

# ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursey, Southam | June 11<sup>th</sup> 2021



## FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we again enjoyed the wonderful weather. All week at lunch KS2 ate outside under shade and it felt very different to eating in their rooms. Forest school took place for some of Kingfishers (while others were involved in the Wriggle project) and there will be more forest school to follow in future weeks for other year groups. Dance with Jen, started for Goldfinches and Robins - paid for by Sports premium. Next week a dance club after school, will start up for some children in Skylarks. The architecture project for some Skylarks is going well with great commitment from the chosen children.

More new children have joined us in nursery and next week a few more will come into Goldfinches, Reception and Kingfishers. Children continue to be welcoming and very willing to make new friends. Mr Price has spent a week in Kingfisher class and children are, alongside established routines, also learning some new ways of doing things.

I am of course, like you, waiting for more information on lifting of Covid restrictions. We will have a Sport's Day, but it is likely that it will need to take place with only our children for spectators. They will of course come out at the end of the day adorned with stickers and full of stories of success! If this changes, I will let you know at the earliest point. Public Health advice is to keep routines in place in school until the end of the academic year; as a school that has had no bubble closures, I feel this is the best policy.

We are looking forward to transition day which will take place on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of July. The children will meet their new teachers on that day. In the next couple of weeks, I will put out class assignments. I already know where teachers will go but need to finalise the details of teaching assistants and cover when the teachers have their Planning, Preparation and Assessment time. Reports may come out a bit earlier than usual, if possible, later this month.

Mrs Price

## WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...

### ROBINS

On Monday afternoon, Robin Class had their first 'Funky

Dance' session with their dance teacher Jen. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring different movements and learning the first part of a dance routine. Everybody gave it their all, so they were hot and sticky after the session! The children are looking forward to learning the next section of the routine already!



### GOLDFINCHES

It was super fun in the dance workshop on

Wednesday afternoon with everyone learning the different routines! We have been outdoors finding out about the trees, using our observation skills and planting seeds to investigate what plants need to grow well.

We are planning stories about giants, monsters and beanstalks using that well-known tale!

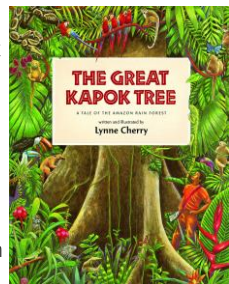


### KINGFISHERS

It has been a busy start to the new half term. Y3 children have been working hard on the Wriggle project

while a number of children from Y3/4 took part in a weekday mass at the parish church as part of their First Holy Communion preparation. We have begun work in science and topic around living things and habitats. We have learned about rainforests and some of the amazing animals and plants that live there, and how they depend on each other to survive.

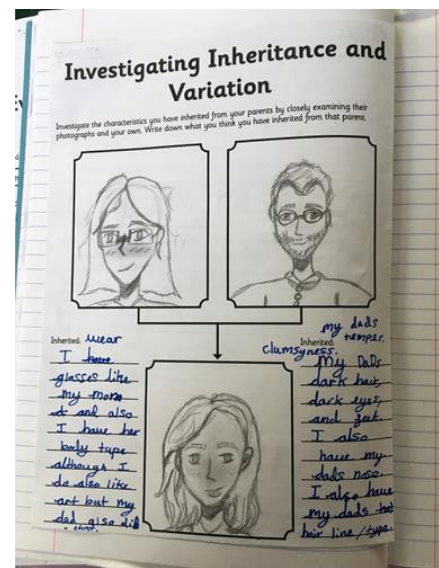
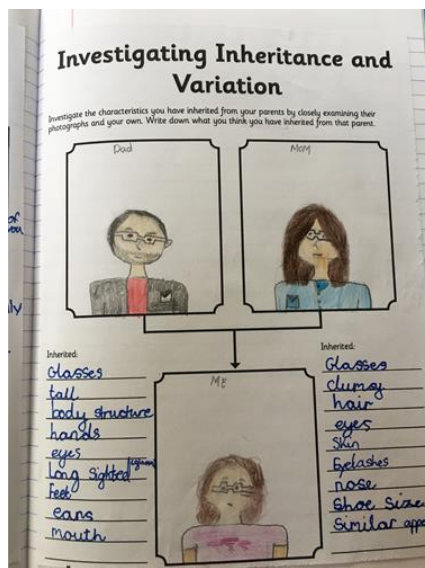
Next week we will be starting a new text in English - The Great Kapok Tree - which is set in the rainforest.



