



I am a Disciple for you Jesus



Holy Souls Catholic Primary School

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Newsletter 11

Dear Friends of Holy Souls,

What an eventful week here at school!

We were delighted to see our Year 6 children had their residential visit to Whitemore Lakes. Mrs Kielstra and I joined them on Tuesday and were amazed by their courage and bravery as they were rock climb, carrying our leaps of faith (very high!!) and zip lining.

The experience allowed the children to grow closer to God in the wonder and awe of their environment and the opportunities they had together. This togetherness was extended as 120 other children and staff from the St Teresa of Calcutta MAC were also there. It was delightful to see new friendships blossom.

We were so on Tuesday to see nine former Holy Souls pupils from Archbishop Ilsley join us for the day. They were engaging and true ambassadors for their school. My thanks to Mr Corrigan and Ms Smithen for taking the time to bring them.

My thanks to the children for their exemplary behaviour, courage for the activities and bravery - staying away from home. This experience was one which required a great deal of organisation from staff in school and time away from their own families from the staff who so willingly took them. Our thanks to the all of the staff. Our thanks to the MAC for funding the whole trip and to the staff at Whitemore Lakes for providing such a clean, tidy and safe environment - it really was home from home! We do however some very tired children have and staff who certainly deserve a restful weekend.

This weekend is the final Sunday on the Church year as we celebrate the solemnity of **Christ The King**. We look forward on this Youth Sunday to seeing Archbishop Ilsley lead the liturgy for 12 noon Mass (24th November). It would be great to see you all there.

God bless

Mrs Girling and everyone at Holy Souls

(Shrewsbury away - back to the football after the international break)

SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR PUPILS ON MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER-INSET DAY

Community member: The staff who assisted with the Y6 Residential
Year 2: Savannah & Anlo
Year 1: Senaya
Reception: Eliza H
Year 3: Lariah & Audrey

Year 4: Beau & Ruby-Sue

Year 5: Talulah & Kobay

Year 6: All Children



LEADERS FOR LEARNING

RT	Rayan	4-MK	Bobbie
ICK	Abid	4-WM	Tristan
2KW	Elsie	5J	Elsie
2W	Ava	5WG	Lacey-Mae
3M	Carter	6SC	Oskar
3T	Maja	6PM	April
HAPPY GOLDEN TIME EVERYONE!			

A Leader for Learning is a role model to us all. They are working hard, trying their best and really engaged with their learning.

Sports Stars of the Week



Reception - Chloe

KS1- Krystian

KS2- Elise

Well done Sports Stars -
Coach Dylan, Coach Henry and Coach Dom were very impressed with your skills!



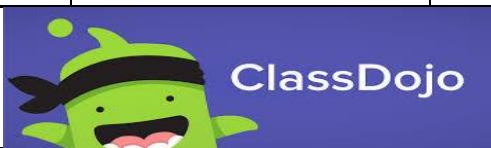
RT	Fabian	4MK	River
ICK	Kion	4WM	Daniel
2KW	Maya	5J	Jack N
2W	Sabina	5WG	Callan
3M	Samuel	6SC	Aoife
3T	Maison	6PM	Nancy

What book are you reading this week?

Thank you for hearing your child read and completing your child's Reading Record every evening.

Reading Plus- Most words read in a week.

Year 5	Chimamanda	9562 words
Year 6	Bennett Vaughen	7028 words



Reception	210	Class 4MK	346
Class 1 CK	140	Class 4WM	432
Class 2Wa	220	Class 5J	780
Class 2W	196	Class 5WG	825
Class 3M	167	Class 6PM	178
Class 3T	100	Class 6SC	289

This week's winners - Reception Class

Very well done to all the pupils in Reception

Catholic Life and Mission

This week's Sunday Gospel..

Liturgical Year B

Gospel

John 18:33-37

It is you who say that I am a king.

THE SOLEMENITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Sunday Gospel Reflection

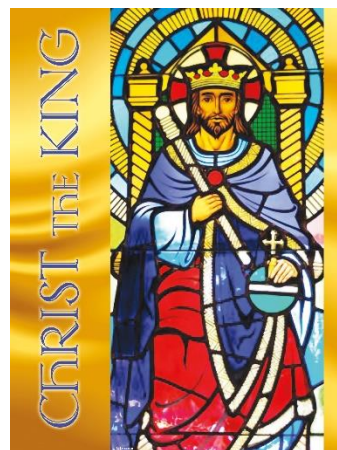
John Ch.18 v 33-37

The Lord is truly King with majesty enrobed!

He reigns wherever His Will is desired and done, in Heaven and on earth.

He reigns in our hearts and He is the supreme model of sovereignty and power and from Him comes all authority, in heaven and on earth, and His Kingdom will have no end.

