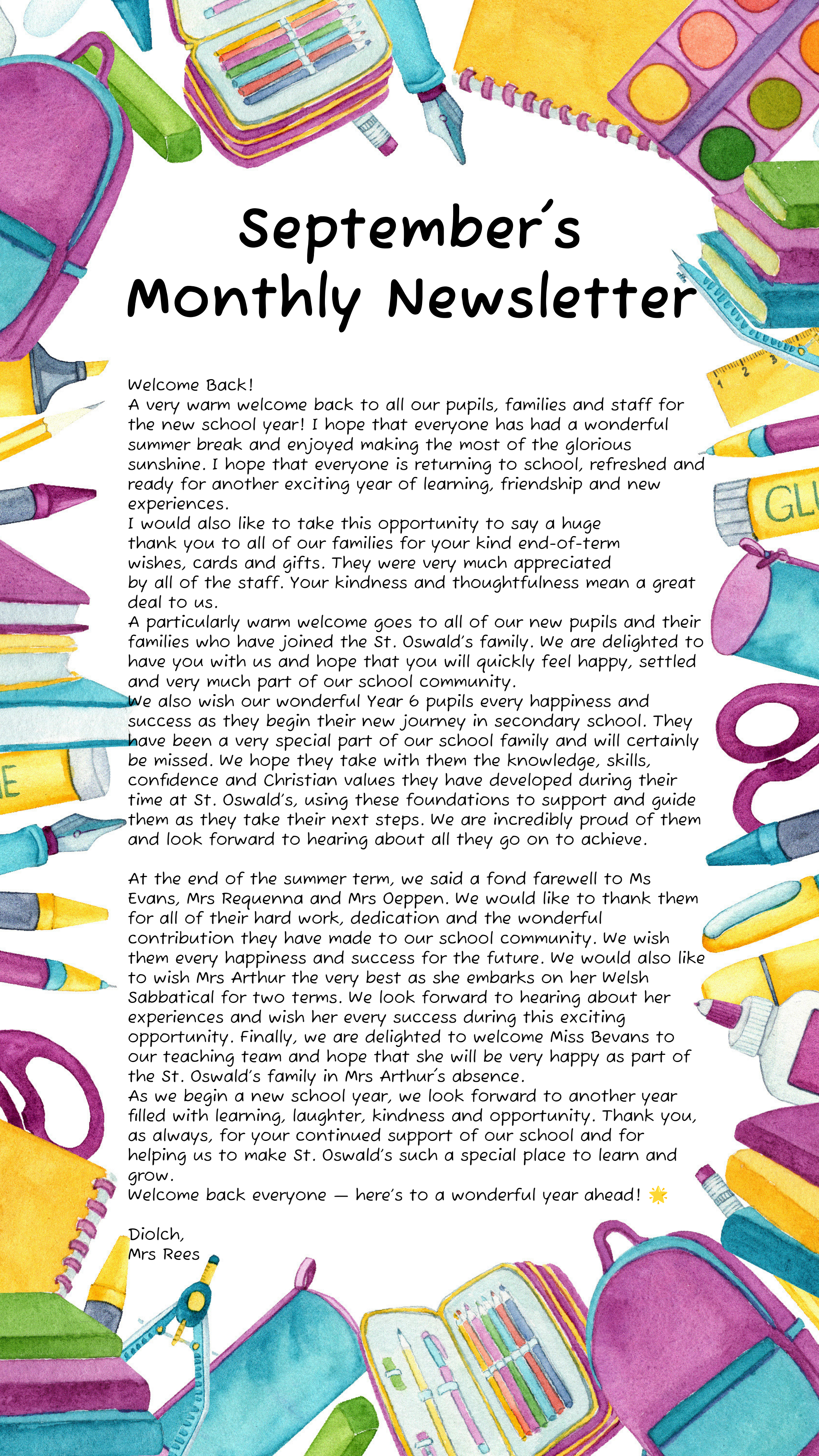




September's Monthly Newsletter

Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to all our pupils, families and staff for the new school year! I hope that everyone has had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed making the most of the glorious sunshine. I hope that everyone is returning to school, refreshed and ready for another exciting year of learning, friendship and new experiences.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of our families for your kind end-of-term wishes, cards and gifts. They were very much appreciated by all of the staff. Your kindness and thoughtfulness mean a great deal to us.

