

5th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful half term. The children have returned to school full of energy and enthusiasm, ready to learn and take on new challenges.

Here is a snap shot of some of the incredible things that took place at Keyham Barton last term. More examples can be found on the schools webpage.

Congratulations Mrs Avery and family

I am delighted to announce that we have a new member of the Keyham Barton family. Mrs Avery gave birth to her gorgeous baby girl on Saturday 1st November. She does not have a name at present but we will be sure to keep you updated.



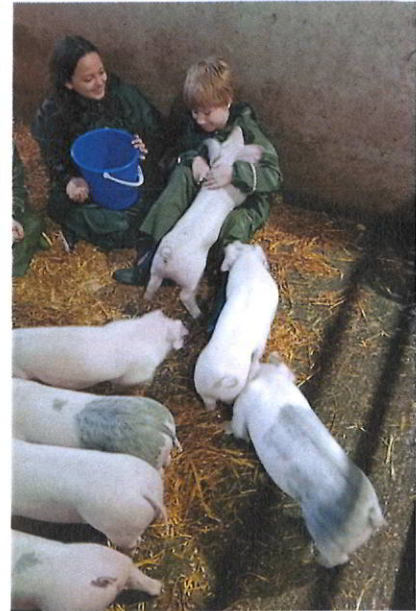
Sending lots of best wishes to Mrs Avery and her family on their wonderful news!

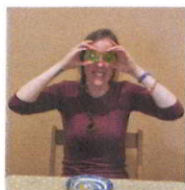
Year 6 Shallowford Farm

The children and staff were a real credit to the school and it was certainly an experience they will never forget. Thank you to 'Promoting Children in Plymouth' for their generous donation - without their support this residential would not have been able to take place. My gratitude also goes to the Keyham Barton staff who gave up their own time to accompany the children. We certainly all had an excellent experience and made memories that we will never forget.



Let's Celebrate... Shallowford Farm





Year 5/6 Hockey Event

On Friday, our Year 5/6 hockey teams represented the school at the PSSP event at Marjons. The afternoon started off with lots of fun skills and development activities. It was a pleasure seeing the players apply their skills to a match situation and watching their confidence blossom throughout.

Our Year 6 team were unbeaten throughout and the Year 5 team only lost one game which was against our Year 6's. Well done to them all and thank you to Rhianna (BED3 student) for joining us.



Let's Celebrate... EYFS Class first day

A MAGICAL FIRST DAY FOR PUPILS AT KEYHAM BARTON

The following will be published on Facebook.

<https://www.facebook.com/KeyhamBartonPlymouth>

Please share away.

Children starting their school journey at Keyham Barton Catholic Primary School today were treated to a truly magical welcome. As they arrived for their very first day in Reception, the 14 children who make up this year's class were greeted by none other than a real-life princess and superhero, making their first morning unforgettable.

The special visitors, kindly arranged by Keyham Barton PTFA through the Stay and Play hub in Plymouth, brought smiles, laughter, and a sense of wonder to pupils and families alike. Headteacher Sarah Rowe said:

"Starting school is such an important milestone in every child's life. We wanted to make the first day as joyful and memorable as possible, and the visit from Rapunzel and Spiderman certainly achieved that. It was a wonderful way to mark the beginning of their journey with us at Keyham Barton."

Keyham Barton Catholic Primary School is a small and welcoming school in the heart of Keyham. Established in 1906, it has proudly been part of the local community for more than a century. While rooted in its Catholic ethos, the school warmly welcomes families of all faiths and backgrounds, reflecting the rich diversity and strong community of the local area.

Parent Emerald Siggery, whose youngest daughter started in Foundation today, said:

"It was a wonderful surprise for the children who were starting their school journey this morning. Starting school is a big step and having her favourite Princess there to greet her was a lovely welcome to the school family and distracted from any last-minute nerves!"

This magical start reflects Keyham Barton's commitment to nurturing not only learning, but the whole child from the very first day of school. All children flourish in a safe, happy and stimulating environment.

Being a smaller school lends itself to forming a tight knit community and Keyham Barton PTFA volunteers work hard to make sure every opportunity is taken to bring support and fun to everyone in the school family - there is a true community spirit.

