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Hollydale News

Hollydale Newsletter 20th November 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week at Hollydale, filled with wonderful learning experiences.

Anti-Bullying Week 2026 – Break the Silence



This week, we have been marking Anti-Bullying Week (16th – 20th November 2026), with this year's important theme, **'Break the Silence'.** The theme encourages children to speak up about bullying, support one another and recognise the importance of using their voices to make a positive difference. We want every child to feel confident in speaking to a trusted adult if they experience or witness bullying.

Some of our children have expressed their understanding of this year's theme through thoughtful and creative poetry, highlighting the importance of kindness, respect, friendship and standing up for others. We encourage parents and carers to continue these important conversations at home, reminding children that no one should ever feel alone or suffer in silence.

Assessment Week

Next week is Assessment Week at Hollydale. This is an important opportunity for our children to demonstrate their learning and for teachers to celebrate their progress and identify any areas where further support may be needed.

We kindly remind parents and carers of the importance of excellent attendance and punctuality, particularly during Assessment Week. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time, has a good night's sleep and is ready for a positive day of learning. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that every child has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Winter Fair

The Friends of Hollydale are busy organising the Winter Fair, which will take place on **Saturday 5th December 2026, from 12pm to 3pm.** Come along with your family and friends to enjoy some festive fun, whilst supporting our wonderful school community.

The Friends of Hollydale are also looking for volunteers to help make this event a success. If you are able to spare some time, please speak to a member of the PTA. Any support would be greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible and celebrating the festive season together!

Best wishes,
Leadership Team

Thought of the Week

"I can do things you cannot, you can do things I cannot; together we can do great things." (Mother Teresa)

Important dates for your diary

Wednesday 25th November	School Photographs
Friday 27th	EYFS and KS1 Nativity rehearsal at St Mary's Church
Thursday 3rd December	Whole School Christmas Pantomime
Saturday 5th	Winter Fair 12- 3pm

Free: ESOL Classes – Wednesdays, 11 November 2026, 10am to 12pm

All levels are welcome! We will assess each person's current level of English to ensure they receive appropriate support and tuition to help them develop their language skills and confidence.

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Attendance and Punctuality



How quickly another week has flown by!
This year we are aiming for an attendance **target of 97%.**

Please note the following:
100% Attendance - 0 Days Missed - Excellent
95% Attendance - 9 Days of Absence, 1 Week and 4 Days of Learning Missed - Satisfactory
90% Attendance - 19 Days of Absence, 3 Weeks and 4 Days of Learning Missed - Poor
85% Attendance - 28 Days of Absence, 5 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed - Very Poor
80% Attendance - 38 Days of Absence, 7 Weeks and 3 Days of Learning Missed – Unacceptable

Class	Attendance	Punctuality - Number of Lates
Cherry	92%	3
Elm	93%	2
Cedar	91%	2
Oak	90%	2
Birch	99%	1
Hazel	87%	2
Willow	96%	2

Class Catch Up!

EYFS Cherry Class have been getting creative by designing their very own odd socks for our Anti-Bullying Week display! Every child's creation is unique and different, just like each and every one of us!

