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"Do Everything in Love"
Corinthians 16:14

Newsletter Update- Friday 13th January 2026

This week has been full of joy in our school. We were lucky to watch several classes lead their own worship sessions. The children did a wonderful job. They helped us think about the *Fruits of the Spirit* and how we can show love, kindness, and patience every day. It has been lovely to see how proud the children are of their work and how they are learning to live out these values in school. Thank you so much for attending the worship.

Class Worship	Number of Attendees
Dolphin	14
Bee	19
Deer	23
Lamb	15
Eagle	20
Leopard	14
Lion	19
Dove	16

A Wonderful Achievement to Celebrate!

We are incredibly proud to announce that Mrs Brown (Bee Class Teacher) has been recognised for reaching an amazing milestone of 50 blood donations. What an extraordinary and selfless act of kindness. Donating blood saves lives, and to have done so 50 times is truly remarkable. Mrs Brown is an incredible inspiration to us all, demonstrating compassion, generosity and community spirit.



Unfortunately, we have had to talk to the children about taking care of our school equipment. In the last 90 days, we have bought more than 50 new footballs and have already spent over £540 sports equipment; more than we did the whole of last year. This includes all the playground equipment we use at break times. As a consequence, we will need to look at a reduction of after school clubs to replace new equipment for playtimes and lunchtimes. We want the children to enjoy what we have, but we also need them to help look after it, so it lasts.



Toy Donations Needed – EYFS

Mr Middleton and the EYFS team are looking for donations of old toys that are no longer wanted or needed. We would greatly appreciate items such as:

- Toy cars
- Dressing up outfits
- Police station sets
- Puzzles suitable for ages 5–7
- Toy animals
- Barbie dolls, clothes and figures

If you have any of these items in good condition that you would be happy to donate, please send them into school.

Parent Consultations

We wish Mr Metcalfe a speedy recovery following his operation after half term. I was so pleased that all but one parent attended their meeting to find out how to help their children. Unfortunately, just over half of the appointments have been booked. I urge you to make an appointment.

- Tuesday 24th February: 3.30pm – 5.30 pm
- Wednesday 25th February: 4.30pm – 6.30 pm

We very much value the opportunity to work in partnership with parents and carers, and we look forward to meeting with you during Parent's Evening.

Please scan this QR code to make a booking



Value Award Tea Party

On Tuesday afternoon, we held a special afternoon tea for the children who received the Autumn Term Value Award. It was a wonderful opportunity to recognise and celebrate their achievements together.

The children enjoyed a selection of delicious treats, including sausage rolls, falafels and cupcakes, while spending time with one another in a warm and relaxed atmosphere. It was a joy to see them chatting, smiling and taking pride in all they have accomplished.

The afternoon was a truly special experience for us all, and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. Well done to all our award winners!

National Week of Reading- Including World Book Day

Today your child will be coming home with one book token and a flyer containing the following information:

Monday 2nd March- Focus: Women Who Changed the World

Children will explore inspiring women who have made a difference throughout history.

Tuesday 3rd March- Focus: Poetry

A Day filled with rhythm, rhyme and creativity as we enjoy and write poetry.

Wednesday 4th March- Workshop: The Bible

Pupils will take part in a special workshop exploring stories and themes from the Bible.

Thursday 5th March- World Book Day – Dress Up!

Children are invited to dress up as a character from a book featured on the World Book Day website.

Friday 6th March- Family Reading Afternoon – 2:30pm

Parents and carers are warmly invited to come and read with their child. Please enter through the **Mill Road gate**.

Please note that next week is half term and the school will be **closed**.

We look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Monday 23rd February 2026**.

With best wishes,

Diane Wright MA (Education)

Headteacher



EYFS Learning About Raksha Bandhan

Raksha Bandhan is a special Hindu festival that celebrates the bond between brothers and sisters.



Sisters tie a "Rakhi" on their brother's wrist.



Sisters give sweets to their brothers.

The Rakhi is a sacred thread that symbolizes love and protection.