May Christ reign in our hearts and may His reign within us transform us into agents for the spread of His Kingdom in the world.



Don't forget to have a go at naming the Elf

50p per go. The winning name will be chose next Friday



Christmas Competition at The Works in Acocks Green Go in and collect a booklet #FamiliesandCommunities

Write or draw your Christmas wish list for Santa!

Once you've finished, put your letter in an envelope, adding a stamp and Santa's address: **Santa, Santa's Grotto, Reindeerland, XM4 6HQ**

PS: If you post it by 30 November, Santa will send you a letter back! After this date, you could give it to someone in your family to make sure it gets to Santa!

National Literacy Trust
Change your story

Dear Santa,

From: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Festive Fun
Packed with festive activities, fun & crafts!

Name: _____

Time well spent this Christmas

The National Literacy Trust is a registered charity no. 1052620. Registered office: 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000



Young Writers Competition



Back in October, our school celebrated National Poetry Day. Children aged 5-7 years old were challenged to write an acrostic poem for a competition for a company called Young Writers. We are delighted to announce that some of our children's poems have been selected for publication in Little Dreamers- Poetic Gems.

Since 1991, Young Writers have inspired children to enjoy creative writing and reading.

Congratulations to all the children that entered the competition. Every poem was amazing!

If your child's work has been chosen for publication, please complete the letter that has been sent home today.



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFEGUARDING



A reminder to all parents and carers that we are here to listen to your needs, concerns and good news! Please do not hesitate to contact school if you need to. We can offer a variety of ways to support you and your family. We would also ask that if there is a matter that needs discussing this is done through the school office. Our playground is a safe and welcoming environment for us all.

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Importance of Attendance

Research commissioned by the Department for Education, shows missing school for even a day can mean a child is less likely to achieve good grades, which can have a damaging effect on their life chances.

Think about these questions:

1. If my child has time off at primary school, does it make that much difference?
2. They can catch up eventually, can't they?
3. So a couple of days off isn't that much work missed, is it?

If your child misses school, they miss lessons which may not be repeated. Being absent from school makes it hard to catch up with missed work and affects how well children do.

How much lesson time do they miss when they are off?

- Half day absent = 3 hours of lessons missed.
- 1 day absent = 5 hours of lessons missed.
- 3 days absent = 15 hours of lessons missed.
- 1 week absent = 25 hours of lessons missed.
- 2 weeks absent = 50 hours of lessons missed.

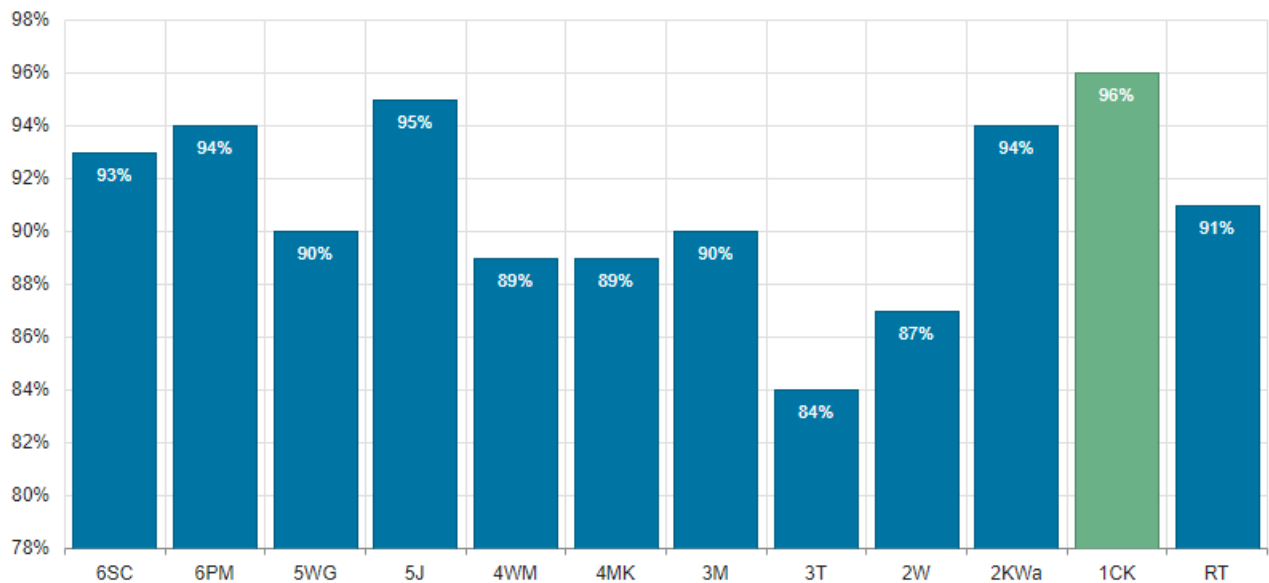
The possible impact for your child:

- They might feel a bit left out.
- They may not know how to do the work.
- They may fall behind and find it difficult to catch up.
- They may have to make friends again.