There are still places available at the school in Renown Street. Please contact the school office on 01752 567684 to book a personal tour with the headteacher, Sarah Rowe. It would be great for you to see this lovely school and meet the wonderful children and staff.



Let's celebrate... Courage Class - Reception

Dear Parents/Carers,

We've had another lovely week in school, and I'm so pleased to share how well the children are settling in. They are becoming more confident each day, starting to build new friendships and really exploring the EYFS environment.

The children are getting to know and follow our Golden Carpet Rules and our Whole-School Rules: Be Ready, Be Respectful and Be Safe – it's been fantastic to see them showing such positive behaviour and enthusiasm for learning.

In our Read Write Inc. (RWI) lessons, we've been learning the alphabet picture names and enjoying some Fred Talk games, which they have really engaged with. In Maths, we've been focusing on the number 1, using a range of hands-on activities to help deepen understanding.



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Dear Year 1 Parents/Carers,

We've had a fantastic start to the new school year, and we couldn't be prouder of how well the Year 1 children have settled back into school life. The children had a lovely surprise when Spiderman and Rapunzel popped into their Year 1 class upstairs to welcome them to Year 1!



They have adapted brilliantly to the new routines—heading upstairs to their new classroom each morning, where they've been busy learning and enjoying their Maths lessons with Mrs Mitchell. They've shown real maturity and enthusiasm, making the most of their learning time.



The children have also handled the transition back downstairs seamlessly, re-joining the Reception children for the rest of the day as part of our mixed Year R/I class. It has been lovely to see how warmly they've welcomed the younger children, acting as wonderful role models. They've been like big brothers and sisters—playing kindly, helping them settle in, showing them how to tidy up, and creating a lovely, inclusive classroom atmosphere.



We're so proud of the way they've embraced their new roles and bonded as a new class. It's been a joy to watch their confidence grow and friendships start to blossom.

We're looking forward to a fun and successful term ahead!

Have a lovely week-end.

Mrs McCarthy and the Year 1 Team.



Courage Class Year 1 continued...

As part of this learning:

- The children created families out of pebbles, representing the special people in their lives.
- We spoke about how we respond to God's love by making the Sign of the Cross to show that we are made by God, we belong to God, and we are loved by Him.
- The children made their own crosses and spent time practicing the Sign of the Cross with care.



It's been a thoughtful, creative, and joyful week in class, with lots of opportunities for learning, reflection, and fun.



Let's celebrate... Years 1 and 2

Years 1 and 2 had a very special visit from Mrs Siggery, who is a coastal scientist. She explained what her job is and how she manages the beaches around Devon and Cornwall. She focussed on all the changes Wembury beach has been through over the years. The children were amazing and asked some very sensible questions.



Let's Celebrate... Compassion Class

What a fantastic start we've had to our R.E. learning! 🌸 We ventured out into the playground to explore signs of God's Creation. The children were excited to spot various plants, flowers, and even some curious caterpillars! 🐛 Engaging in meaningful discussion, they pondered questions like which came first, the seed or the plant. We also reflected on God's constant presence and our responsibility to care for His creation. When we brainstormed beautiful words, suggestions like love, friendship, nature, and animals emerged. I am truly excited for the inspiring journey ahead in our R.E. lessons! 😊



Let's Celebrate... Compassion Class

The children have been learning to play the glockenspiel in music. Yesterday they worked with a partner and learnt the notes 'C' and 'G'. They were absolutely fabulous.



It's lovely to see such engaged and talented musicians.



Let's Celebrate... Compassion Class

The children were investigating different materials. They were exploring how the shape of an object can change. They had a chance to test different objects to see if they could be bent, twisted, squashed or stretched.



We have had a special visitor who has told us all about teeth and how to keep them clean. We've all been given a gift of a toothbrush, toothpaste, timer and a story book! We all listened really carefully and will be cleaning our teeth twice a day for at least 2 minutes.



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Today in Art we were investigating techniques that can be used with the medium of watercolour. We used wet on wet, dry brush, gradation and salt. We practiced each of these techniques using different colours. The children were amazing!



