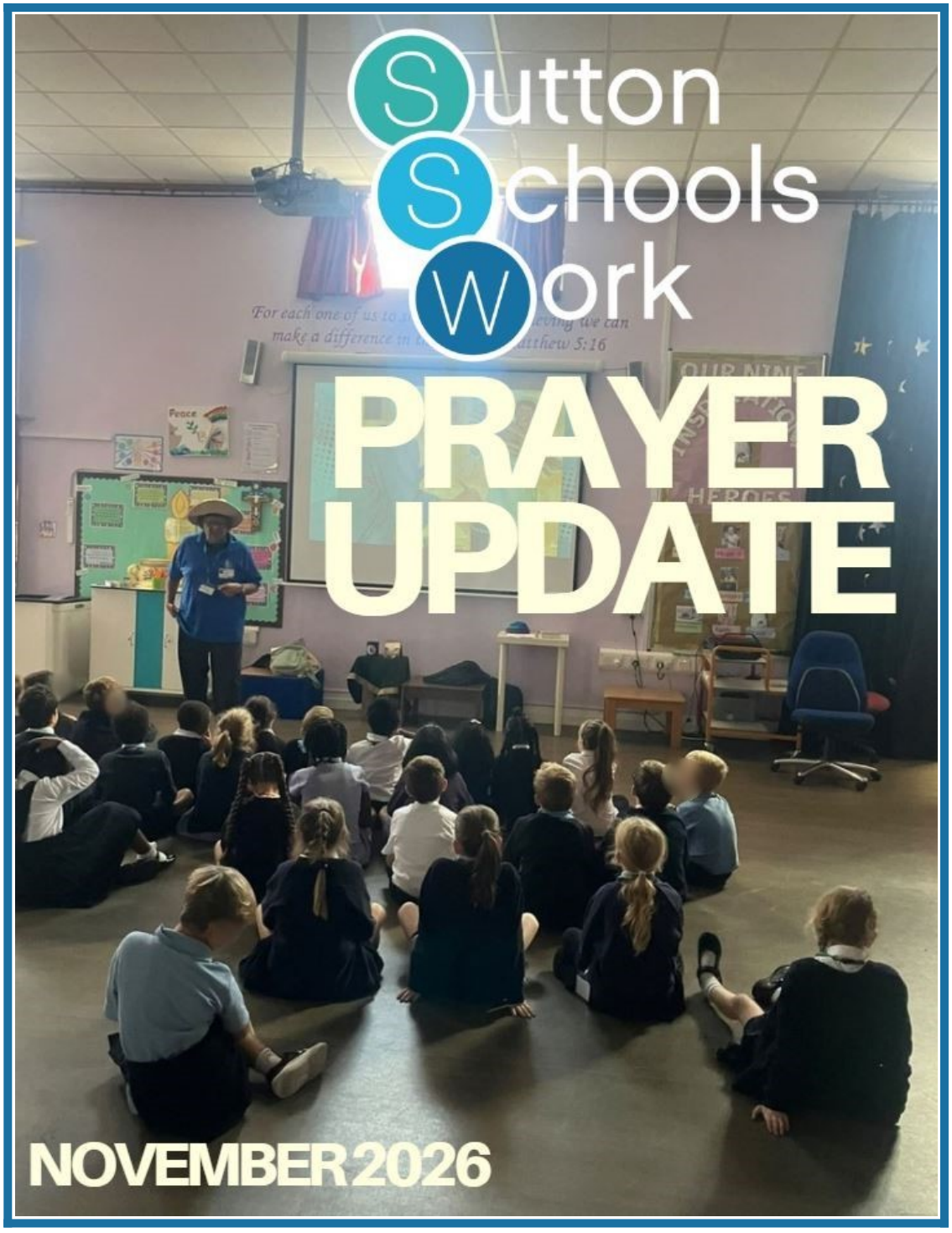




Simon Ellingham
DIRECTOR'S WORD

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I completed my workshops in Oaks Park regarding Knife Crime and County Lines, and was struck by how many of them really wanted to engage with the topic, and how important it is to allow them to discuss these issues in a safe, supportive environment. Many of them expressed their own concerns about living in an area which, although actually quite low in terms of incidents being reported, still causes some of them fear to even be out. Several teachers told me how much they enjoy the sessions themselves, and feel that each one engages really positively with the pupils, and they see SSW as an organisation that really cares. An illustration of this is that I've been invited to speak this Wednesday, 4th November, to all staff at Cheam High to explain how SSW have been delivering LIFE lessons to the pupils there for 9 years now, and what we are trying to do with each session. Please pray that I may convey that our motivation comes from knowing each child is loved by God, and deserves to be given the support and encouragement necessary to flourish, as they are created in His image and have value in His eyes. Each SSW worker is seen in an incredibly positive light by the staff at both schools, and we are given so many opportunities to talk about Jesus; please pray that as a result of my presentation we might be privileged to witness even more!