Finally, here is what it all adds up to:

If your child continues through their whole school life only attending 90% or less every year then their GCSE results WILL be affected, see below what the chances are:-

Full Attendance	100%	82% of students achieve 5+ Good GCSE Grades
Good Attendance	97% - 99.9%	79% of students achieve 5+ Good GCSE Grades
Attendance Requires Improvement	96.9% - 95%	53% of students achieve 5+ Good GCSE Grades
Worrying Attendance	94.9% - 90%	45% of students achieve 5+ Good GCSE Grades
Serious Concern	Below 90%	36% of students achieve 5+ Good GCSE grades



WE HAVE REACHED 92% THIS WEEK

SEND CORNER:

There are **three** items in this week's SEND corner.

Family First - Beacon 360

Mr Henvey and Mrs Brown will deliver the first session of the Family First Programme this Wednesday (27/11/24) at 9am.

Thank you to the 11 parents that have signed up to the Wednesday programme. We are looking forward to you joining us.

Unfortunately, we have reached our capacity with the Wednesday group.

However, once the Wednesday programme has finished, school will look at running the programme again on a different day so all parents have the opportunity to attend. This will be after spring half-term.

If you are interested in signing up for the next programme, please email the office to book your place on enquiry@holysoul.bham.sch.uk

SEND Reviews

SEND reviews are now taking place and will continue do so throughout autumn 2.

Thank you to all the parents that have attended so far.

Your views and feedback are essential in how we deliver SEND provision in school.

Please do not worry if you have not booked an appointment, Mr Henvey will be contacting you in the next two weeks to arrange a date for a meeting.

School Referrals for Autism and / or ADHD

Important message from NHS Birmingham Community Healthcare:

Leading on from the newsletter before the half-term holidays, school are no longer able to send referrals for autism and / or ADHD if there has not been evidence of Early Help or Graduated Approach to support the child or young person.

Evidence of Early Help or the Graduated Approach **must** have been implemented over a **minimum of two terms** for school to send a referral.

If there is no Early Help or Graduated Approach to support the child or young person in place or the evidence detailed is inadequate the referral will be rejected.

If you have spoken to Mr Henvey regarding school sending a referral for either autism or ADHD for your child, please contact him after the half-term holiday.

Adoration

Year 4 joined Father Marco for Adoration and Mass. Thank you to Father Marco for leading Year 4 in such a beautiful way #Adoration #Prayer



Deanery

Thank you to our Head Boys and Head Girls that represented at the Deanery Mass at Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church last week. This Mass is celebrated by many priests of the deanery and where deceased clergy are prayed for.



Red Wednesday

This week the children participated in Red Wednesday. They joined the Red Wednesday Live Stream and learnt about how people are persecuted for their religion. They were each given a red rubber. Thank you to the parent that donated them
#RedWednesday #LiveSimply
#RightsandResponsibilities

Class 4WM Red Wednesday

For Red Wednesday, Year 4 joined the live stream to help us understand how Christians are being persecuted for their religious beliefs and why we wear red.

These people are not given the rights to live happy, peaceful lives. They are not given shelter, food, water and education like we are.

Our responsibility is to raise money by paying £1 to wear red, raise awareness about wearing red and by praying for those in need.

We learnt that we should value our religion more, because some aren't as lucky as us to live in peace and harmony.

5WG Red Wednesday

For Red Wednesday, we have worn red clothes and brought in money to fundraise for people around the world who are persecuted for being Christian. We all have rights to live happy and peaceful lives including basic needs such as food, water, shelter and safety. Some people don't get this so we have a responsibility to help others. We remember especially, that Jesus was a refugee.

Year 4MK -Red Wednesday

For Red Wednesday, we have worn red and donated money. We joined the livestream and prayed along.

The rights that Christians are losing include:

- their home
- their family
- their friends
- their loved ones
- their faith
- their shelter, support and protection

We discussed how people can help which included:

- Wear red - donate money
- Donate food
- Provide counselling and support
- Provide them with an education

Year 3-Red Wednesday

For Red Wednesday we have joined together wearing red and bringing in £1 to help those who are being persecuted for their religion.

We have learnt a lot from the livestream about what is happening to those who are being persecuted.

We talked about their rights being taken away from them such as their happiness, food, water, education and their rights to their faith.

We recognise that we are lucky and have a responsibility to donate money and food to those who need it.

1CK Red Wednesday

We wore red clothes and brought £1 in to show we are thinking of those Christians around the world who are not allowed to follow their beliefs and live their lives as Christians. They are not able to live their lives peacefully and express their religious beliefs. We have a responsibility to raise awareness to help others and those in need and raise our voices for those who can't. We pray to Jesus that he will help them in their time of need.