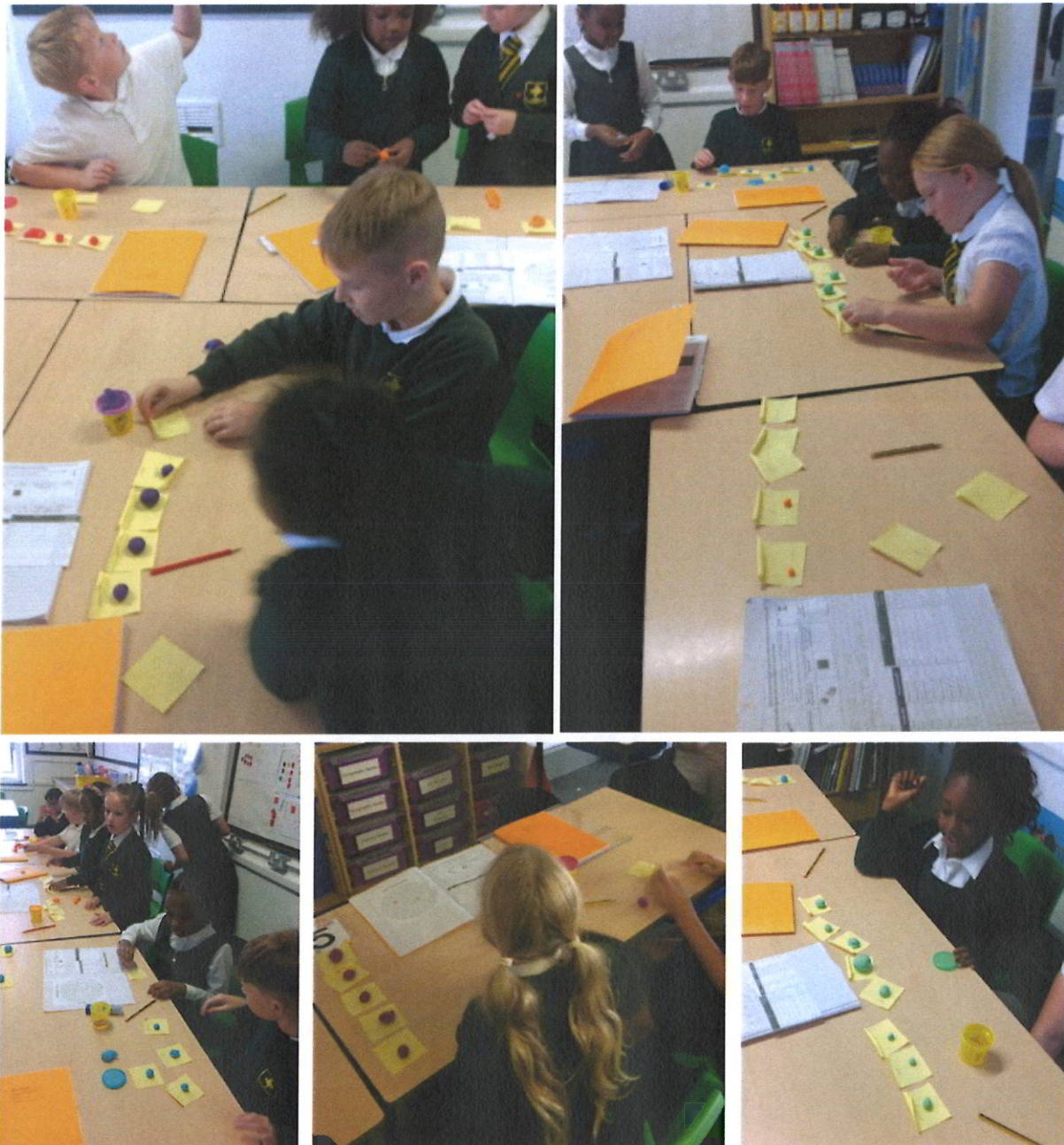
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Today the children had their first Gymnastics lesson. We were looking at points of contact with the floor and the children worked together to create some different balances. They were absolutely amazing.



