Kingsland CE (VA) Primary School

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

The Kingsland Times

Friday 6th November 2026

Let your light shine

"Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:16

Let your light shine on our vision:

As God's children, overflowing with His light, we will shine before others to inspire, nurture and bring joy so all may embrace life in its fullness to the glory of God.

Our Christian value for this half-term is **RESPECT**

Please help your child to reflect on the importance of this Christian value

Life at Kingsland CE Primary School: life in all its fullness (John 10:10)

Staffing news

After over 14 years dedicated service to our school, Mr Powell has made the difficult decision to pursue a different career direction. He will sadly be leaving the school at the end of this term. The recruitment process to find his successor is underway. We will, of course, be saying a huge THANK YOU to him as the term progresses.

We are also seeking to appoint an additional SEND Teaching Assistant – please see the adverts later in the newsletter for further information.



PLEASE DO NOT PLAN HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

Kingsland CE Primary School, Kingsland, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 9QN

Telephone: 01568 708436
Email: admin@kingslandengland.hereford.sch.uk
Website: www.kingslandceprimary.com

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 10th November	Flu vaccinations in school – more details to follow
Friday 13th November	G4 rehearsal at Weobley High School
Wednesday 18th November	G4 concert in Hereford Cathedral
Tuesday 24th November	Open Morning for prospective new YR parents 9.30am
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 14th December	Christmas dinner and panto performance
Wednesday 16th December	KS1 nativity performances 2.15pm and 5.30pm

Term dates for 2026 – 2027, and for the following two academic years, can be found here.

A huge THANK YOU to the PTA for a fantastic Film Night!



Poppies will be available to purchase for the children after half term for donations to The British Legion (50p / £1).



Governor news: please have a look at the governors' webpage on the school website – click here.



Big Question

We continue our series of BIG QUESTIONS as a focus for family discussions. This week's BIG QUESTION is:

What does RESPECT mean to you?

Congratulations go to the following children who have received Headteacher's Awards:

Bonnie for super effort and progress with her handwriting; **Jasmine** and **Bethan** for excellent mental maths strategies; **Henry** for fabulous singing in music lessons – well done!



Every Friday, a child is awarded with "**The Maths Rock**" – this is given to a child who has worked especially hard in maths during the week. This week's winner is **Molly** … Well done!

School Attendance

This week's attendance – well done Year R!							
YR	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6	School total
98.4%	92.6%	97.9%	93.3%	93.0%	97.5%	96.7%	95.8%

The school encourages all children to attend school for every session of every day the school is open to them. Thank you for your support with this.

Having excellent attendance at school is essential for children to be fulfilling their potential and flourishing with every opportunity on offer.



House Tokens Congratulations to the following children for achieving a house token!			
Ambrey	Berrington	Croft	Mortimer
Phoebe Scarlett	Emily Grace William Ben Sophia	Harry Ottilie Alexander Cecily Ava Flynn Isabelle Daisy	Alice Alfie Camila Hattie Teddy Lucie



The school often conducts Pupil Voice discussions – an opportunity for children to give their opinions about a range of areas about school life. To see our recent Pupil Voice about Behaviour and Attendance, please click here.



KS1 children enjoyed a fabulous storytelling evening on Wednesday. A huge THANK YOU to all the staff for organising it.

CYBER SECURITY

Keeping Children Safe Online



What is Cyber Security?

Cyber security means protecting devices, websites and apps. It helps keep personal information safe and protects families from scams, hacking and other online threats.

Potential Risks

- Scam emails or messages that trick children into sharing information
- Hacking of online accounts
- Weak passwords that are easy to guess
- Outdated software with security weaknesses

How to Help Your Child Stay Protected

1. Use a strong and unique email password. Try three random words plus numbers and symbols.
2. Turn on Two-Factor Authentication (2FA) where available.
3. Keep devices, apps and software updated



A big thank you to everyone at

Kingsland Primary School
Harvest Festival

for the Harvest Festival food and other donations.

