a couple of hours one afternoon a week?
We are looking for friendly, enthusiastic volunteers to come and read
with our students.

Your time can make a real difference by:

- Building children's confidence
- Supporting reading skills
- Encouraging a love of books



 FIND OUT MORE

Mrs Perry our English Lead

Available to meet: Wednesday 11th February at 9:00am

Come along to discuss the role and ask any questions.

WHO CAN VOLUNTEER?

Parents, carers, grandparents

Members of the local community

Anyone who enjoys reading with children

✨ No teaching experience required ✨

We would love to welcome you into our school community!





St Mary's Stars this Week

EYFS

Bicjan

Year 1

Nathan

Year 1/2

Pixie

Year 2

Ayana

Year 3

Latoya

Year 3/4

Ezmik

Year 4/5

Gabija

Year 5/6

Taylee

Year 6

Mia C





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.

ACTIVITIES FOR BABIES AND CHILDREN UNDER 5

Burton Latimer Community Managed Library

Wednesdays 9:45-10:45 Family drop & 11-11:30 Rhymetime, both suitable for under 5's & their adults. On Friday's 2pm-3pm Baby Time, a session for under 1's & their adults. All £1/family. Sessions must be booked in by calling 01604 368150



Little Lambs Stay and Play Group

At central Methodist Church, School Lane, Kettering on Tuesdays from 9:30am until 11:30am, at the Central Methodist Church, School Lane, Kettering on Tuesdays from 9:30am-11:30am. Toast and drinks provided. No charge, but donations are welcome



Small Saints Baby & Toddler Group-Under 5's

Meet on Tuesdays (term time) from 1:30-3:00, at All Saints Church William Street, Kettering NN16 9RR. £2 per adult.

Meeting Lane (Baptist) Mother and Toddler Group

Meet on Thursdays (term time) from 9:15am to 12 noon in the John Yeomans Hall, Meeting Lane, Burton Latimer, NN15 5LS. Open for babies, pre-school children and their parents/grandparents/carers. Pop in anytime- Call Pat on 01536 722328 for more information.

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Songs and Stories

Meet on Wednesday mornings during term time from 10:00-11:30 at St Peter & Paul's Church Hall on the Market Place in Kettering. For more info email enquiries@peterandpaul.org.uk

Footsteps

Meet on alternate Mondays in the Assembly rooms at Burton Latimer Baptist Church from 9:30-11:30 and have toys, crafts, conversation, tea, coffee, food, music and lots more. £2/family and suitable for pre-school children and their adults. Call 07566756226 for our next dates.



St Mary's Under Fives (SMUFs)

We meet every Tuesday (term time) from 10:30-11:30 at Burton Latimer Guilding Cnetre, 16 Alexandra Street, Burton Latimer NN15 5SF. Each week we explore a different theme from the Bible as well as singing songs and learning to pray for the world around us. We then have a time of free play with toys, colouring and a biscuit. Contact Emma on 07759224002.



Tiny Treasures

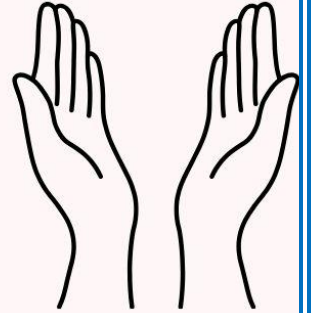
Meet on Mondays from 9:15-10:45 at Church of Scotland Hall on Beanfield Ave, Corby NN18 0AX. All preschool children and their parents/grandparents/carers welcome to come and play, enjoy crafts, snacks and singing. £1 per child. For more info call 01536 736577 or email tots@hopecorby.org

Class Worship Dates 2026



Butterfly Class

Thursday 12th February
2:30pm until 3:00pm
School Hall



Dolphin Class

Monday 2nd February
2:30pm until 3:00pm
School Hall

Bee Class

Wednesday 4th February
2:30pm until 3:00pm
School Hall



Deer Class

Tuesday 10th February
9:00am until 9:30
School Hall

Lamb Class

Wednesday 11th February
2:30pm until 3:00pm
School Hall



Eagle Class

Friday 13th February
9:00am until 9:30am
School Hall

Leopard Class

Wednesday 11th February
2:30pm until 3:00pm
School Hall



Lion Class

Wednesday 28th January
2:30pm until 3:00pm
School Hall

Dove Class

Thursday 12th February
2:30pm until 3:00pm
School Hall