Let's Celebrate... Integrity Class

Last week was packed with excitement in our classroom! One of the highlights was our science lesson, where we explored the solar system in a hands-on way. The children worked together to create each planet out of Play-Doh, carefully considering their relative sizes compared to Earth. It was a fantastic way to bring our learning to life—and the results were brilliant! 🌟



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Yesterday, our class worked brilliantly in groups to describe images from different settings in Murmansk – a key location in our current book *Race Across the Frozen North: A Matthew Henson Story*. The children used rich vocabulary and teamwork to bring these icy landscapes to life, connecting beautifully with the themes of exploration and resilience in the story. A fantastic effort from everyone! 🍌 📖



Let's Celebrate... Integrity Class

Good evening Integrity Class families,

We've had a truly fantastic week in class, filled with inspiration, creativity, and proud moments!

✨ On Thursday, we attended Mass at church, and our six readers did an outstanding job. Their confidence and clarity were deeply moving, and they represented our class beautifully.

🌍 We also enjoyed a brilliant PE session with Argyle, where the children showed great teamwork, energy, and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see them so engaged and active.

👩 In our writing lessons, we've been diving into the incredible lives of Bessie Coleman and Mae Jemison—two trailblazing women who broke barriers in aviation and space exploration. The children have worked exceptionally hard to write vivid and imaginative recounts from the perspective of Bessie Coleman, describing her exhilarating day flying in a 1920s airshow. Their writing is full of emotion, detail, and historical insight—we're so proud of their efforts!

🖼️ [Images attached] showcase some of the wonderful work and moments from our week.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We're looking forward to more exciting learning ahead!

Warm regards,
Miss Hillier

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Integrity Class continued

Date 1/9/25 L.O: As a writer, I will become better at using my plan to help me write a detailed recount of the Bessie Coleman 1920's air show using an engaging opener and key writing features.

	• I can start my recount with emotion, rhetorical questions, and vivid description • I can organise my writing into clear paragraphs • I can use expanded noun phrases to add detail • I can use punctuation accurately • I can include subordinate clauses to extend my sentences • I can describe the air show using sensory detail and personal reflection			T/TA/1 I
Self-assessment	Have I used my best handwriting?	Have I checked my spellings?	Which Keyham Keys did I use to unlock my learning?	Teacher assessment
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Early this morning when I arrived at the airshow, I looked at the vast superstore, inappropriate signs over. They said 'white only entry' in bold as if to depress the rest of my race. Furious, I marched up to the main organising organisers. I threatened them that if they didn't take the signs down, I wouldn't compete in the airshow.

Reluctantly, they agreed to take the signs down. I checked the plane to make sure I was ready to fly. I put my nervous, scared airplane. Ready I headed up to my aircraft team. They were surprised to see me, a woman, a black woman especially. After introducing myself, I nervously started the plane. The audience yelled the rocky, bumpy road as I started the plane.

Proudly, I gave the plane yelling the sky with awe. I felt the cold autumn breeze landing on my skin. The crowd watched as planes yelled the sunny, blue sky.

Safely, I landed the plane signalling the end of the show. Can you believe it? I achieved my dream. Becoming a pilot.

signed Bessie Coleman

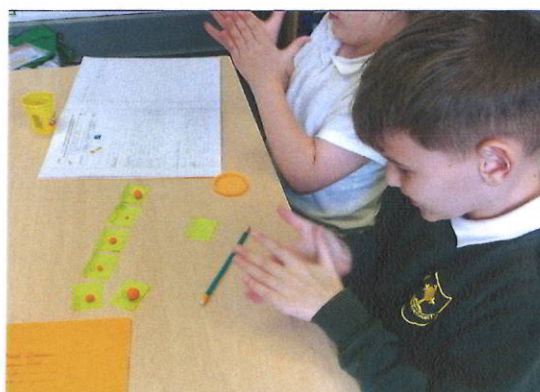
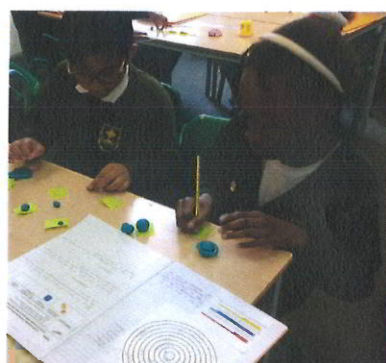
Let's celebrate... Justice Class

What a brilliant week we have had in Justice Class!