We are very grateful for your support.

We are recruiting … please do pass on the information to anyone who may be interested

[Teaching Assistant SEND Level 1 - Hoople Group]

Kingsland CE Primary School

Teaching Assistant SEND Level 1

Salary: £13.48 - £13.92 per hour

Hours and working pattern: 27.5 hours per week, 8.45am – 3.15pm, term time only (mornings in KS2 class; afternoons in Reception class)

Location: Kingsland CE Primary School, Kingsland, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 9QN

Commencing: 1st January 2027. Fixed term contract until 31st August 2027

Closing date: Wednesday 25th November 12pm

Interview date: Thursday 3rd December

Are you looking for a unique opportunity to 'let your light shine?'

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We are looking for an exceptional, enthusiastic and patient Teaching Assistant SEND Level 1 to join our successful and supportive team, to work in both Reception and KS2 classrooms, in conjunction with the class teachers. Knowledge and experience of autism is preferable. The successful candidate will be able to embrace our Christian ethos, further enhancing our team through the determination and experience to deliver outstanding provision.

Visits to our fantastic school are welcomed on Thursday 12th November at 9.15am or Tuesday 17th November at 1.15pm.

Informal enquiries and visits to the school are welcomed. For an application pack and to book a visit, please email slewis@kingslandengland.hereford.sch.uk or phone 01568 708436.

Kingsland CE Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. All post holders are subject to a satisfactory enhanced Disclosure Barring Service confirmation.

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KS1 Teacher

Salary: M1 – UPS1

Hours: Full time, fixed term 1st January 2027 – 31st August 2027

Location: Kingsland CE Primary School, Kingsland, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 9QN

Commencing: 1st January 2027

Closing date: Monday 16th November 12pm

Interview date: Thursday 26th November

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The governors and headteacher require an inspirational and highly motivated KS1 teacher to join our committed team. The successful candidate will have excellent subject knowledge, a passion for teaching and learning, high expectations for all children, will support the Christian ethos of the school, and will be willing to go the extra mile. A particular interest in Physical Education (PE) would be advantageous.

We can offer excellent CPD opportunities, supportive mentorship, and are eager to encourage all teachers to develop as effective school practitioners and leaders.

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For further information, to arrange a visit or to request an application pack, please telephone 01568 708436 or email Sue Lewis at slewis@kingslandengland.hereford.sch.uk

Changes to Free School Meal Eligibility

England

New rules mean more families could now be eligible for free school meals.



2026 -2027

From the start of academic year 2026 to 2027, your child will qualify for free school meals if your household receives Universal Credit, regardless of household earnings.

Eligibility for expanded FSM will be checked annually.

Who can now qualify?

Your child may be eligible for free school meals if your household receives:

- **Universal Credit**
  All household earnings qualify for expanded FSM.
- **Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999**
- **Income-related Employment and Support Allowance** (ESA)
- **Guarantee element of Pension Credit**
- **Certain families with no recourse to public funds (NRPF),**
  subject to the relevant rules.

Targeted FSM remains linked to the £7,400 annual household earnings threshold and can qualify families for additional support such as Pupil Premium and HAF.

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils also receive universal infant free school meals.

How to apply

You can check if you're eligible and apply online at:

www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

- Your local authority or school will check your eligibility.
- Eligibility is checked annually.
- You may need to provide information to verify your claim.
- Eligible children can receive free school meals; targeted FSM may also unlock other support.

These changes apply to England.

If you think you might be eligible, please visit www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals.

It only takes a few minutes to check what support may be available.

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OPEN MORNINGS

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2027?

