

Griffins Newsletter - 4th September 2026

Our Mission Statement at Stella Maris

Our school mission is what God sent us into the world to do – to help build His kingdom through learning, playing and making friends together. The tools we will use to do this are:

Love, Care, Share, Trust and Respect

Our theme for reflection this week was **new beginnings**.

"Behold I make all things new." Revelation 21:5

RE: We discussed our gospel values which of course, the children were very familiar with. They each had a letter of our values and did some finger painting to decorate them in readiness to update our class display.

Maths: We learnt Roman Numerals. The children did very well at working out different dates, their birthdays and some other challenges. We then began exploring place value of numbers up to 1,000,000, using place value counters and grids.

English: We started our new book Empire's End - A Roman Story. We started by exploring the front cover and making predictions, we then got to know our main character and write a character description. Finally, we discussed the setting of the story, considering, sounds, sights and smells and then used fronted adverbials to improve our sentences.

French: The children started using the French alphabet and were able to play hangman in French.

KEY REMINDERS

PE - Thursdays: Please ensure that children wear the correct school PE uniform. Branded sports kits should not be worn.

Homework: We encourage children to attempt their homework each week. Homework is beneficial to their learning and supports the work they complete in class. Homework will be uploaded weekly.

Spelling Tests: Spelling tests will take place every Friday, unless stated otherwise.

Toys: Children are reminded not to bring toys of any kind into school from home, unless this has been previously agreed with the class teacher.

KEY DATES

Tuesday 8th September: We will be holding a Meet the Teacher session after school. We hope you will be able to join us.

Friday 9th October: We will be taking part in Wear Yellow Day to support Mental Health and Wellbeing.

It has been lovely to have the children back in school and they have settled quickly into year 5. We are really looking forward to getting to know them better over the rest of the term.

The Griffins Team