The children have written some brilliant letters this week set in 1901 to support Annie Edson Taylor's daredevil feat down Niagara Falls. Year 6 had their first end of unit maths assessment, with nearly all the class scoring 75% or above! The whole class quickly picked up dribbling with a hockey ball in our PE lessons, allowing us to move on to passing and receiving in our first lesson.

Then this afternoon, we made models of the planets in order using different sized blobs of playdoh to correctly represent their relative sizes, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Here are some pictures of them busily working away and a finished set.

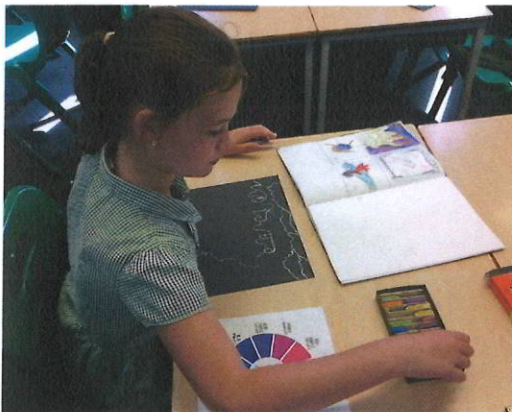
I can't wait to take the Year 6 children on their residential next week. I'm sure they'll have an excellent time. Meanwhile, those in Justice Class staying behind at school have an engaging project to undertake.



Let's Celebrate... Justice Class

Justice Class have thoroughly enjoyed their art day. Here are some photos of them busily creating their final pieces this afternoon.

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Let's Celebrate... Peace Class

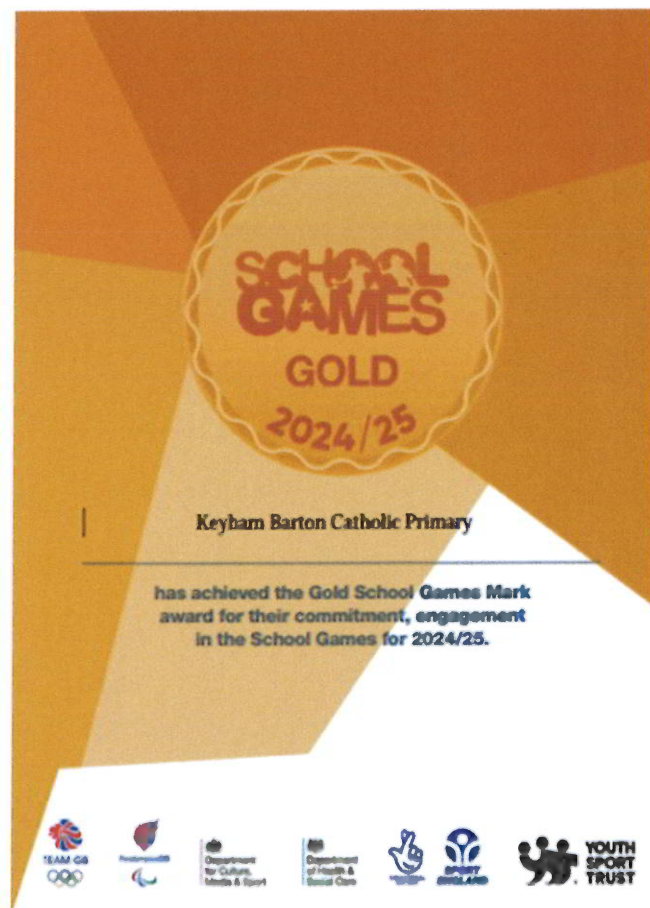
Please find attached a selection of photos capturing Peace Class in action. In English, the children have been thoroughly engaged with The Highland Falcon Thief and will be moving on to Chapters 3 and 4 this week. In outdoor PE, they have been enjoying invasion games and showing great enthusiasm—although due to Friday's weather, the photos shared are from the previous week's session.



Let's Celebrate... Gold School Games Award

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We are looking forward to building on our success and will apply again in 2026.