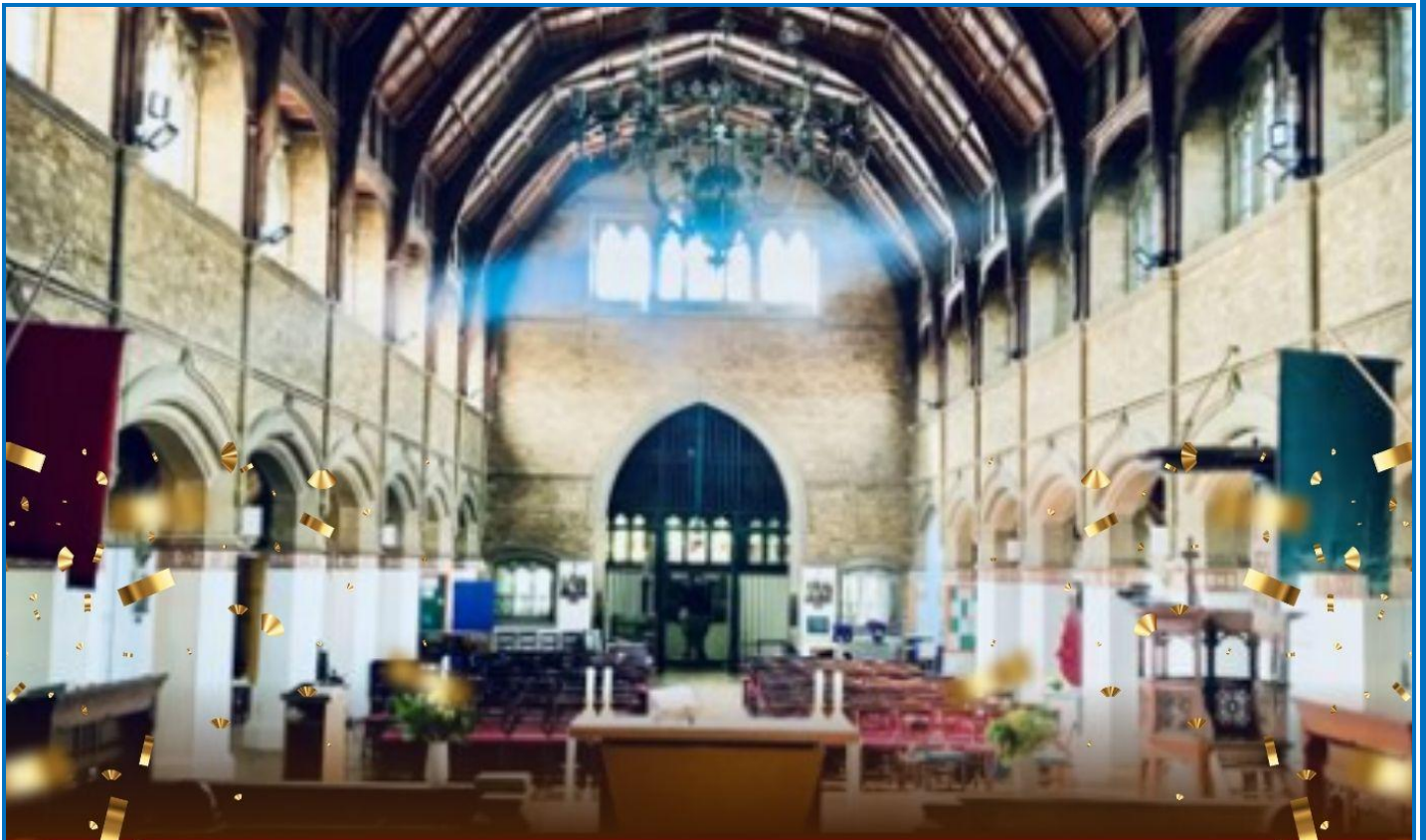
Brothers give gifts to their sisters.



Families celebrate with joy and love.

Happy Raksha Bandhan!