You would be most welcome to visit school on one of our Open Mornings:



Thursday 17th September at 9.30am

Wednesday 21st October at 9.30am

Tuesday 24th November at 9.30am

Please contact the school office to book a place (bookings are essential): 01568 708436

admin@kingslandengland.hereford.sch.uk

We look forward to welcoming families to visit our flourishing school, meeting our incredible staff team and experiencing our rich and vibrant learning environment:

- ✓ **Observe the children thriving and flourishing as they let their lights shine**
- ✓ **Experience our warm welcoming school**

Wisdom Hope Community Dignity

Let your light shine

SCHOOL GAMES PLATINUM 2025-26 - 2026-27

International School Award 2024–27

School of SANCTUARY AWARD Welcoming People Seeking Sanctuary

2025 / 2026 SILVER AWARD TIAAS PROGRAMME

Herefordshire Council

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Reception admissions for 2027-2028

Do you have a child born between
1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023

If so you will need to apply for a school place
by 15 January 2027
(to commence September 2027)

Applications can be completed from
14 September 2026 online
(scan QR code) or visit:

www.herefordshire.gov.uk/schools-education/primary-school-admissions

Please note: a place at a nursery does not guarantee a place at the associated primary school, therefore you must still apply.

For further information please contact the school admissions team on 01432 260926 / 261574 or **schooladmissions@herefordshire.gov.uk**

Jean Sibelius lived during the late Romantic music period. Many people consider him Finland's greatest composer. His music helped Finland develop its own national identity when it was trying to become independent from Russia.

Musician of the Month

Jean Sibelius



Jean Sibelius was born in Finland. He started music lessons early and wanted to be a professional violinist, but this was not to be. Instead, he devoted himself to composing and conducting, writing seven symphonies. However, as time went on, Sibelius' music was less and less appreciated. He finally stopped composing and, living quietly in the country, wrote nothing for the last 31 years of his life.

Use the QR code to listen to Finlandia.

Making Connections ...

Jean Sibelius was very proud of being from Finland.

Sibelius is best known for his 7 symphonies. Other famous pieces include Finlandia, the and his Violin Concerto. He also wrote music inspired by nature.

Use this QR code to listen to Karelia Suite.

Use the QR code to his violin concerto.

Use the QR code to listen to Symphony No. 5.

Sibelius loved nature very much. The Finnish landscape often inspired his music. He once said his Sixth Symphony reminded him of "the scent of the first snow." The forests around his home are said to have inspired much of his music.



Diocese of Hereford
Celebrating 1350 Years

Further ideas to support spirituality and worship

Aut 9



Do you think there can ever be a time without war?

What helps you to remember something or someone special?

What else reminds you of Jesus life and mission?

Memorial Meals

Watch this film about how communion is celebrated in URC churches around the world. The meal that makes us one.

Discuss what foods/meals remind you of someone special?

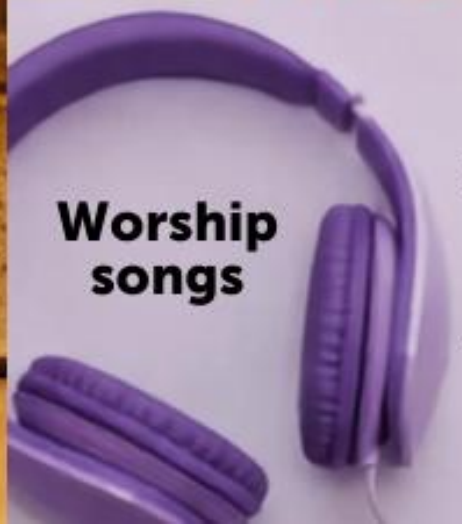


Ribbons of Remembrance

Choose a quiet place to create a memorial area - you could use a tree or a fence. (You could do this inside or outside). You will also need some ribbons and pens,

Invite people to write the name of someone or something they miss and want to remember.

Revisit the rows of ribbons and pause by them to remember the joyful times that were shared together and pray for those who are sad at this time.



Worship songs

Blessed be your name is a worship song by Matt Redman that he wrote when dealing with grief. Watch it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0fudMFN9M8s&t=2s

UK Health Security Agency

NHS

Should I keep my child off school?