Reception -Red Wednesday

We are wearing red. We all brought some money in to help the people that are suffering. We watched the Red Wednesday Assembly. We know that no one should be suffering. We ask Jesus in our prayers to help them.

Year 2 Red Wednesday

Today the children in Year 2 joined in with Red Wednesday, by wearing red clothes. They brought in a donation to help support Christians within the world who are being persecuted for their religious beliefs and being able to follow their religious practices.

The children enjoyed the livestream whereby they learnt about what is happening to many people who are being persecuted for their religious beliefs. They particularly enjoyed the head and heart game which showed them the importance of using their head to think and help others who in need.

We have a responsibility to try everyone with kindness regardless of their beliefs and pray for those who are being persecuted.

We learnt how blessed and thankful we are to live in a society where we are not treated unfairly because of our



Mini Vinnie Christmas Card Winners

Well done to Filip in Reception and Rohan in Year 6 for these beautiful Christmas cards. They are our Mini Vinnie Christmas Card Winners. Mrs. Kielstra's Mum was our judge. She spent hours looking at all of the entries. We want to thank everyone for entering the competition as it was a delight to see so many beautiful cards. The winning cards are being produced at the moment and will be on sale at the piety stall at church next weekend and from school from Tuesday 3rd December.



Christ the King

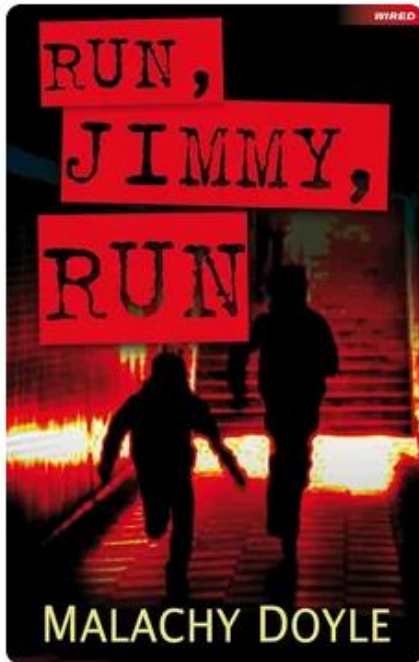
Thank you to Mrs Wade and 2W for leading our Christ the King Assembly. They shared the message that Jesus is the King of our Hearts #ChristtheKing



Positive Behaviours Week

At Holy Souls School we do not have an Anti-Bullying Week we have a Positive Behaviours Week. In this week the children learn about a different beatitude in each year group. They have a book that they explore in their Literacy lesson and a different piece of scripture that links to the theme or beatitude. In our Positive Behaviours Week Assembly the children shared their beatitude and scripture.

Positive Behaviours Week- Year 5

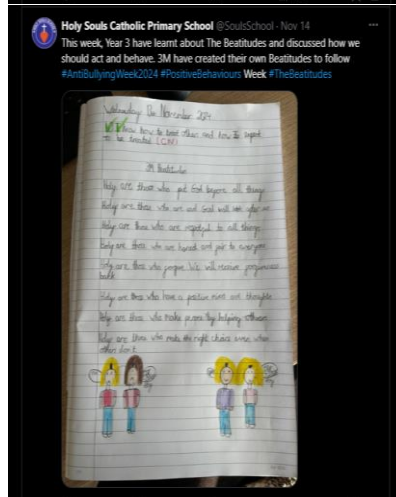


This week we have been thinking about dignity and compassion. We understand that dignity means the importance and value that a person has and makes other people respect them, or makes them respect themselves. Compassion means having empathy and sympathy for someone's situation and showing kindness.

We read a book called 'Run Jimmy Run' where a boy called Jimmy is bullied by a boy called Dax. Jimmy was so upset and hurt he was prepared to run away from home, when Dax realised this he understood the implication of his actions and wanted to change.

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Positive Behaviours Week Year 2



This week during Positive Behaviours week Year 2 have learnt about being kind and being a good friend! They read a lovely story called 'Pink' which is about a penguin called Patrick who wakes up one day to find he's turned pink overnight.

Thinking that boys cannot be pink he feels teased and left out so he runs away in search of new pink friends. Patrick learns that real friends will accept you as you are. This story helped the children to learn how important it is to be true to themselves. During the week the children also made a special friendship potion with all the ingredients that make a great friend! They played games together as a team and discussed feelings, both good and not-so-good feelings. They also talked about the importance of the word truth and wrote class commands on how to be truthful. These are 3 of their class commands.

Speak kindly and honestly with your family and friends.
Say your prayers gently every day.

Be considerate to others.