As an extra testimony to our presence in these 2 schools, over 380 New Testaments have been taken by Year 8 pupils. I have also been told by several teachers that the children are getting them out whilst in the school and exploring passages even in the middle of lessons! Please continue to pray that they will find Jesus within the pages, and be encouraged to ask Him to step out of the book into their heart.…

Discussions for a CU at Oaks Park continue. Please pray for whatever the blockage is to be removed!

The CU at Carshalton Girls has had to take a break for a while, and we're not really sure why. Please pray that we may be invited back in once more to continue what has been a very positive relationship for many years.

I am speaking at Carshalton Boys 6th form assembly on Thursday 5th November, inviting the boys to come along to the CU (Engage). Please pray for a response.

I am starting another marathon series of workshops at Oaks Park and Cheam High this month, this time the year 10 session on Sex and Relationships. Always a tricky one to negotiate, I'm regularly told by teachers that they really value me coming in to address this as it is so much better when someone from an outside agency delivers this rather than them, as it allows the pupils to open up a bit more. Once more, please pray that I might communicate a message of hope, based on knowing our true value to God, and therefore to each other. I have also been asked to weave something on Stalking in as well – tricky! Please pray that I might find a way.

In the week starting 23rd I'm at Overton Grange delivering their assemblies on the topic of 'Respect and Kindness'. Please pray for the opportunity to talk about the kindness found in knowing the love of God and expressing that love through the communities and relationships we have with each other.

Last month I asked for prayers re a Sutton Grammar Science and Faith lesson. It always interests me when I deliver such a lesson and find so many pupils already believe in a creating God, as is the case at Sutton GS. Many of them are Muslim or Hindu background, so the discussions always take a different angle than a class where the prevailing attitude is different. Please pray that I might have found a way to encourage those boys to explore the God of the Bible, and find out more about Him.

I also asked for prayers for Nonsuch Girls, that they might contact me again. Nothing yet, please keep praying!

I have spoken at Sutton Christian Centre and Horizon Church this month, and been delighted to engage with so many supporting believers who genuinely want out work to flourish. Please consider becoming part of our Giving of the 5000 campaign, and help us reach even more pupils and staff with the truth of the Gospel this year and next.

Thank you!

Simon Ellingham
Director

PRAYER REQUESTS & EVENTS PDF



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Y3 Bible Explorers

PRIMARY SCHOOLS & ASSEMBLY Prayer Requests:

PRAISE GOD:

- for a positive and growing relationship with **Malmesbury Primary**.
- for the amazing first half term of the academic year!
- for our first time working with **Green Lane Primary**. Pray for us to establish a good working relationship between SSW and the school.

PLEASE PRAY:

- that God would bless **Sutton High** community and enable us to support and encourage the girls and teachers this year.
- that we would be a blessing to staff and children at **Malmesbury Primary**, and for God to move in this school community.
- for open hearts and minds to receive the wonderful message of Christmas; that Jesus came to be our Saviour!
- for peace and joy to fill the Sutton schools as they prepare to celebrate Christmas.
- for positive ongoing relationships with our regular schools and open doors into new schools.
- for the volunteer & staff team as we enter into a very busy Autumn 2!
- for good health across the team.
- for our first workshops of the year in Malmesbury Primary.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers!

Abby & Maisie

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Oaks Park and Cheam High – Year 10 Sex and Relationships
- Overton Grange assemblies - Respect and Kindness
- Cheam High – Presentation to staff
- Carshalton Boys – 6th form Assembly 5th
- Carshalton Girls – re-establish CU
- Nonsuch – contact re PSHE lessons
- CUs to start up again after half term break

Bless you all as you pray for us.

Simon



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