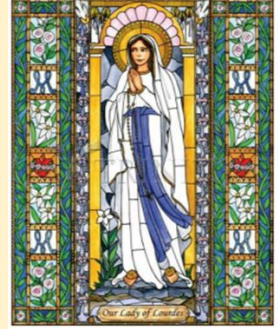


ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | February 11th 2022



Art Challenge!



Mrs Collier's RE Challenge: OUR LADY OF LOURDES

This week's RE Challenge is to create a piece of artwork to celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (which we have celebrated today, Friday 11th February). I would love to make a beautiful display in school with them.

Create a portrait of Our Lady of Lourdes showing her as she is usually depicted (white robes, blue sash, yellow roses, veil etc.). You can show her alone, at the grotto in Lourdes, with St Bernadette. You can be modern, abstract, traditional. You can paint, draw, collage, mosaic, charcoal... As ever, be creative and celebrate saintly life with us in creative ways. I can't wait to see these so that we can create a welcoming display to our visitors in the school foyer.

ACADEMY Q&As Parents Meeting Tuesday 15 February @ 5:30

(Submit Questions in advance).
To find out more, please visit our new and growing FAQ webpage. All questions will be added after the meeting:
<https://stmaryssoutham.org.uk/academy/>

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD A note from the kitchen:

All meals provided are freshly made on the day.



Quality is really important and always on the menu this includes organic meat, free-range eggs, locally-sourced fruit and vegetables, and homemade baked treats.

We always put the customer first and are flexible to help with dietary requirements.

All children have been sent home with an allergy/dietary needs form today. Please return this if your child has any food-related needs, even if they don't usually have a school meal.

UKHSA and NHS Vaccination campaign

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a significant drop in the number of parents and carers getting their children vaccinated against MMR and taking up other childhood vaccines. Now more than one in ten eligible children under five in England haven't had the MMR vaccine or are only partially vaccinated, leaving them unprotected and increasing the risk of measles outbreaks in nurseries and schools.

We are reminding parents and guardians to ensure their children are protected by taking up two doses of the MMR vaccine at the right time. Catching-up children who missed out on their MMR vaccines during the pandemic is a priority, in order to help prevent a rise in measles cases. Vaccinations remain the best defence against infection, so it is very important that children attend their routine vaccination appointments and catch up on any they may have missed.

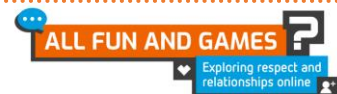
You can see the NHS vaccination schedule here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/nhs-vaccinations-and-when-to-have-them/>

Safer Internet Day

Our children have been learning how to be safer online, with a special Assembly this week as part of Safer Internet Day. Parents wishing to know more can visit:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>



Number Day 2022

From Mrs 'Rocking' Banat-Rinz



I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks for all the effort put in by children and adults last Friday for "Number Day".

We had a fabulous day dressing up, solving some very challenging puzzles, measuring ourselves and generally exploring that maths really can be fun. On top of that, as a school, we have raised **£105.10 for the NSPCC!**

Bag2School

Thank you to everyone who brought in their recycling bags; just a small number of bags added up to a fantastic **£68** for the school. We will certainly run this fundraiser again.



www.bag2school.com

From the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today we have been celebrating the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and our GIFT (Growing In Faith Together) team have created and delivered prayer services to each class. What a beautiful liturgy they have created and I am so very, very proud of them (and Mrs Lyons for guiding them). We are so blessed here at St Mary's to have such beautiful, kind, considerate and all-round amazing children.

We have had an exciting visitor today, a journalist from Radio 4! Bob came in today to interview myself and 3 children: Theo, Florence and Lucy. He interviewed us about how we perceive playtime – you can listen to this interview on BBC Radio 4 on a show called PM between 5pm and 6pm.

The Sports Captains across the school have been helping me today, following Florence, Charlie and Peyton's assembly about the importance of sports across the curriculum, and what a great assembly it was too! I am, as always, very proud of our children. We have sorted all of the sports equipment in to class packs so that the children have activities, that are structured, to play with during break and lunch times. I know that this will help us as an active school and also helps to keep our minds and bodies healthy, in addition to helping with the social aspect of play. I have found that we need more rugby kit though, how are we ever going to get the next Joe Marler or Marcus Smith?!

Speaking of rugby (there's always a link somewhere!), let's hope England fare better this week against Italy on Sunday. Whatever you are doing this weekend with your family (watching rugby surely!) enjoy your time; rest, relax and recharge.

