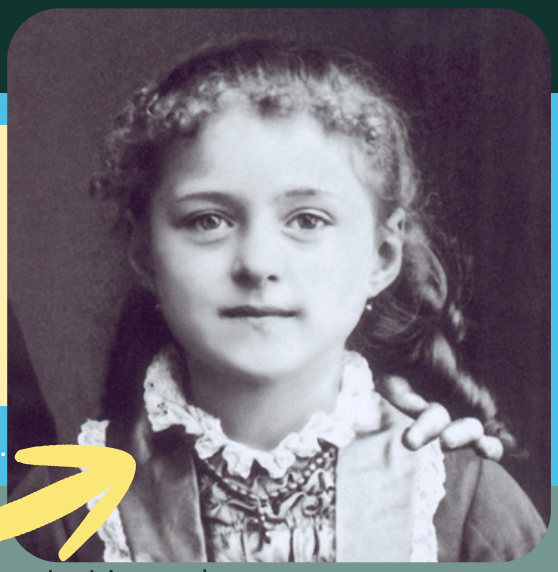
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Little Way Week Celebrations 2026

A word or a smile is often enough to put fresh life in a despondent soul.

St Thérèse of Lisieux



This is a photo of Therese when she was eight years old.

What a wonderful Little Way Week we enjoyed across our six schools this year!

At the beginning of the week, I challenged every child across our family of schools to follow the example of our patron saint, St Thérèse of Lisieux, by doing their own little acts of kindness with great love – at school, at home and in their communities.

The response has been truly heartwarming. Our children have found so many thoughtful and imaginative ways to spread kindness: helping younger pupils, thanking those who quietly serve our communities, making gifts for care-home residents, raising money for charity and caring for God's creation.



It has been particularly lovely to see our schools sharing their experiences and inspiring one another. I am immensely proud of our children, staff and families for embracing the challenge so enthusiastically



Little Way Week may be over, but the Little Way Challenge continues: *What little act of kindness will you do today?*

Mrs Charlotte Blanch, CEO, Little Way Catholic Educational Trust

Little acts, great love, big difference

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St Catharine's Catholic Primary School, Chipping Campden

Children at St Catharine's took the Little Way beyond their school gates, spreading gratitude throughout their local community.

They wrote heartfelt thank-you letters to some of the wonderful people who quietly make a difference to others, including volunteer readers, their brass teacher, a local farmer, a vet and members of the local fire service.



Some children even visited their local fire station to thank the firefighters for their dedication, while others recognised a much-loved community volunteer who helps transport children on school trips.

Closer to home, the children also celebrated the kindness of their own school staff, including Mrs Robinson, whose thoughtful baking regularly brings smiles to others.







These simple but meaningful gestures reminded everyone that taking the time to notice and appreciate others is itself a beautiful act of love.



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The Catholic School of St Gregory the Great, Cheltenham

At St Gregory's, children discovered that living the Little Way means looking for opportunities to make a difference in everyday school life.



Year 5 pupils became kindness detectives, spotting thoughtful actions at lunchtime and rewarding their classmates with special certificates.

Other children helped prepare classrooms, wrote messages of appreciation to school staff and thanked the people who work behind the scenes to care for their school.



Year 3 pupils put kindness into action by collecting litter, while the whole school demonstrated its generosity through Harvest donations.

Food collected was shared between the school's Pastoral Hub food bank and Open Door Cheltenham, helping families and individuals in need.





Through these wonderful activities, the children showed that kindness isn't just something we talk about – it's something we choose to do every day.

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St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Nympsfield

At St Joseph's, children celebrated Little Way Week by turning small promises into something wonderful.



Every child wrote down one little act of kindness they would try to carry out. **Together, their promises became a chain of kindness stretching across the school** – a lovely reminder that individual acts of love can become something much bigger when we work together.



The school's Chaplaincy Team also helped everyone learn more about St Thérèse, writing and leading prayers before the school came together to celebrate Mass in honour of her feast day.



Meanwhile, Year 3 organised a special Macmillan coffee morning, running cake stalls with the generous support of families and the local community.

Their efforts raised over £600 for charity!