A particularly warm welcome goes to all of our new pupils and their families who have joined the St. Oswald's family. We are delighted to have you with us and hope that you will quickly feel happy, settled and very much part of our school community.

We also wish our wonderful Year 6 pupils every happiness and success as they begin their new journey in secondary school. They have been a very special part of our school family and will certainly be missed. We hope they take with them the knowledge, skills, confidence and Christian values they have developed during their time at St. Oswald's, using these foundations to support and guide them as they take their next steps. We are incredibly proud of them and look forward to hearing about all they go on to achieve.

At the end of the summer term, we said a fond farewell to Ms Evans, Mrs Requenna and Mrs Oeppen. We would like to thank them for all of their hard work, dedication and the wonderful contribution they have made to our school community. We wish them every happiness and success for the future. We would also like to wish Mrs Arthur the very best as she embarks on her Welsh Sabbatical for two terms. We look forward to hearing about her experiences and wish her every success during this exciting opportunity. Finally, we are delighted to welcome Miss Bevans to our teaching team and hope that she will be very happy as part of the St. Oswald's family in Mrs Arthur's absence.

As we begin a new school year, we look forward to another year filled with learning, laughter, kindness and opportunity. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school and for helping us to make St. Oswald's such a special place to learn and grow.

Welcome back everyone — here's to a wonderful year ahead! ☀

Diolch,
Mrs Rees

IMPORTANT DATES



Tuesday, 1st September - INSET DAY

Wednesday, 2nd September - Children return to school

Week beginning 7th September - Meet the teacher evenings. See class newsletters for further details.

Week beginning 14th September - Pupil Voice Groups (Ambassadors) - Campaign Week. See poster shared on Dojo for more information.

Week beginning 14th September - Scholastic Books - Books and other items available to buy after school all week.

Monday, 14th September - Flu Vaccinations

Friday, 18th September - Ambassador Class presentations and voting ballot.

Friday, 25th September - Whole School Photograph

Monday, 5th October - Pets Assembly at the end of the school day. Time to be confirmed.

Week beginning 19th October - Parent Evenings. Invitations to be sent out by class teachers in due course.

Week beginning 26th October - Half Term

Monday, 2nd November - INSET Day

Tuesday, 3rd November - Children return to school

Wednesday, 4th November - Dosbarth Oak Crucial Crew Trip

Wednesday, 9th December - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas play. Afternoon and Evening performances.

21st December - Christmas Holidays begin

4th January - INSET Day

Tuesday, 5th January - Children return to school

Week beginning 8th February - Half Term

Friday, 19th March - INSET DAY

22nd March - Easter Holidays

Monday, 5th April - Return to school following Easter holidays.

Friday, 16th July - Break up for summer holidays. Last day for pupils and staff.



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Little Acorns

- William - 4 oed
- Elis - 5 oed
- Darcey - 6 oed

Dosbarth Sycamore

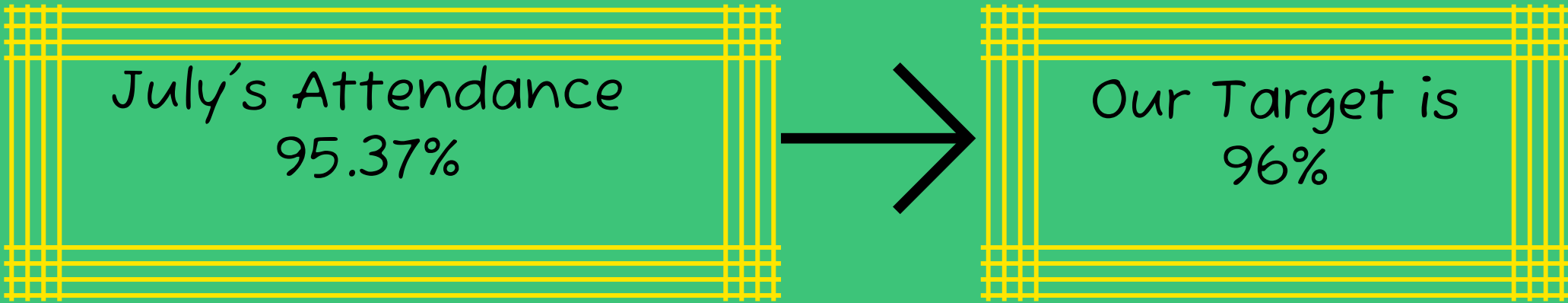
- Lili C - 8 oed
- Alfie - 8 oed
- Jake - 8 oed
- Becky - 9 oed
- Morgan - 9 oed
- Mia - 9 oed
- Florrie - 9 oed