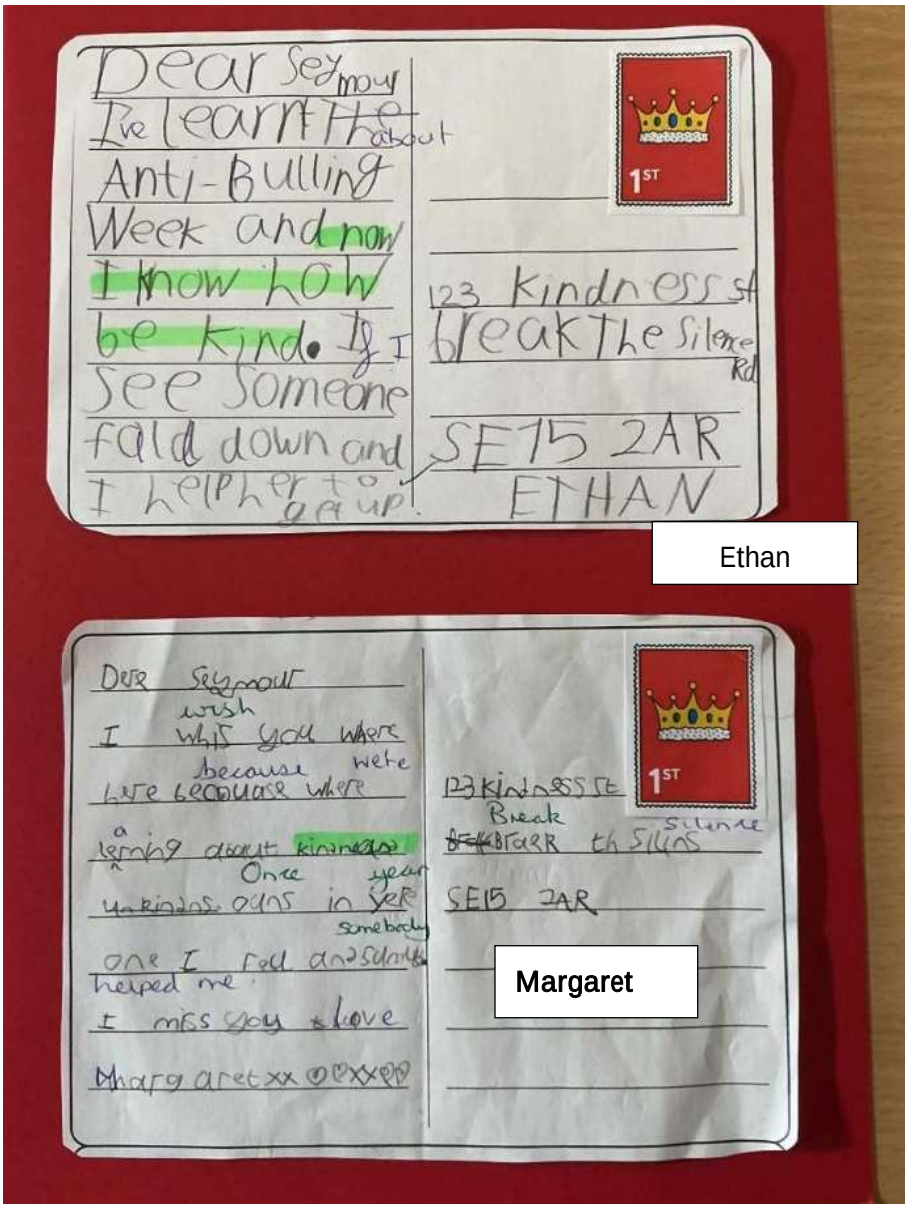




During Anti-Bullying Week, Year 1 Elm Class were enjoying a range of stories that explores the importance of friendship, kindness and including others.



As part of Anti-Bullying Week 2026, Oak Class (Yr 2/ Yr 3) have been exploring how we can all work together to 'Break the Silence' around bullying. We showed tremendous empathy and maturity during our class discussions. We then wrote thoughtful postcards filled with practical advice on how to support one another and put a stop to unkind behaviour.



Dear Bob

we have been learning about being kind. because if you feel mean and rude to other people they can feel sad.