### SKYLARKS

Evolution and Inheritance is our topic in Science this half term. This week, there was much discussion as the children shared those characteristics that they

believed had been passed from their parents to them, the offspring - this was very interesting! We also discussed the difference between Inherited Characteristics and Acquired Characteristics. Please see just a couple of examples of the children's work.



## WhatsApp-ening?

A reminder that every class has its own WhatsApp Group and a Class Rep who acts as a liaison with the school. If you aren't already in one, please email the office or speak to the reps directly to get added:

Robins:	Sian Storey
Goldfinches:	Amy Smith
Kingfishers:	Amanda Clarke
Skylarks:	Sally Forgan

## EU CITIZENS: DEADLINE TO APPLY TO THE EU SETTLED STATUS SCHEME

The EU Settlement Scheme's application deadline is 30 June 2021. Warwickshire residents who are European citizens are urged to apply as soon as possible to secure their rights to remain in UK law.

The EU Settlement Scheme uses cutting edge technology, including the EU Exit: ID Document Check app which allows people to apply from the comfort of their own home in as little as 15 minutes.

Find out more:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2152/only-30-days-left-to-apply-to-the-eu-settled-status-scheme>

Apply:

<https://www.gov.uk/staying-uk-eu-citizen>

## ASK ME ABOUT... THE SACRED HEART

Today is the feast day of The Sacred Heart of Jesus. We have talked about the statue and the symbol below in our Friday morning worship.



## HOUSE POINTS

St Andrew 41  
St Patrick 34  
St David 29  
St George 27

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Robins – Maisie  
Goldfinches - William  
Kingfishers - Charlie  
Skylarks – Scarlett

## HEAD TEACHER'S AWARD

Delilah L for challenging herself  
and giving 100% & Matilda  
for her beautiful performance in dance

## FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

There are a range of free online workshops available for parents and carers in Warwickshire to access, including:

- Understanding your child's behaviour
- Routines and boundaries
- Safe home, happy home
- Sleep

For more information and to book a place click here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/warwickshire-children-and-families-17595309993>

## SCHOOL LIFE...

Following all the disruption of COVID we're keen to reinstall good practices of timekeeping, absence notification and uniform which have of late slipped for some:

**LATENESS:** Please try to arrive in good time for your child's allotted start time (08:55/09:00) and also to collect in a timely fashion at the end of the day. Arriving late at school can be very disruptive for your child, their teacher and the other children in the class. We know there are occasional unavoidable mishaps, but we are seeing persistent lateness from a small number of families. If you are having difficulties in getting your children to school, please speak to their teacher or Mrs Price in confidence so we can find ways to support you.

**NOTIFYING SCHOOL:** You must contact the school by phone or email as soon as possible if your child will not be attending school, giving a clear reason why. Likewise, if someone other than you is collecting your child and is not listed as a contact for your child we cannot send them home with them until we have spoken to you.

**DANGEROUS PARKING:** We have received several complaints about dangerous parking. If you see this, please take the vehicle make, colour and registration details so we can challenge unsafe and anti-social habits.

## DIARY DATES

Every Friday

50p Fridays for FOSM



Monday, June 14 @4PM

First Holy Communion  
Information Session (Online)

Friday, June 18

Skylarks Re-Treat Day

Sunday, June 20

Father's Day

Wednesday, June 30 @4PM

NEW 2021 Robins'  
Information Session (Online)

Tuesday, June 22

Whole School Singing Retreat

Thursday, July 1

Sports Afternoon

Friday, July 9

Moving Up Day (all classes)

Sunday, July 11 @ 11:30

First Holy Communion

## PLEASE NOTE:

DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
More dates and details online at:  
<https://www.stmaryssoutham.org>

## CHURCH LIFE...

### VIRTUAL CHURCH

If you aren't able to attend church with your children at the moment, there are still some great online resources to join in with.

You can follow the CAFOD [online children's liturgy](#) any time (as well as live weekly at 10am) and visit the [Kidz Zone](#) for prayers and resources.

Please see a link to a child-friendly version of this week's gospel and a colouring sheet:

### Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary

**Time** (13 June) We think about a tiny seed that grows into a huge bush, and how even the smallest action can make a big difference.

[Colouring sheet](#)

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