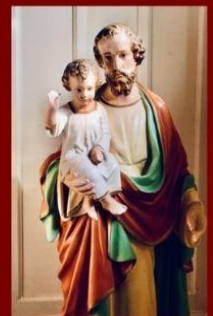




ST MARY'S THE VIRGIN CHURCH



Our main service is the 10.15am Mass (Eucharist) every Sunday which includes Junior Church for young children. Our Junior Church Leaders are all safeguard and DBS checked. The service lasts for about an hour with tea and coffee served afterwards.



<https://www.stmkstmary.com>



SEA OF SUPPORT

Families supporting families

A safe, judgment-free space for families in the neurodiverse community to connect, share and learn. Led by a team with personal experience in neurodiversity.

Meeting information:

Evening meetings, 2nd Tuesday of each month at Kingsley Special Academy, Kettering, 7.30pm-9.30pm. Featuring guest speakers offering support and advice, lending library and sensory toy shop.

Daytime social meetings, weekday mornings various locations. Children welcome.

Send Support Service (SSS) attend daytime and evening meetings. See our Facebook page for more information on meetings, upcoming events and SSS availability.

"This journey can be tough at times, having others to talk to who understand every emotion I have, makes this journey that little bit more bearable, and not as isolating."

"These are people who understand, these are people who are experiencing the same as you. This group has been a life line and I strongly recommend all those with neurodiversity in their family to join."



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Evening Meeting Tuesday 10th February



Join us for our evening meeting at Kingsley Special School in Kettering 7.30-9.30pm

We are lucky to be joined by Melissa from Powerful Voices. Melissa is a Speech And Language Therapist and she is joining us to give a talk.

Please do come by if you can and join us.

Professional Speaker

Powerful Voices

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We will have refreshments and our Sensory Toy shop open.

SEND SUPPORT GROUP



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**ROTHWELL LIBRARY EACH
THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH,
1-2.15pm
CHILDREN WELCOME**

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**SEA OF
SUPPORT**



SEND SUPPORT TEA/COFFEE MORNING



Join us for an informal chat whether you have a diagnosis or not we are here to support you, children are welcome and refreshments available. Come for a chat, company or even a rant we are here for you no matter what. There are plenty of toys for the children to play with as well.



**WEDNESDAY 4TH
MARCH 2026
AT 9.30-11.30AM**



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St Mary's Stars this Week

EYFS

Nicole A

Year 1

Arlie

Year 1/2

Kathrina

Year 2

Melanie and Fanton

Year 3

Renesmee & Lukas

Year 3/4

Lily-June

Year 4/5

Eddie

Year 5/6

Isaac N

Year 6

Lukas V



XPLORER

Children's
Mental
Health Week
2026



Xplorer is a family friendly navigation challenge that is educational and fun and gives children a sense of adventure as they explore the park to find markers.

February Half term events:

- **Monday 16th February 1-3pm:** Wellingborough, Swanspool Gardens (NN8 2BZ)
- **Tuesday 17th February 12– 2pm:** Kettering, Green Patch (NN16 0LU)
- **Wednesday 18th February 1 – 3pm:** Corby, Boating Lake (Start point near cafe - NN17 2UN)
- **Thursday 19th February 11 – 1pm:** Rushden, Hall Park (NN10 9ES)

NO NEED TO BOOK

FREE TO JOIN

For more information contact: activefamilies@northnorthants.gov.uk



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



17 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!





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- Ages 9 - 16 years
- Single/multiple days available
- 10am - 2pm @ KRFC
- Enhanced DBS checked staff
- £32.50 per day including lunch
- Free HAF funded tickets available

February Half Term Sports Performance & Activity Camp



info@limitlesstrainingclub.com





ALICE IN WONDERLAND

KETTERING ARTS CENTRE

28TH FEBRUARY 2026

DOORS OPEN 1:30PM FOR 2PM START

[WEGOTTICKETS.COM/EVENT/683498](https://www.wegotickets.com/event/683498)



Follow Alice down the rabbit hole and meet all manner of strange and extraordinary characters in this curious hour-long family-friendly theatre production.



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