Dosbarth Willow

- Ember - 7 oed
- Stan - 7 oed

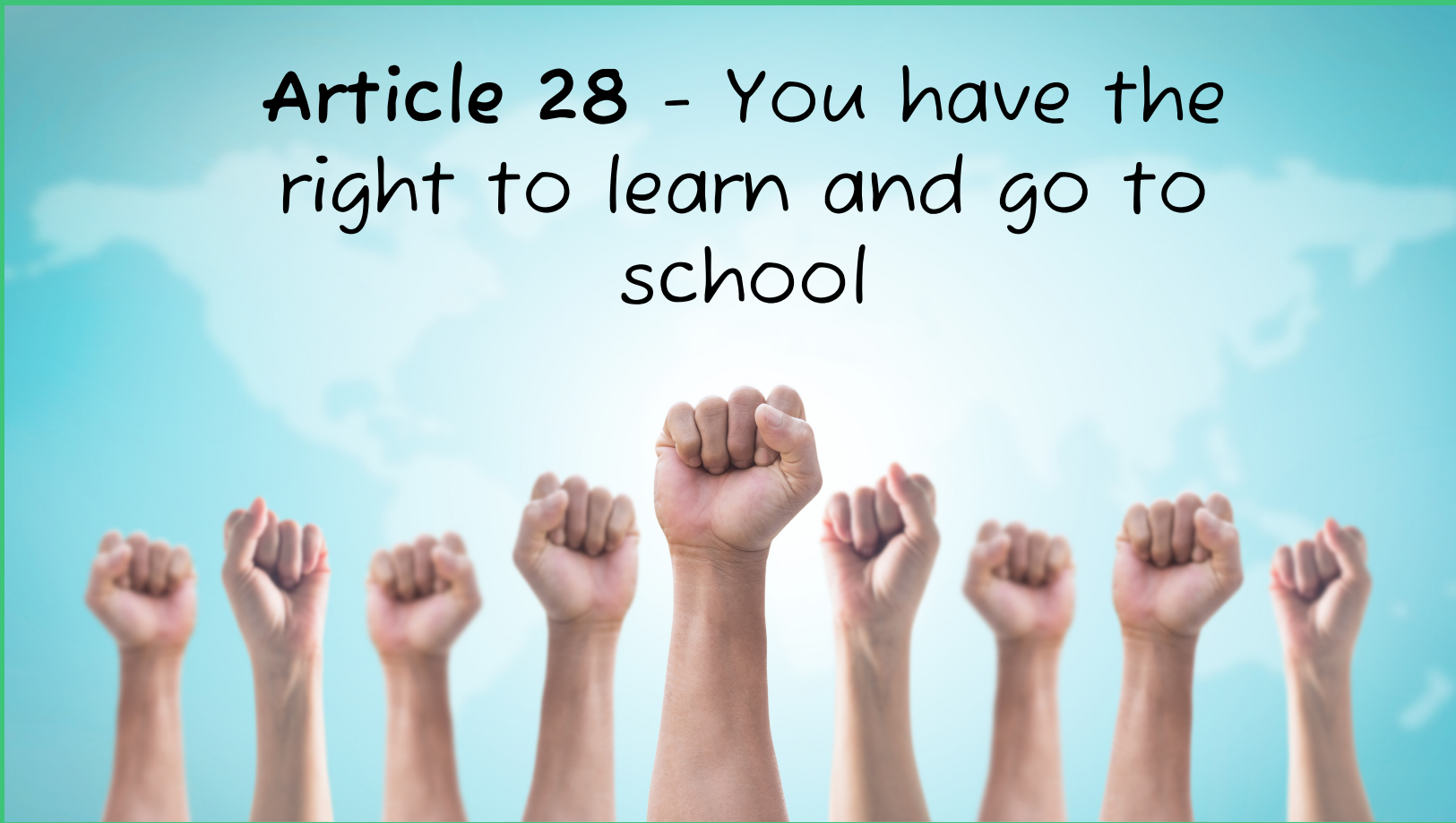
Dosbarth Oak

- Josiah - 10 oed
- Felicity C - 10 oed
- Rosie W - 11 oed



Our Right of the Month is

Article 28 - You have the right to learn and go to school



Our Value this term is Trust

Our Values Newsletter will be shared on Class Dojo.

The newsletter contains:

- *A Read Together Bible Story
- *Fascinating Facts
- *Words of Wisdom
- *A Hall of Fame
- *Other books to read linked to the value and a Home-school activity.

Children who complete the home-school challenge and bring it into school to share with their classes will receive 25 house points.

Learning and growing hand in hand together, following the footsteps of Jesus.



TRUST

This term our Collective Worship focus will be based on the value TRUST. We hope your family find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

WORDS OF WISDOM

'TRUSTING someone is like knowing you can jump and they will be there to catch you.'

Anon



Fascinating Facts

The Royal National Lifeboat Institute (RNLI) When the crew and passengers of boats get into difficulty at sea, they can trust the lifeboat crews from RNLI to try their very best to rescue them. Many of the crew and coastguards are volunteers. • There are over 230 lifeboat stations all around the coast of Britain & Ireland • Crews are on call 24 hours a day, every day of the year. They must be ready to drop what they are doing at a moment's notice to go out on their lifeboat.



READ TOGETHER

The Storm on the Lake The disciples were just exhausted. All day crowds and crowds of people had been following Jesus, listening as he taught them about God's love and watching as he healed people who were ill. Now the sun was beginning to set over the Sea of Galilee. Seeing how tired his friends were, Jesus said, "Let's get in a boat and go over to the other side of the lake." They rowed away from the shore while Jesus went to the front of the boat and lay down. The waves lapped gently against the side of the boat, lulling Jesus