God Bless

Maureen Collier

ROBINS

We have had such a busy week in Robin class! On Thursday, Jen joined us from Magical World of Stories. We listened to stories about lots of woodland animals and then went off on a hunt around the field for a badger! We then headed into the secret garden to make houses for the hedgehogs. After a snack, we headed inside to make bird feeders for our feathered friends. We used lots of different kinds of fruit and threaded them on to a kebab stick. They look brilliant hanging in our trees. We had so much fun with Jen 😊



DOVES

It's been another busy week in Doves. As well as having Miss Costa and Mrs. Hawley helping them with their learning, the children have also had some lessons with the lovely Miss Priestley, a 3rd year teacher trainee from Newman University. We are so happy and lucky to have her working with us. In English this week, we have started out new story 'Poles Apart' by Jeanne Willis and Jarvis. The story is about how a big friendly white Polar Bear called Mr. White helps a family of lost picnicking penguins find their way back home to the right pole. We have been writing some lovely setting descriptions and comparing some of the hot and cold places from the story. This has linked really nicely to our Science and Art lessons. In Science, the children have been looking at and classifying polar animals and in Art they have been busy making some Polar Bear sculptures from clay. Keep an eye out on Seesaw for some pictures of these lovely little models coming soon.



GOLDFINCHES

Goldfinches had a fantastic start to the week and enjoyed sharing their Paddington character descriptions with the children in Early Years. We have been learning new skills in English ready for our story writing next week. We are sending Paddington on an adventure to the zoo. In Maths we have enjoyed exploring 2-D and 3-D shapes and will continue this next week. In RE we have been reflecting on the parables of Jesus through music and art. In Topic we created a bar diagram on the temperature throughout the year in London and gathered data on the weather in the four UK capital cities. Next week we are completing an art project, please can I ask for children to bring in cardboard boxes throughout the week. Thank you in advance.



KINGFISHERS

We have had another great week of work in Kingfishers this week! The children have worked exceptionally hard in their English lessons writing letters to author Marcia Williams. I will be sending their letters off to her and we will be eagerly awaiting her response! This week we have also been bakers, making Egyptian bread and writing instructions on how to make it. We thought it tasted delicious! Next week, we will be completing another big art project for our topic of Ancient Egyptians that I can't wait for you all to see, please send in empty plastic milk bottles to help us complete this project. We are continuing to practice our times tables and are trying lots of fun different ways to learn our times table facts. I will be sending out some links to help the children practice at home. Thank you for your continued support with your children's learning.



SKYLARKS

Linked to our topic on Ancient Greece, in English we have begun looking at Greek myths and now know a lot more about Medusa and the vicious Minotaur. This will lead into creating our very own mythical creature that will be used in the myths that we will write. Next Friday we will be making dragons out of cardboard so please send in cardboard tubes such as those from kitchen roll plus any spare boxes you have.

From the classroom...

DIARY DATES



EVERY FRIDAY

50p Friday – Now outdoors
Snacks on sale in the carpark after school. Bring your pennies to fundraise for FOSM

February 14

St Valentine's Day

February 15

Extra Dance Club KS2
Make up session for last week

February 15

Academy Consultation Meeting 5:30pm
School Hall – Note you must reply with your party size & questions in advance (see letter 09/02/2022)

February 21 - 25

Half Term
Back to school Tuesday 1st March
* Monday 28th is a school-specific teacher training day **

Tuesday, 1 March

St David's Day
Regardless of your actual house, celebrate our House Saint by wearing yellow or a daffodil item

Thursday, March 3

World Book Day
wear pyjamas or dress up as your favourite book character and bring your favourite book

NEW 2023/24 Term Dates

Recently released by Warwickshire County Council, view online here:
<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/school-term-dates-induction-days-training-days-holidays/3>

PLEASE NOTE:

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

EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

Little Robins	Chester
Big Robins	Loui
Doves	Vincent
Goldfinches	Noah
Kingfishers	Connor & Jimmy
Skylarks	Jessica & Zachary

LUNCHTIME AWARD

Little Robins	Orla
Big Robins	Frederick
Doves	Delilah L
Goldfinches	Dylan
Kingfishers	Noah & Lexie
Skylarks	Affiea & Sophie B

HOUSE POINTS

St David 203

St Patrick 117

St Andrew 103

St George 99



Stars of the Week

Little Robins – Arlyn

Big Robins – Matthew

Doves – Betsy

Goldfinches – Mason

Kingfishers – Bella & Amelka

Skylarks – Riley & Jacob M



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