We have lots of exciting learning, activities and events planned for this term, so please remember to keep an eye on Class Dojo and Facebook for updates and reminders.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2025

Thursday 6th November	Shallowford Farm Presentation - Year 5 & Year 6 families
Friday 7th November	Non-Uniform Day - Children can come to school wearing their own clothes for a donation of Bottles, any unwanted gifts or good condition toys for our PTFA children's stall
Tuesday 11th November	PTFA Bonfire Disco Key Stage One 3.15 - 4.00 pm Key Stage Two 4.15 - 5.15 pm
Friday 14th November	Children in Need - Non-Uniform Day for a small contribution towards this amazing charity
Friday 21st November	School Photo Day Individual Portraits
Friday 28th November	Non-Uniform Day - Children can come to school wearing their own clothes for a donation of chocolate for our PTFA chocolate tombola
Monday 1st December	PTFA Christmas Fayre
Monday 1st December - Friday 19th December	Advent Appeal - More details to follow
Thursday 11th December	Save The Children - Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 11th December	Christmas lunch
Thursday 18th December	Whole School Mass led by Peace Class - Advent Light
Friday 19th December	Last day of Term

2026	
Monday 5th January	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 6th January	Children return to School
Tuesday 10th February	PTFA Valentines Disco
Monday 16th - Friday 27th March	Big Walk and Wheel to School week
Friday 20th March	Comic Relief - Non-Uniform day
Sunday 17th May	Schools Challenge
Monday 1st June - Friday 19th June 2026	Year 4 & 6 Swimming Lessons - The Life Centre
Tuesday 21st July	PTFA End of Term Disco

As always, thank you for your continued support and dedication to the school — we really do make a super team!

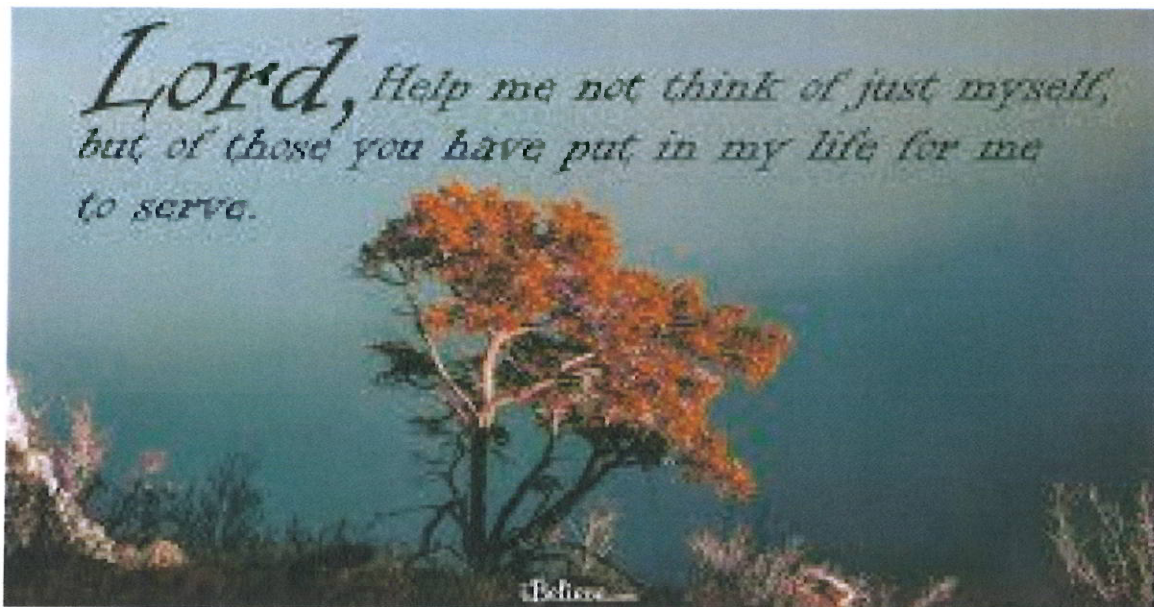
Best wishes

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Miss Sarah Rowe

(Headteacher)





I am thankful

I am thankful for the clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.

I am thankful for the mess I have to clean up after a party because it means I am surrounded by friends.

I am thankful for the taxes I pay because it means that I am employed.

I am thankful for the household chores because it means I have a home.

I am thankful for my heating bill because it means I am warm.

I am thankful for the far-away parking spot because it means I can walk.

I am thankful for the early morning alarm clock because it means I am alive.

Amen