Yes

	Until...
Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

SCAN ME

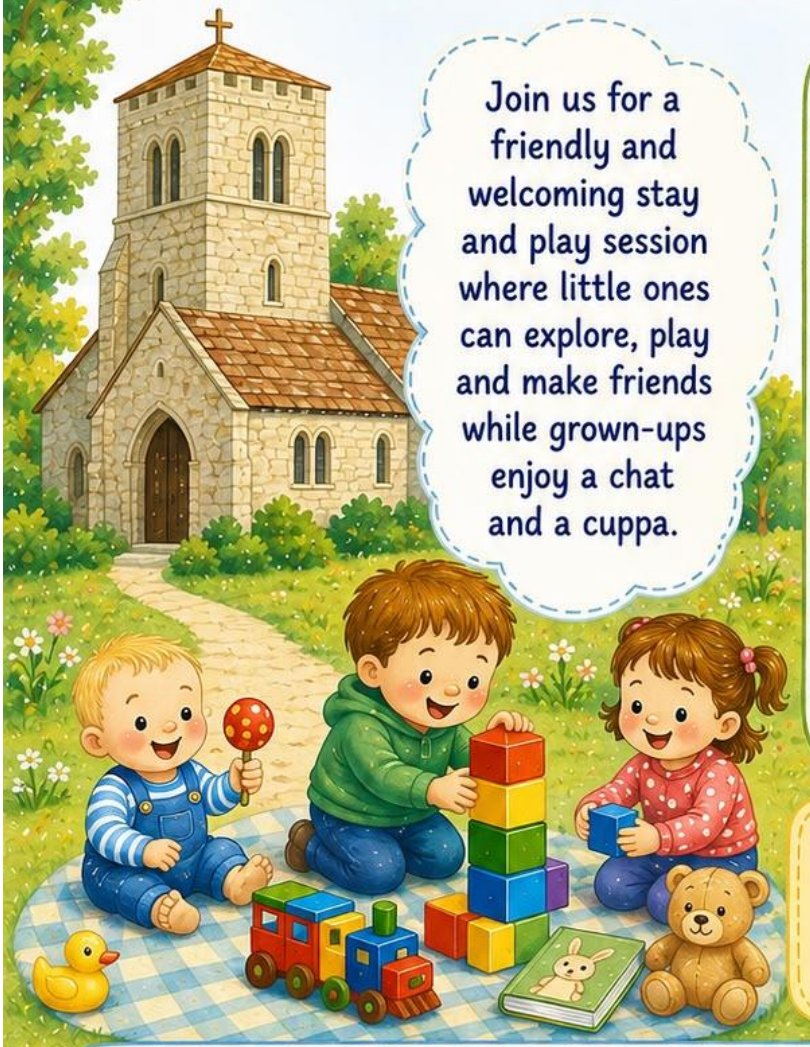
Advice and guidance

To find out more, **search for health protection in schools** or scan the QR code or visit **https://qrco.de/minfec**.

Stay & Play

at Kingsland Church

For Babies, Toddlers & Their Grown-Ups



Join us for a friendly and welcoming stay and play session where little ones can explore, play and make friends while grown-ups enjoy a chat and a cuppa.

THURSDAYS

10:00am – 12:00pm

AT KINGSLAND CHURCH

STARTING 10TH SEPTEMBER
(TERM TIME ONLY)

Suggested donation of £3 per family gratefully received to go towards running these sessions.

For more information, contact:

Maggie

07514 785568

Mortimer's Cross Churches &
Kingsland Methodist Chapel

Youth Group

for Young People in Secondary School & Year 6

Activities, food, games and chat – a chance to spend time together and discuss Christian faith

Autumn 2026

Saturday 5th September: "Old enough?"
Saturday 3rd October: "Fair enough?"
Saturday 7th November: "Good enough?"
Saturday 5th December: "Man enough?"