From Layla

123 kindness street "Break the Silence Rd" SE15 2AR.

Layla

Dear Seymour

I have been learning about Anti-Bullying Week. Being kind means kind actions.

Love

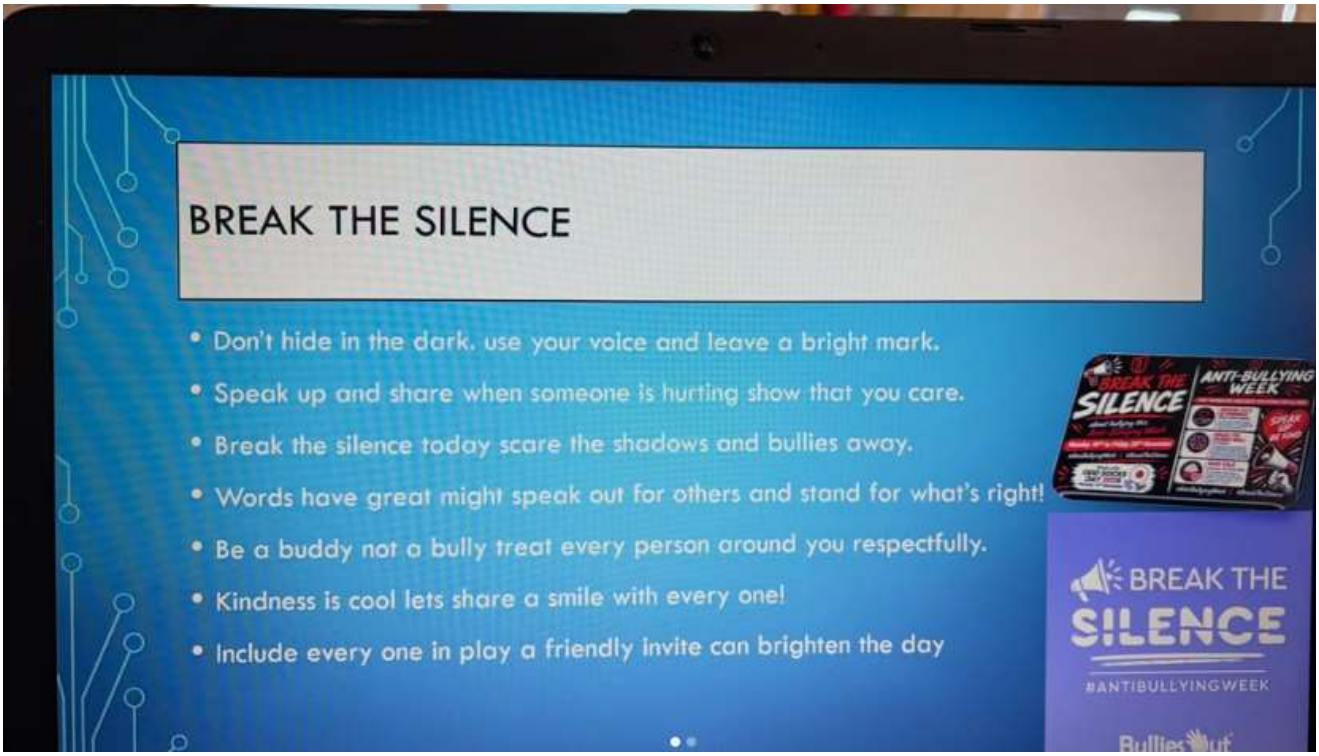
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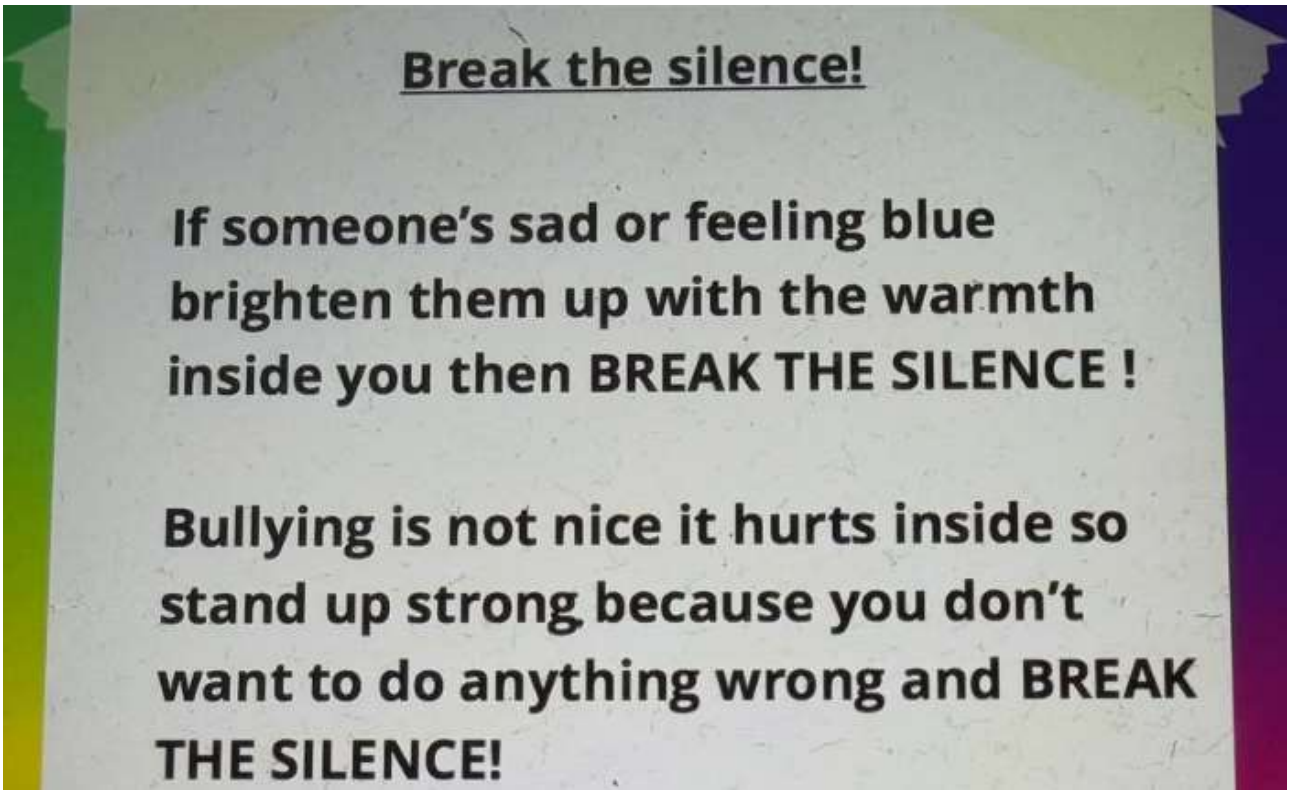
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Year 3 Cedar Class - Our Y3 poets created some wonderful poems inspired by this year's Anti-Bullying Week theme. Through their powerful words, they highlighted the importance of kindness, respect and standing up for others!

