

ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | October 22nd 2021



Time for school

A reminder that the school gates open daily at 08:45 and registration is at 08:55. Children arriving after 08:55 will be marked as late. If your child is not going to be in school, please call or email the school office before 9. While we have additional COVID reporting and contact tracing obligations it is especially important that we know what a child is ill with, not just that they won't be in.

From the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well what an absolutely fantastic first half term we have all had! I know that I am very biased but our children, families and staff are the best! As a family we have all enjoyed getting to know the children and to form those positive relationships.

We have had a wonderful afternoon tea today, joining in with the Rosary Group children who prepared this beautifully. It was privilege for me to be invited to the Rosary Group alongside Angela Scull (Chair of Governors) and Father Arul. Special thanks must also go to Mrs Lyons who always guides our children in prayer so beautifully.

With the season of Halloween nearly upon us please take additional care if you are out Trick or Treating. The clocks also turn back an hour so the evenings now will be much darker and earlier. Please remind your children to continue to be cautious and to continue following social distancing where they can.

I hope you all have a restful half term and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 1st November. If anyone has a positive COVID case over the holidays, please can you inform the school via email. Can all parents ensure that they wear masks on the school site please so that we can keep the whole community safe.

God Bless

Maureen Collier

HALF TERM SUPERSTARS

This half term has yet again shown us what excellent children we have here at St. Mary's. Those children that have consistently shown exemplary behaviour and have shown our values and virtues for this half term, being Eloquent and Truthful, have been treated to Afternoon Tea with Mrs Collier today. Well done to each and every one of these wonderful children!

Little Robins	Poppy
Big Robins	Charlotte
Doves	Delilah L
Goldfinches	Elsa
Kingfishers	Oliver & Tami
Skylarks	Lucy & Gwendolyn

School Photos

The children looked wonderfully smart for photos yesterday. Please use your identification cards (sent home with the children yesterday) to register online and you'll get an email when the photos are ready to view and buy.

ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION

A reminder that the survey to help better understand why children are travelling the way they do to and from school each day is still live, please do take a moment to help the Road Safety Education Team prepare our school's Safe and Active Travel plan: <https://forms.office.com/r/OWeZtKeT2j>

Grab a table, or come & browse...

TABLE TOP SALE!

Saturday 30th October

from 10:00 till 12:00 @ the church hall
Refreshments available and raffle

- Could you do with a little extra cash?
- Do you have things you no longer need?
- Are you needing extra space?
- Ready for a clear out before Christmas?

Then book a table at our Table Top Sale!

£5 per table and keep all your profits!

Contact Angela 07847611013 or Wendy 07436113887 to book a table



ROBINS

Robin class had lots of fun using the parachute in PE this week! We played a variety of games including the washing machine game. The children loved running in circles, shaking it, and then they took turns to run underneath it. Amazing listening Robins!

DOVES

This week Doves have been working hard on learning the symbols for greater than, less than and equal to. We have been writing our own version of Three Little Pigs with our own characters. In RE we have been learning about Jesus' presentation at the Temple and what Simeon and Anna said about him. Doves have worked so hard this half term and are making great progress. Well done Doves!

GOLDFINCHES

What a brilliant first half term Goldfinches have had! They have blown me away with their hard-working attitude and their willingness to try everything. This week we enjoyed following instructions to make gingerbread men to support our writing of our own instructions. We learnt the importance of Mary and how the Rosary allows us to pray and reflect on Mary and Jesus' life. We learnt lots of facts about some famous scientists who invented some of the everyday materials we have been exploring. Enjoy a well earned break.

KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers have been budding designers by planning and creating their very own Roman mosaic design in the form of a coaster. We enjoyed retrieving information about the Roman way of life and answering some challenging questions based on a Roman text.

We are taking more pride in our presentation and our swimming skills are improving for all each week. We have become more confident and competent in adding two 4-digit numbers where we have had to exchange ten ones for one ten. Lots of reading is taking place at home and school.

SKYLARKS

What an amazing week we have had. We wrote a newspaper article about Michael falling overboard into the Coral Sea using relative clauses and inverted commas. We have a lot of budding journalists in our class! In maths we have mastered using chunking to solve long division- it has been a challenge but we have persevered. Over half term please take the time to learn spellings, read, go on TTRS and have lots of fun.

From the classroom...



DIARY DATES

EVERY FRIDAY

50p Fridays are back! bring your pennies for yummy snacks and fundraise for FOSM



October 25th - 29th

Half Term

October 30th @ 10:00 - 12:00

Table Top Sale at the church hall. Refreshments & Raffle **£5 per table and keep all your profits!**

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Sunday, October 31st

Application Deadline Secondary School Places

Monday, November 8th

Reception Vision Screening

Wednesday, November 17th

Health Needs Assessment & Measurement Programme Y6 Both & YR Measurement only

Friday, November 19th

**** new date ****

CHOCOLATE BINGO!

6 - 8pm, School Hall
£1 a book for the Bingo Raffle, refreshments & snack bar. All proceeds to FOSM

Tuesday, November 30th

St Andrew's Day
Regardless of your actual house, celebrate our House Saint on his feast day by wearing a blue or tartan item with your uniform.

Thursday, December 2nd

Early Years Open Morning For Nursery & Reception 2022
PLEASE EMAIL THE OFFICE TO BOOK

Tuesday, December 7th

NEW DATE: Flu Vaccination

PLEASE NOTE:

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

HOUSE POINTS

St George 125

St Andrew 96

St David 81

St Patrick 71

Did you know? Just for fun, we dress up in house colours on our House Saints' days at St Mary's (It's blue or tartan on 30th November.)



Stars of the Week

Little Robins - Chester

Big Robins - Ava

Doves - Ella Rose

Goldfinches - Rebecca

Kingfishers - Antoni & Miriam

Skylarks - Logan & Florence

EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

Little Robins	Poppy
Big Robins	Albie
Doves	Florence
Goldfinches	Brody
Kingfishers	Noah & Inayah
Skylarks	Riley & Lydia

LUNCHTIME AWARD

Little Robins	Arlyn
Big Robins	Leo
Doves	Betsy
Goldfinches	Felicity
Kingfishers	Bella & Thomas
Skylarks	Olivia & Seth

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