What a wonderful example of children putting their faith into action and discovering that little acts, carried out with great love, really can make a big difference.

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The Rosary School, Stroud



Spreading Joy, One Flower at a Time!

At The Rosary, children embraced the spirit of St Thérèse by creating beautiful handmade flowers and cards to bring happiness to others.



Year 1 pupils carefully designed colourful flowers and thoughtful messages to share with residents of local care homes and members of their church community.

These small gifts carried a very special message: that somebody is thinking of you and wants to brighten your day.

Year 3 also celebrated Little Way Week through creative activities, exploring the importance of kindness and expressing their understanding through colourful artwork.







Inspired by St Thérèse, who is so often associated with roses and flowers, the children's creations were a particularly fitting way to celebrate their Trust's patron saint.

Sometimes, the smallest gift can bring the biggest smile.

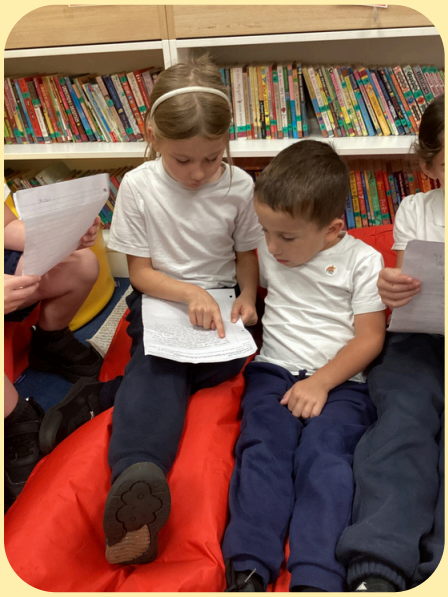
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St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, Cheltenham

Little Hearts, Big Love! At St Thomas More, kindness blossomed throughout Little Way Week as children found creative ways to bring happiness to others.





Reception children made colourful hearts for their friends, sharing lovely messages such as “You make me smile” and “You are helpful”. Every child went home with a special heart and kind words to treasure.



Children also shared stories with younger pupils, distributed gifts to school staff and collected food for Harvest.

Older pupils spread that same love beyond their classrooms. Year 2 created Baptism cards for families in their parish, Year 4 wrote thank-you messages to their parents, and Year 6 made cards to brighten the day of residents at a local care home.





Through every thoughtful gesture, the children demonstrated St Thérèse’s beautiful message: ordinary things become extraordinary when they are done with great love.

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St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Gloucester

Children across St Peter's embraced Little Way Week with thoughtful gestures that reached beyond their classrooms.



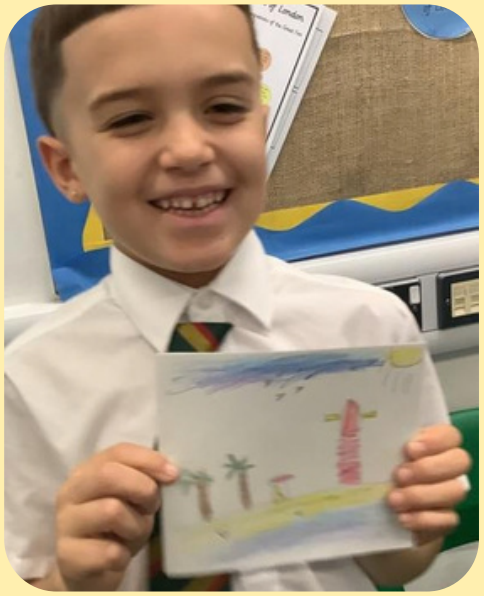


Kindness continued at home too, with one Reception child reading to his younger sister and comforting her when she was sad.

Year 1 created heartfelt thank-you notes for the adults who help them every day, recognising everyone from teachers to the staff who prepare their meals.

Year 2 made colourful cards with cheerful drawings and kind messages, hoping to brighten the day of someone they had never met.

Meanwhile, Year 5 showed their care for God's creation by collecting litter, protecting wildlife and recycling materials so younger children could enjoy building dens during OPAL playtimes.





From caring for others to caring for our environment, St Peter's children showed that everyone has something special to give.

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