into a peaceful sleep. Suddenly the wind began to blow dark clouds across the sky. The waves weren't so gentle anymore. The little boat began to pitch and rock. The men looked anxiously across the lake. But Jesus still lay sleeping in the front of the boat. The wind blew stronger. Great gusts rocked the boat. Spray from the waves soaked everyone inside. But still Jesus lay sleeping in the front of the boat. By the time they reached the centre of the lake, the wind had turned into an angry gale that whipped the waves so high that they washed right over the boat. Jesus' friends were terrified. They thought they might drown. But still Jesus slept on. Finally, one of Jesus' friends went and shook him awake. "Master," he cried, "don't you care if we drown?" Jesus looked around. He listened to the howling wind. He felt the cold, stinging spray of the waves. He saw the fear in the faces of his disciples. Jesus stood, stretched out his arms to the wind and the waves, and commanded: "Peace! Be still!" At once the wind died down and the waves became completely calm. Turning to them, Jesus asked the disciples: "Why are you so afraid? Do you not trust me?"



Prayer of the Month



Dear God,

Thank you for bringing us back together after our summer holiday.

Thank you for our school, our teachers, our friends and our families.

As we begin a new school year,
help us to be brave when things feel new or difficult, kind to everyone we meet,
and ready to learn new things.

Help us to remember that we are all special and unique, and that you are always with us,
guiding us, encouraging us and helping us to grow.

Bless our new pupils as they begin their journey with us, and bless those who have moved on to new schools and new adventures.

Help us to make our school a place where everyone feels welcome, valued, safe and loved.

May we listen to one another,
help one another,
and remember to show kindness every day.

Lord, walk with us as we begin this new year and help us to make it a year filled with learning, laughter, friendship and love.

Amen.