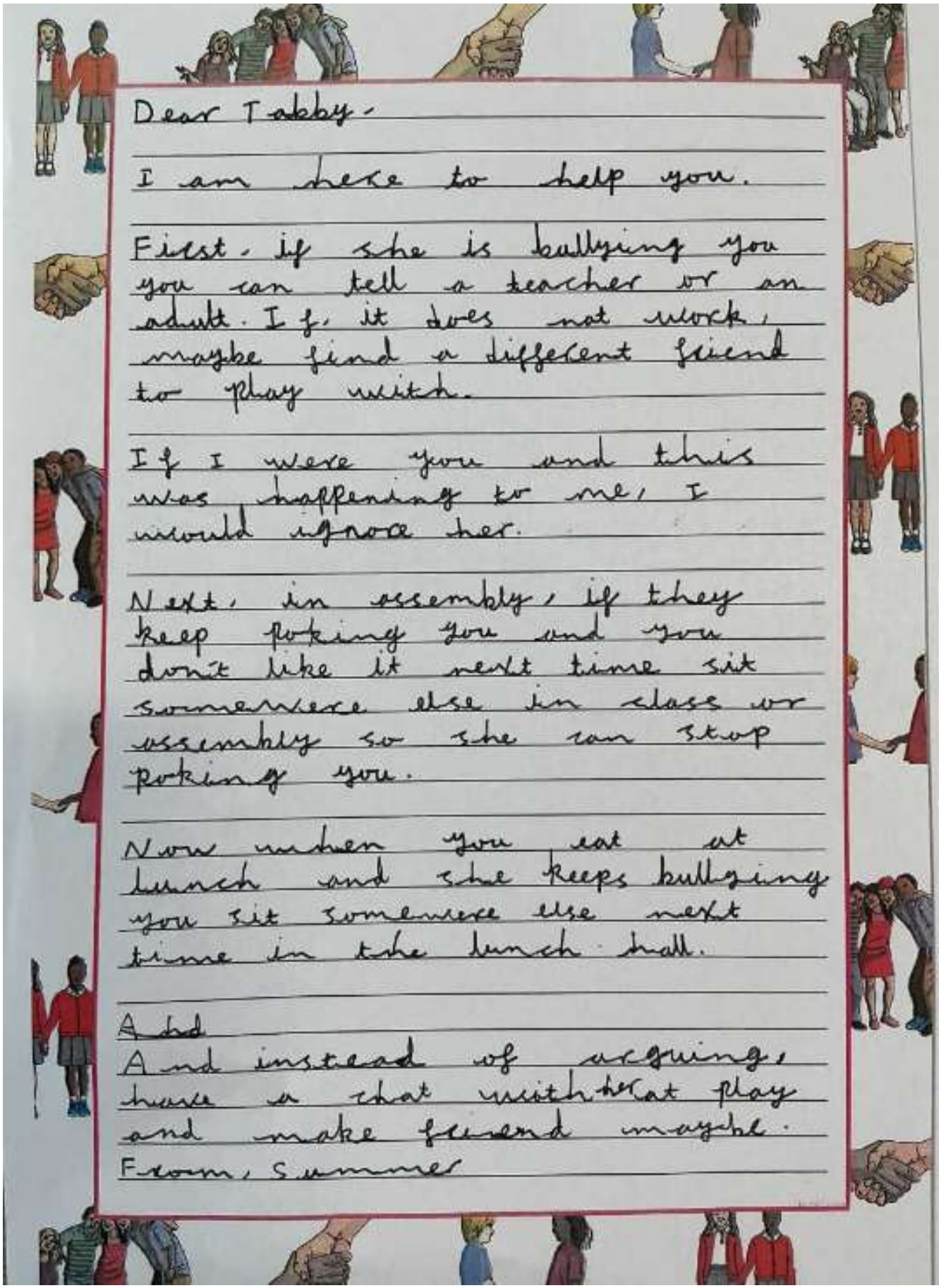
Jacob and Sidney





Year 4 Birch Class have been writing letters of advice to a child who is being bullied, helping them to break the silence.

Maxwell Summer Micah



Dear Tabby -

I am here to help you.

First - if she is bullying you you can tell a teacher or an adult. If it does not work, maybe find a different friend to play with.

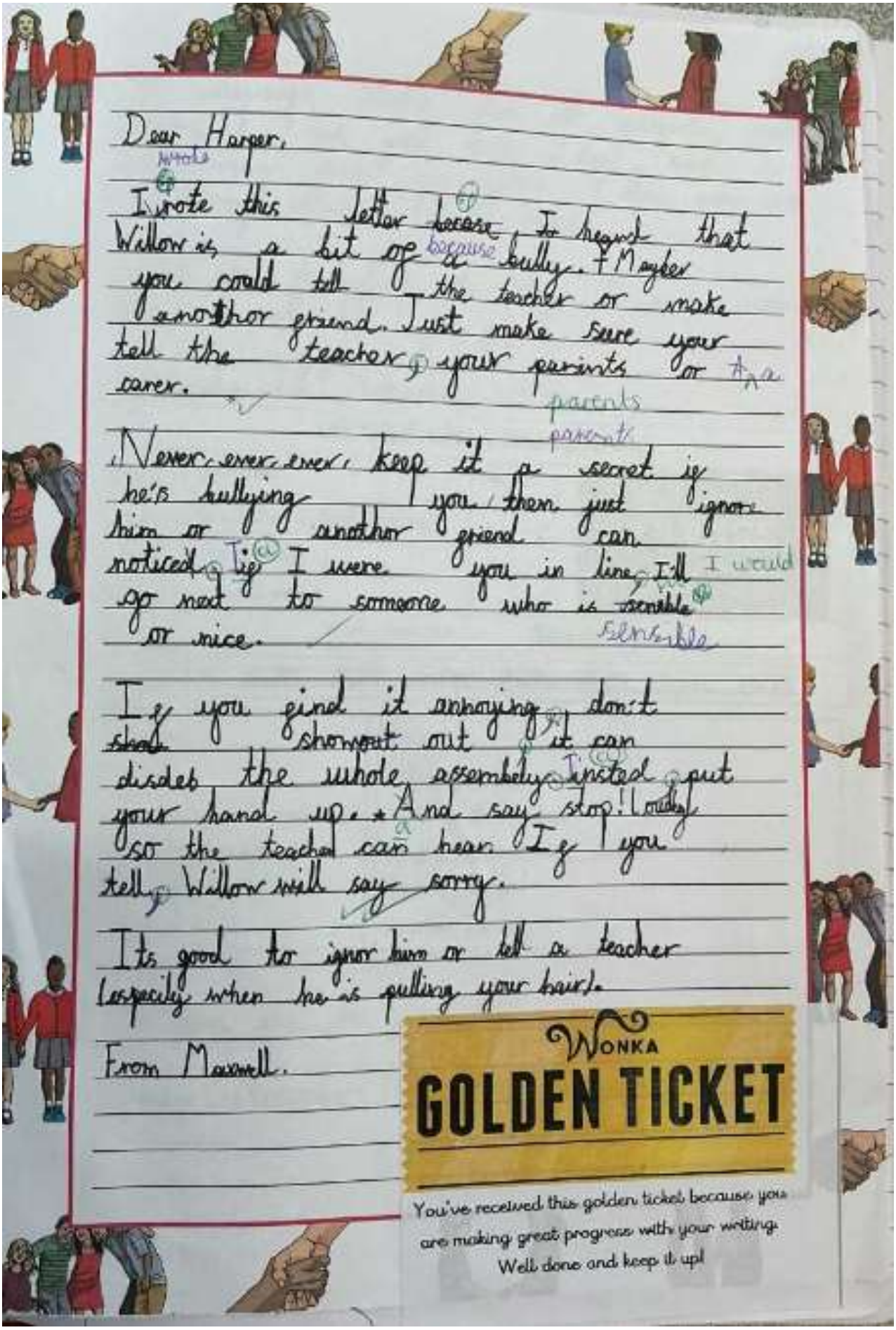
If I were you and this was happening to me, I would ignore her.

Next, in assembly, if they keep poking you and you don't like it next time sit somewhere else in class or assembly so she can stop poking you.

Now when you eat at lunch and she keeps bullying you sit somewhere else next time in the lunch hall.