All sessions 3-5pm
at Kingsland Methodist Chapel

Newcomers welcome! First session free.
Contact Maggie: 07514 785568
rector@mortimerscrosschurches.co.uk

THE MORTIMER'S CROSS BENEFICE

Sowing faith and sharing love in the parishes of Kingsland Eardisland Aymestrey & Leinthall Earles

Leominster Deanery

Diocese of Hereford

Church of England

SUNDAY SERVICES

NOVEMBER 2026

1st Nov

All Saints Day

9.30am - Messy Church
Kingsland

9:30am - Holy Communion
Eardisland

11am - Holy Communion
Aymestrey

6.30pm - Remembering Loved Ones Service
Kingsland

8th Nov

Remembrance Sunday

10.50am - Remembrance Sunday Services
at Kingsland, Eardisland and Aymestrey Churches and War Memorials

15th Nov

9:30am - Holy Communion
Eardisland

11am - Holy Communion
Kingsland

3.30pm - Holy Communion
Leinthall Earles

22nd Nov

9.30am - Forest Church
Aymestrey

9:30am - Morning Prayer
Eardisland

11am - Holy Communion
Kingsland

29th Nov

Advent Sunday

10:30am - Benefice Holy Communion
Aymestrey

6.30pm - 50th Advent Carol Service
Kingsland

PTA

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

2nd October	Treat Friday / Uniform – Doughnuts
6th November	Movie Night – 3.30pm KS2
23rd November	Non-Uniform Day for bingo donations
27th November	Wreath Making
30th November	Christmas Bingo
4th December	Christmas Disco

PTA

PRE-LOVED

UNIFORM FOR SALE

Your guide to buy pre-loved uniform!

• Click & Collect

Order on FB online, pay at the online shop, leave a message as to the sizes/item you require. When your order is confirmed, it will be in a bag in the PTA drop box at reception once a week.

If you need an item urgently please mark URGENT.

• Any PTA event!

Treat Fridays, Sports day, cake sales, parents evening.

Jumpers, T-shirts, Grey Uniform & Shorts £1

Girls Skorts £2

PE Hoodie £3

SCAN ME! PAY ONLINE.

KINGSLAND SCHOOL PTA

(Parents/Teachers/Friends)

CHRISTMAS DONATIONS FOR BOTTLES

Help us fill our

WHEELBARROW of booze!

Any bottles, any size, all welcome!

Every bottle helps!



Donations to be given to Dannii Fear (Yr R Mum)

Raffle to take place on 30th November at School Bingo

Tickets on sale soon!

Wheelbarrow kindly donated by Wills Engineering

PTA

Kingsland CE Primary School

Parents ♥ Teachers ♥ Friends

Christmas WREATH MAKING

at Kingsland School



27th November

6.30pm

£30 per person

KS2 children welcome accompanied by an adult

Maximum 30 spaces

Deadline 17th November

All materials supplied

Please bring garden secariears

Please pay online (scan the QR code)

or

PTA postbox at reception

Come along for a fun evening and create your own beautiful Christmas wreath!

PTA CHRISTMAS DISCO

4th DECEMBER

5.15 – 6.15pm
YR R – 3

6.30 – 7.30pm
YR 4 – 6



£5 per child

INCLUDES DRINK AND SNACK



Pay online or drop a named envelope into the PTA postbox.



Kingsland CE Primary PTA

Fundraising Target 2026 / 2027



£6,000
Our target!

RAISED SO FAR
£347.84

Together we can reach our target!

Your support helps us fund:

- Enrichment activities
- Resources & equipment
- School events
- A brighter future for our children

Thank you!

Small amounts make a big difference!

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

WhatsApp group chats: what parents need to know



Group chats can be a fun way for young people to stay in touch, but they can also be used by others to groom, exploit or harm children.
It's important to know the risks and how you can help keep them safe.

