MK Sapphire Federation Newsletter
November 2026

Family Challenge Homework

It was Stanton's turn to take part in our Family Homework Challenge. Each child was given a pompom to take home and use as inspiration for a creative model. We were amazed to receive over 70 fantastic entries, with such a high standard of creativity and imagination. A huge congratulations to the **Grosu and Dearn families**, who were joint overall winners! Well done also to the **Nastasa and Harvey families**, who took second place, and the **Tharushanan and Lopes Falco families**, who shared third place. Thank you to all our families for taking part and making the challenge such a wonderful success!



#HelloYellow YOUNGMiNDS

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in **HelloYellow** in October! By wearing yellow we were able to raise awareness and funds for children and young people's mental health.

Year 6 Residential Visit



In October, 24 Year 6 pupils enjoyed a busy and exciting four-night visit to the New Forest in Hampshire. They took part in a range of geography, science and history activities, including visits to Bournemouth and Stonehenge, as well as a fun-filled day at Paulton's Park! Everyone had a fantastic time, and we are incredibly proud of how well the children behaved and participated throughout the visit.

Harvest Festival



A huge thank-you to everyone for the amazing donations we received for our Harvest Festival. We are especially grateful to **GXO** for their very generous donation. The MK Food Bank collected all the contributions and will distribute the food to families in our local community.

'Challenge Yourself 2026'

We are excited to be supporting **BBC Children in Need** on **Friday 13th November**! This year's theme is '*Challenge Yourself 26*' and we are asking the children to dress up as they would want to be when they are 26. This may be as an astronaut, footballer, vet, teacher or other exciting job they dream of doing. This is a wonderful opportunity to share their ambitions. In return for dressing up, we kindly ask each child to ***bring a £1 donation*** for Children in Need.

Remembrance Day



Both schools will be holding a Remembrance Day Assembly on **Wednesday 11th November**. Poppies are available for purchase for a donation from both school offices.

Pepper Hill Reading Afternoon

We would like to invite all parents and carers at Pepper Hill to join us on **Friday 13th November at 2:45pm** for a **Parent and Child Reading Workshop**. During the session, we will share lots of fun ideas and helpful tips to support reading at home. After a short introduction, you'll head to your child's classroom to enjoy some special time reading and sharing books together.



Anti-Bullying Week

Anti-Bullying Week is organised by the Anti-Bullying Alliance and will take place from **16th to 20th November**. This year's theme is **"Break the Silence."** Both schools will be joining in, and there will be a special assembly during the week where children share the work they have completed. To kick things off, **Monday 16th November** is **Odd Socks Day** — a fun way to celebrate what makes each of us unique!