And instead of arguing, have a chat with her at play and make friend maybe.

From, Summer



Dear Harper,

I wrote this letter because I heard that Willow is a bit of a bully. Maybe you could tell the teacher or make another friend. Just make sure your tell the teacher your parents or the carer.

Never, ever, ever, keep it a secret if he's bullying you then just ignore him or another friend can noticed. If I were you in line, I'll go next to someone who is sensible or nice.

If you find it annoying, don't shout shout out it can disdeb the whole assembely. Instead put your hand up. And say stop! loudly so the teacher can hear. If you tell Willow will say sorry.

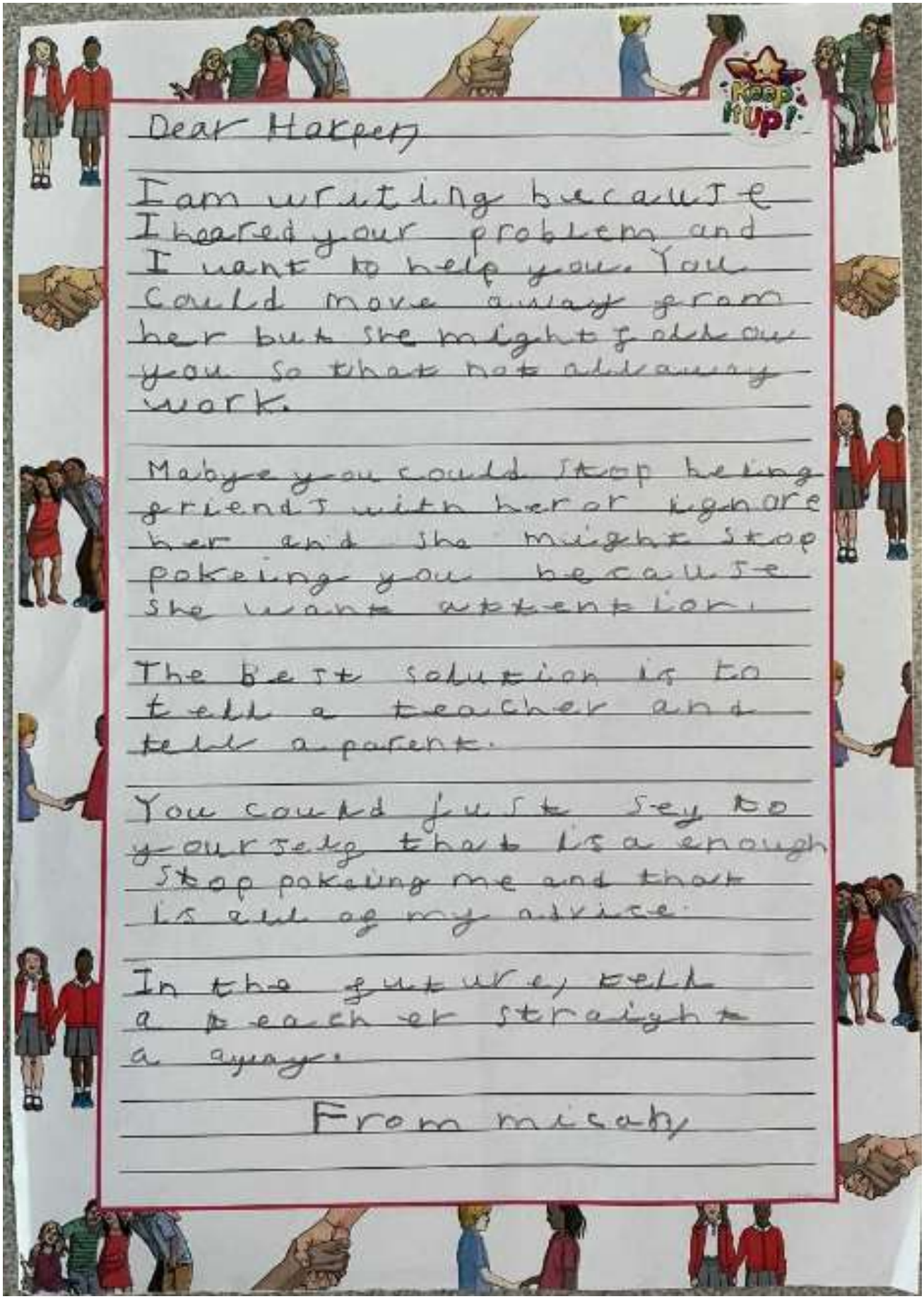
Its good to ignor him or tell a teacher (especiley when he is pulling your hair).

From Maxwell.