WHY GROUP CHATS CAN BE RISKY

- Children may be added to groups by people they do not know.
- Grooming can start with friendship, attention, gifts, games or status.
- Children can be pressured to share photos, personal information or their location.
- Sexual images can be requested, shared or used to threaten or blackmail a child.
- Criminal exploitation can involve secrecy, money, gifts, drugs, violence or pressure to meet others.
- Screenshots, forwarding and disappearing messages can make harmful content difficult to control.

TALK TO YOUR CHILD

- Ask who is in their groups. Help them think about who they really know online.
- Check privacy settings together (e.g. who can add them to groups, who can see their profile and posts).
- Encourage them to tell you if someone makes them uncomfortable.
- Reassure them: they will not be in trouble for asking for help.

Have open and regular conversations

WARNING SIGNS

- Suddenly secretive about their phone.
- New online friends or contacts they cannot explain.
- Receiving gifts, money or new phones/clothes.
- Becoming withdrawn, anxious or upset after being online.
- Missing school or going missing.
- Talking about meeting people they know online.
- Sexualised messages/images or pressure to send pictures.

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

1. Keep accounts private and review group-chat settings (e.g. who can add them).
2. Encourage children to block and report suspicious accounts.
3. Save evidence/screenshots if something worrying happens.
4. Do not confront a suspected exploiter yourself as this could put your child at further risk.
5. Get advice early — you do not need to be certain that exploitation is happening.

Stay involved. Stay informed. Keep them safe.

WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD?

Herefordshire Children's Services – SAFE Team

For advice and support about child exploitation (including online exploitation) and missing children.

Email: **exploitationteam@herefordshire.gov.uk**

If a child is in immediate danger call **999**

For safeguarding concerns contact **Herefordshire MASH**
01432 260800 (office hours)
01905 768020 (out of hours)

Trust your instincts.

Early advice can make a difference.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Herefordshire Council

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Let your light shine

Christian Value Family Reflection

Welcome to our Christian Value Family Reflection which offers some suggestions, thoughts and ways into exploring and reflecting on the value of this half term: **RESPECT**

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This half term's Christian value is:

RESPECT

Educating for Dignity and Respect



A prayer for RESPECT

Father God, open our eyes to value and appreciate all people. Help us to recognise what we have in common and respect what makes each of us unique. Amen.

A reflection on RESPECT by Rev Rosie Roberts (formerly of Kingsland Church)

"'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."' (Jesus' words in the Gospel of Matthew 22:39.)

During this last half-term, our school has focused on the Christian value of love. But how do we love God, our neighbour, and ourselves, as Jesus tells us we should? One of the ways we can do this is by showing RESPECT.

Respect is one of the key building blocks of a healthy community. It involves listening to other people, making space for opinions that are different from our own, and valuing everyone. We're not always going to agree, but if we can find a way of disagreeing well, by showing respect to those we disagree with, then we're more likely to find a way forward together. As well as respecting others, it's important to respect ourselves too.

"R-E-S-P-E-C-T, find out what it means to me…" In this song, Aretha Franklin says that she deserves to be treated with the same respect that she shows to another person. This reflects a golden rule of the Christian faith – "do to others as you would have them do to you" (Matthew 7: 12).

Why are Christians taught to treat other people with respect? It comes from the knowledge that ALL people are made in the image of God, and so we're invited to see this image in everyone we meet. This means treating everyone as though they're special and worthy of respect, because we know that they are special to God. This is easy with people we like and agree with, but it's harder with people we don't get on with. Nevertheless, Jesus challenges us to love our enemies, because love can transform a situation and take away the power that hate and disagreement can have over us.

When we think about loving our neighbour as ourselves, it's easy to forget that our first task is to love ourselves. If we can't treat ourselves with love and respect, then we will be no good at showing this to our neighbour! Sometimes it's easy to see God's image in other people and forget that it's in us too.

"R-E-S-P-E-C-T, find out what it means to me…" It means a world where everyone values themselves and each other. What a wonderful world that would be!