



Year 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week in Maths children have been linking multiplication and division facts using their knowledge of times tables to help them! In English the children have been writing persuasive letters to Mr Peebles encouraging him to adopt a Yeti as a school pet. In Geography the children explored the physical geographical features of Antarctica.

### Key dates

- **Monday 19th January** - Clubs start
- **Movie Night - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 3.30pm**
- **Half term Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026**
- **INSET Day - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March - (School closed)**
- **REMINDER: Children must remove earrings to take part in PE and Games lessons. If they cannot do this on their own please can they not wear earrings on those days. Thank you**

Homework expectations

<p><b>Spellings - tested on Friday</b></p> <p></p>	<p><b>Maths.co.uk - Due by Thursday</b></p> <p></p>
<p><b>Times tables - tested on Friday</b></p> <p>3 mins a day on TTRS</p> <p></p>	<p><b>Reading - 15 minutes a day</b></p> <p><b>Renaissance</b></p> <p>RWI -please read the book your child has brought home.</p> <p><a href="#">Find the link to AR here</a>. Please complete at least <b>one</b> Accelerated Reader quiz per week (dependent on the size of the book).</p>

### Homework club

Friday lunchtime Homework club has now started for children who don't manage to complete their homework during the week. As a reminder the expectation is that the following is completed each week:

- x1 Maths.co.uk assignment
- x1 Accelerated Reader quiz per week (at least)
- Times table rock stars 21 minutes per week (at least)
- Weekly spelling practise

Please come and chat to your child's teacher if you have questions about this.

Thank you so much for all you do to support your child's learning in school. It makes a huge difference to their academic progress and their confidence in class.

### Weekly Spelling Quiz Update

From Spring term, weekly spelling quizzes will include 6 spellings from the current week's list, 2 from the previous week and 2 from an earlier quiz within your child's year group. This approach uses retrieval practice, which helps children strengthen their memory and move spellings into long-term retention, rather than just learning them for a single test.

Please don't be concerned if scores dip slightly at first while children adjust to this format - this is a normal part of the learning process and will support stronger spelling knowledge over time.

### 16.1.26 - next weeks spellings

freight, vein, weigh, reins, eight, eighteen, reign, veil, neighbour, sleigh

### Prayer bags

Dear Parents and Carers,

Here in the St Polycarp's family we follow in the footsteps of Jesus through playing, praying, loving and learning together.

To support us in continuing to live out our mission, your child have the opportunity to bring home our class *prayer bag*. It includes simple, age-appropriate resources to help you pray together as a family. The prayer bag will be brought home by a different child in the class each week.

You'll also find a prayer diary where you and your child can write any thoughts, prayers or intentions if you wish. The prayer bags will be sent home on a Friday and returned the following Friday.

The prayer bag is a wonderful way of linking the prayer life of our school and home by encouraging the children to practise and lead their own prayer sessions with their families and share their spiritual experience. We hope this shared experience brings moments of peace, connection and joy to your home.

Thank you

# PARENT AND CARER BELONGING WORKING GROUP



This is the Xavier Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Belonging Pledge.

## BELONGING PLEDGE

1. The school embraces all children into school life, all staff champion inclusion
2. Trust core Catholic values are integrated to ensure our school cultures are inclusive
3. We work together to ensure children can be the best version of themselves
4. Relationships and trust are central to championing diversity and inclusion
5. Intelligent and dignified support is provided to those who need it
6. A shared language and definition for inclusion and diversity exists within the Trust to ensure a consistent approach
7. Through their school experiences, pupils are passionate about their role as global citizens.
8. We actively listen to the voice of our community and act to empower individuals to be seen and heard. Everyone is seen as an individual
9. Leaders and governors demonstrate commitment in championing equality, diversity and inclusion
10. Staff and governors show empathy and humility. They are consciously aware of their own bias.

## PARENT AND CARER BELONGING WORKING GROUP

Mrs Woolley is looking for a small group of parents to attend a working group, meeting termly.

The intent of the group is to discuss your experiences of the school and to ensure the school community is as open as it could be and that everybody feels valued.

If you'd like to help us deliver our belonging pledge, and would like to be a part of this, please let us know by emailing:

[sendinfo@stpolycarps.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:sendinfo@stpolycarps.surrey.sch.uk)



### Design a carpet bed for Gostrey Meadow

#### Theme for 2026

To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Winnie the Pooh, the theme is:

“Literary Characters inspired by the Natural World”

Think of beloved favourites such as The Hungry Caterpillar, Peter Rabbit and Jemima Puddle-Duck, Superworm and Alice in Wonderland.

#### How to Enter

- Create a square design for the carpet bed at Gostrey Meadow.
- Keep it simple—bold designs work better than very detailed ones.
- Email your entry to [bloom@farnham.gov.uk](mailto:bloom@farnham.gov.uk) or post it to the Farnham Town Council offices.
- Include your name, school, and year group.
- Deadline: Friday 23rd January 2026.

#### What Happens Next?

- The winning design will be chosen by a panel of judges.
- It will be brought to life by a specialist planting team and Farnham Town Council's Outside Workforce in early summer 2026.
- The winner will be invited for a photo with the Mayor of Farnham by the display, and a press release will be shared with local media such as the Farnham Herald and Vantage Point magazine.



*The 2025 winning carpet bed design featuring a ladybird and flowers*