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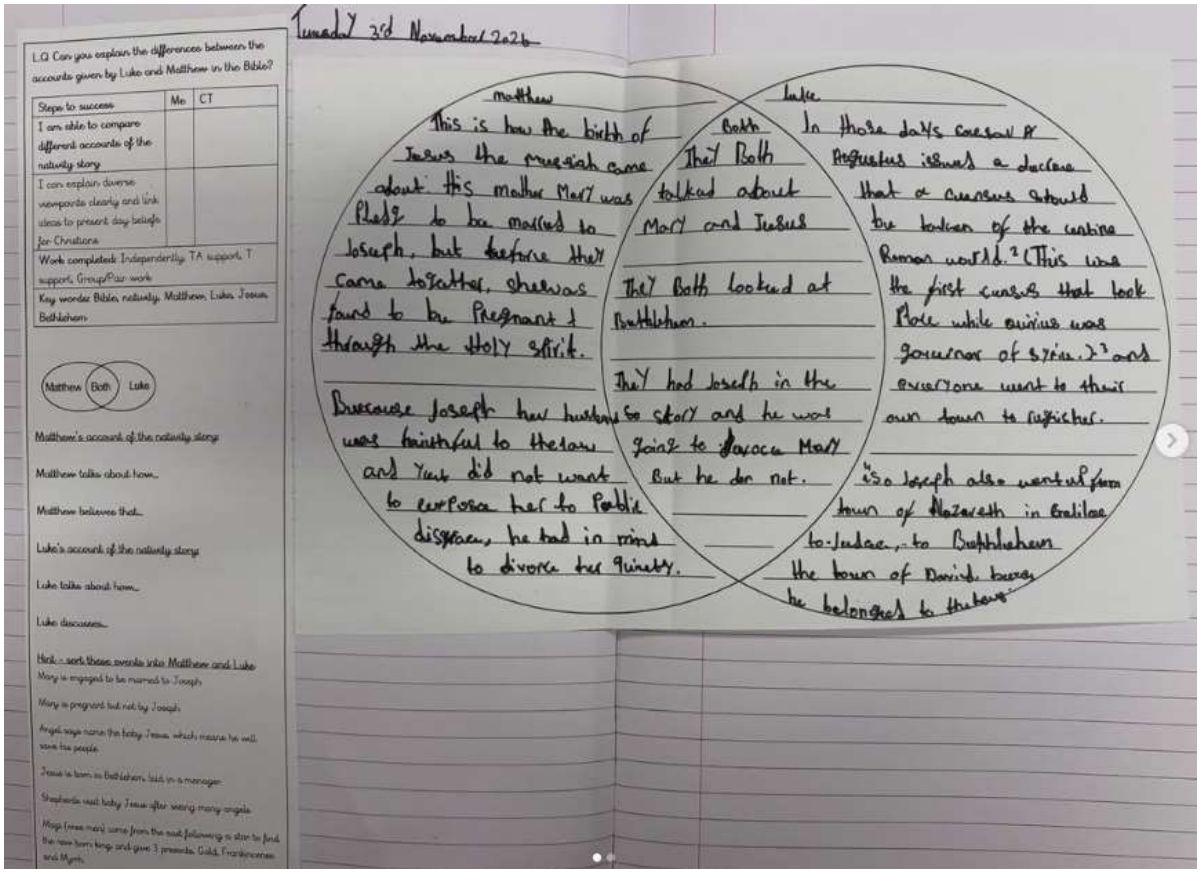
GOLDEN TICKET

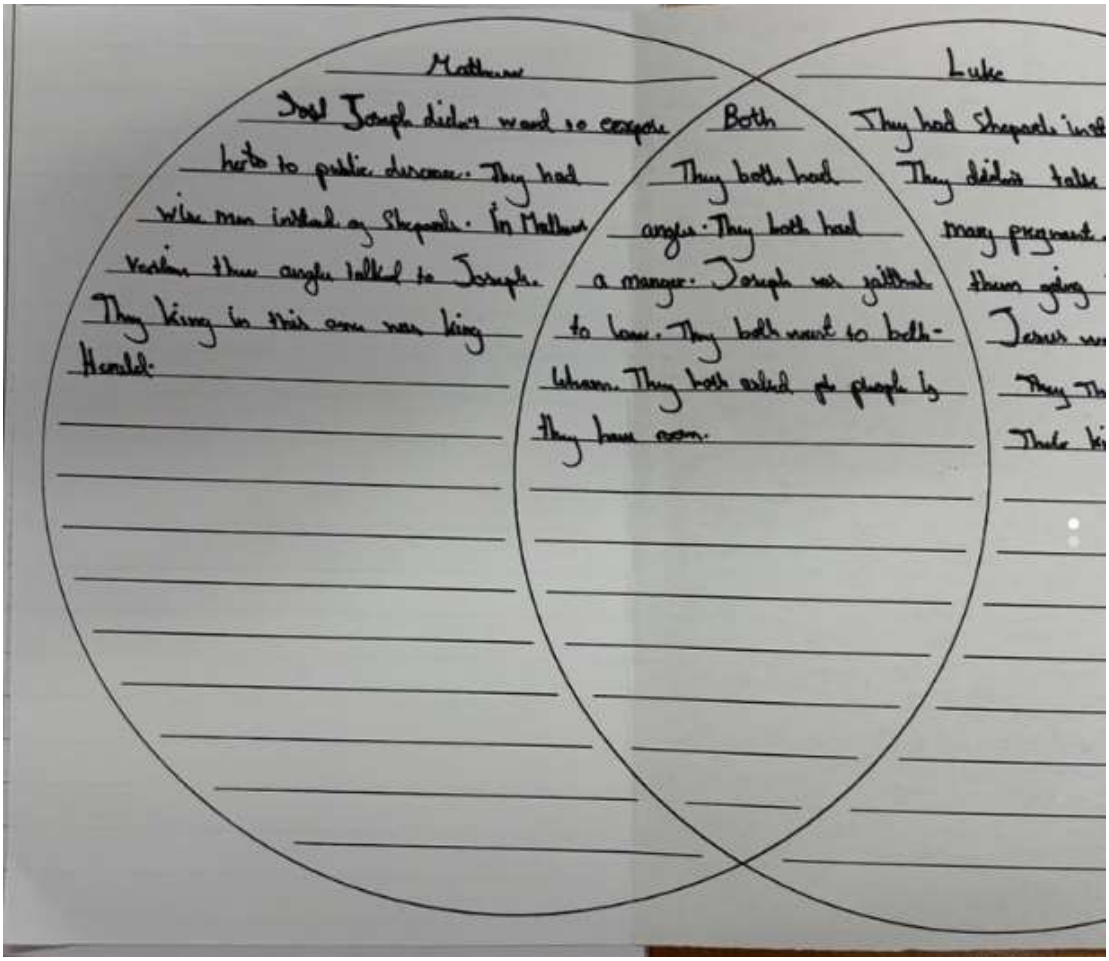
You've received this golden ticket because you are making great progress with your writing. Well done and keep it up!


