



# The Anchor News

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Hello everyone.

My name is Mrs Austin-Smith and I am a HLTA (Higher Level Teaching Assistant) in year 5 alongside Miss Harris. I have been in St Clements for four weeks and been made to feel very welcome by the wonderful children and school staff.

This week the whole school has been celebrating Interfaith week and doing lots of research on religions from around the world. Some classes have been on visits to places of worship and have had visitors in their classes from other faiths. Thank you to all the parents for allowing their children to bring in items from their to show to their class.

Have a good weekend and see you next week.

**Mrs Austin-Smith**  
Higher Level Teaching Assistant



## Attention Year 5 Parents

Year 5 will not be going to King Edwards for the next two weeks due to the weather. Hopefully visits will resume in the Summer.

Mr Burton  
Sports Co-ordinator

## Nativity and Musical DVD's

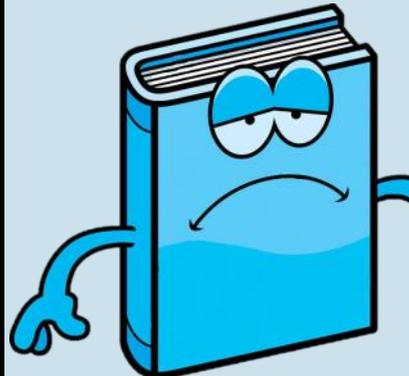
We still have a number of DVD's waiting to be collected from the office for people who ordered them before Christmas.

If you didn't order in advance but would still like a copy then you can get one from the office - 50p each

## Damaged Reading Book

Please can you make sure that reading books that go home are looked after as we have had a number come back to school damaged.

Thank You



## ★ STAR PUPILS

Don't forget you can come along to the celebration assemblies on Monday afternoons at 2:45pm ☺

Nursery	Musa Raza	
Reception	Ismael Ahmed	A'zhari Scrivens
	Zainab Gassama	Ayesha Shahzad
	Declan Chen	Jun Hee Fong
	Erica Da Luz	Eesaa Yasir
	Ali Mohammed	Moussa Guihini
	Sayhan Khurshid	Tida Sanneh
	Hafsah Mir	Azzeldin Gbreel
Sports Stars	Mahliq Fenton-Williams	Tyler Billingham-Roberts

## COFFEE MORNING

Our next coffee morning is this  
**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February,**  
at 9.00am in the Pastoral Room.

We look forward to seeing you there.

*from the Pastoral Team*



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# Interfaith Week

It has been an exciting week in Reception! For Interfaith week, we have been focusing on festivals that different cultures and faiths celebrate. We have been busy splatting paint to represent the festival Holi that Hindus celebrate. We have also been creating Rangoli patterns, and firework pictures to learn all about Diwali, the Festival of light. We have also learnt about Eid, and recalled different ways that some of the children have celebrated it. Also, we were extremely lucky to have a special visit from one of our parents who told us all about a festival that he celebrates. The children were able to ask some clever questions, and found out lots of facts about Emperor Haile Selassie. To end our Interfaith week, we combined some of the traditions, and celebrated them all!



During Interfaith Week, Year 1 have explored and compared the buildings we worship in. We have discussed similarities and differences. We have talked about the places we like to reflect in and the places of worship we go to with our families. We began Interfaith Week with a visit to our local Roman Catholic Church, ST Joseph's, which is just a short walk away from our school. For many of us it was our first visit. We were met by staff and children from Year 6 at St Joseph's primary school and the priest from the church. They were all very friendly and made us feel welcome. Year 1 were fantastic ambassadors for our school and behaved impeccably throughout our visit.

Back at school we have looked at a range of places of worship and have become almost like detectives, spotting clues to determine the faiths and beliefs of the people who go there to worship by the things the buildings contain or the way they look from the outside.



During Interfaith week, Green class focussed their learning upon signs, symbols and artefacts. We explored the similarities and differences across Judaism, Islam, Buddhism and Christianity. Thursday afternoon was particularly enjoyable! Mrs Khatun came into class to share knowledge of her faith and allow Green class to deepen their own understanding of Islam. It was a great opportunity for all involved to continue to understand that we all have differences, however, we also share many similarities.

'St Clement's C of E Academy is a good school where the behaviour and safety of pupils are outstanding' (Ofsted 2014)