Keep it Up!
Dear Harper
I am writing because I heared your problem and I want to help you. You could move away from her but she might follow you so that not always work.
Maybe you could stop being friend with her or ignore her and she might stop poking you because she wants attention.
The best solution is to tell a teacher and tell a parent.
You could just say to yourself that is a enough Stop poking me and that is end of my advice.
In the future tell a teacher straight away.
From micah

Year 5/6 Hazel Class have been learning about Christianity this term in RE. They compared the accounts given by Luke and Matthew in the bible.

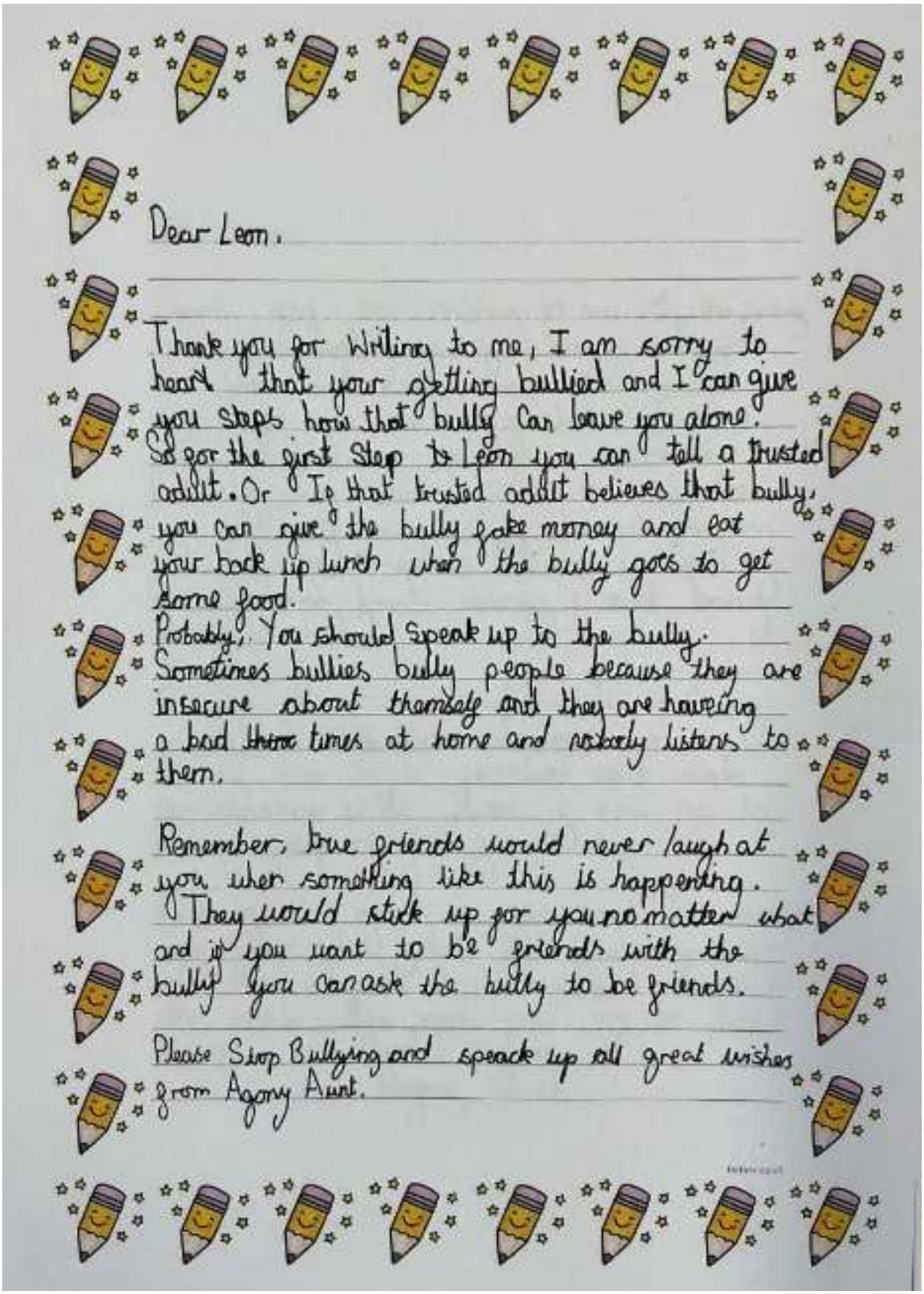
Kayden and Akilah





Year 6 Willow Class - We wrote letters offering advice to children experiencing bullying issues.

Neema and Ikhlas



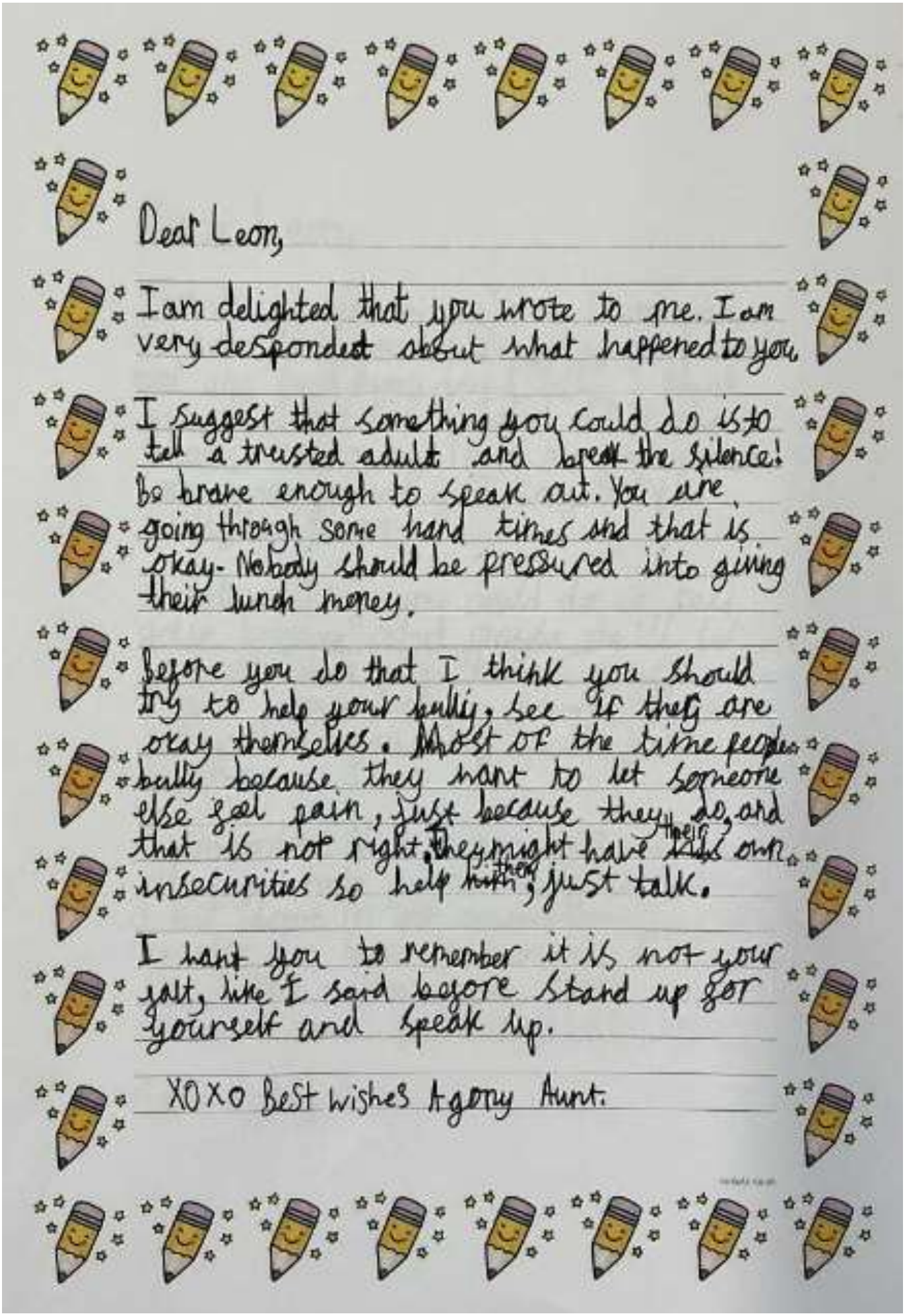
Dear Leon.

Thank you for Writing to me, I am sorry to hear that your getting bullied and I can give you steps how that bully can leave you alone. So for the first Step to Leon you can tell a trusted adult. Or If that trusted adult believes that bully, you can give the bully fake money and eat your back up lunch when the bully goes to get some food.

Probably, You should Speak up to the bully. Sometimes bullies bully people because they are insecure about themself and they are having a bad three times at home and nobody listens to them.

Remember, true friends would never laugh at you when something like this is happening. They would stick up for you no matter what and if you want to be friends with the bully you can ask the bully to be friends.

Please Stop Bullying and speack up all great wishes from Agony Aunt.



Dear Leon,

I am delighted that you wrote to me. I am very despondent about what happened to you.

I suggest that something you could do is to tell a trusted adult and break the silence! Be brave enough to speak out. You are going through some hard times and that is okay. Nobody should be pressured into giving their lunch money.

Before you do that I think you should try to help your bully, see if they are okay themselves. Most of the time people bully because they want to let someone else feel pain, just because they do, and that is not right. They might have their own insecurities so help them; just talk.

I want you to remember it is not your fault, like I said before Stand up for yourself and speak up.

XOXO Best wishes Agony Aunt.

Thursday Reward Assembly Chart

W/C: 16.11.26
Excellence Reward week for: Anti-Bullying Week

Class	Name of Child	Reason for reward	Name of Child	Reason for reward
Cherry YR	Amaya - Rose	Listening to her friends and always taking turns	Kimya	Always being a kind friend and including others
Elm Y1	Amira	For always using kind words, caring for others and making everyone feel welcome.	Mia	For being a kind friend and helping everyone feel happy and included.
Oak Y2-3	Alexandre	For working hard to sort cards into kind and unkind behaviour.	Layla	For being able to write a postcard of advice that describes how to **'Break the Silence'** around bullying.
Cedar Y3	Sidney	For creating a thoughtful and powerful anti-bullying poem that promotes kindness, respect and standing up against bullying. Well done!	Jacob	For using your creativity to spread an important message about friendship, inclusion and treating everyone with kindness. Fantastic effort!
Birch Y4	Summer	Writing a thoughtful letter of advice to a child who is being bullied, explaining how to 'break the silence!'	Maxwell	Writing a thoughtful letter of advice to a child who is being bullied, explaining how to 'break the silence!'
Hazel Y5-6	Ash	For showing empathy whilst participating in competitive games	Kymani	For being a kind friend with a calm disposition
Willow 6	Naeema	A fantastic letter offering advice for Anti-bullying week.	Ikhlas	An excellent letter offering advice for Anti-bullying week.