

ST MARY'S NEWS

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



From the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another wonderful week here at St. Mary's and whilst I am bias in my opinion, the children are an absolute credit to you all. We as a family are very grateful to share in the journey all of our children are on, whether that be academic, social, emotional or, as most of us are, on all of those things. It is a blessing to see the children all playing together again at break and lunch. Our wonderful Sports Captains will be planning some games to share with the younger children at lunch times. We have worked hard to give each class a range of P.E equipment for them to use so that we can structure play times a little more and now our older children will be helping them further. They have some fabulous ideas.

As we are seeing numbers of Covid dropping within school (please God may this continue) we will be looking to begin inviting you all in to school more. This will begin after the Easter holidays and I will be sending dates out for you to come and join your child's class to share their books with them. They will be so excited to share their learning journey with you. These will be set during the afternoon but we will also set an evening session for those parents that cannot attend during the day. This session will need to be booked to ensure that we know who we have in the building. As we are not fully out of the woods yet we will not share books during Parents Evening as I do not want lots of people to congregate in a small, enclosed space.

Our Year Five and Six class led us beautifully for Stations of the Cross last week and this week it is the turn of Years Three and Four. Please do come and join us at the church at 2.30pm.

God Bless

Maureen Collier

Ukraine

Impact on Children

The devastating impact of the War in Ukraine is something we are seeing live from the front line on our internet and news providers on a daily basis. For our children, many of whom will have no recollection of ever seeing such footage, the shock and unease will be clear. At school we will talk to any children who are worried about what this all means for them and their families but we wanted to direct parents to some useful resources (some of which I know are being used already) to support difficult discussions about what is happening...

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround>
- <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/02/25/help-forteachers-and-families-to-talk-to-pupils-about-russias-invasionof-ukraine-and-how-to-help-them-avoid-misinformation/>
- <https://schools.cityofsanctuary.org/2022/02/28/speaking-withchildren-about-the-war-in-ukraine?fbclid=IwAR0EX5nkksLs67t4cJpJHo1JaZnnxfEiAeauMst4TsyqkFEh8wQuZgC4Nk>



It might be a useful time to talk to older children about "Fake News" and the dangers of misinformation. Encourage your child to find ways to relieve the worry from what they are seeing and hearing.

NURSERY & RECEPTION OPEN MORNING:

Wednesday April 6th | 09:30 - 11:00

Come & say Hello! We are excited to be able to open our doors and welcome prospective parents and their children into St Mary's to tour our fabulous facilities and see our thriving school and dedicated, friendly staff in action.

Please email the office to book

Lentern Charities:

The children have been talking this week about the charities they would like to raise funds for during this season of Lent and they have chosen the following:

Father Hudson's Home and The Ukraine (we will use John Lewis for this as they are matching donations). The children aim to raise the funds in the following ways ▶ ▶

Years Five and Six
Friday 18th March

Years Three and Four
Friday 25th March

Years One and Two
Friday 1st April 2022

Nursery and Reception
8th April

Break the Rules Day and a Cake Sale

Children can break as many rules as they want (within reason) such as dressing in own clothes, wearing nail varnish, having crazy hair, eating in class etc. Each rule they break will cost 50p and each cake will also cost 50p. Year 5/6 children to provide the cookies.

Fly your Flag: Children to come in wearing blue and yellow to support the Ukrainian people. If you are feeling really brave, they could spray their hair in those colours! Each child would need to donate 50p.

Cookie sale – each cookie will cost 50p. Year 3/4 children to provide the cookies

Chocolate Hamper Raffle

Each ticket will cost 50p. Children can buy as many tickets as they like. Children in Years One and Two will provide the chocolate for the hamper.

Slices of glorious toast!!!!

With lashings of butter (Gluten free bread and Vegan spread will be available) 20p per slice made by the fair hands of our beautiful children and staff

Skylarks present...

Friday,
18th March

Breaking the Rules Day!

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Sacramental Journey: Catholic Children Year 3 & Year 6



We have agreed the following dates with Father Arul and timings will be confirmed. As you know I cannot guarantee that these will go ahead, but please God Covid behaves itself and lets us enjoy the celebration of our children's sacramental journey.

Sacrament	Date
Act of Reconciliation (Year 3)	To be Advised
First Holy Communion (Year 3)	Sunday 19 th June 2022
Confirmation (Year 6)	Sunday 5 th June 2022



ROBINS

Robin class had fun learning about the Gingerbread Man this week. The children made gingerbread men in groups. They enjoyed mixing, measuring and weighing the ingredients. Whilst the gingerbread was cooking, something unbelievable happened...one escaped!! The children could not believe their eyes. We quickly looked for clues and searched around school, then we found it in our classroom. What an exciting week we had Robin class!

DOVES

This week Doves have been working hard on writing their own diary entries, as a superhero who needs a sidekick. In maths we have been practising finding number bonds to 10 and 20. During PE we have been learning to throw and catch the ball, as we begin to learn to play tennis. In RE we have been continuing our work on the season of Lent. Our Design Technology project is all about healthy eating, this week we have been learning about the different food groups so we can plan and make our own fruit salad.

GOLDFINCHES

Goldfinches have had another great week. We are particularly enjoying learning about the Great Fire of London. This week we have been exploring different sources and understanding how people know the answers to our questions. In English we are exploring the setting of London before 1666 and how we can use our adventurous vocabulary to describe it. We have continued exploring 3-D shapes and counting the faces, edges, and vertices of these. The parable of The Lost Sheep has been a focus for RE this week, exploring the thoughts and feelings of the shepherd and the sheep. Please ask us to share the special message with you. Finally, on Wednesday we were able to complete our Scooter Assembly.



We had lots of fun joining the Scooter Safety Circus and learning how to use our scooter safely.

KINGFISHERS

This week in Kingfishers we've been very busy learners! I've been super impressed by how hard everyone has been trying with their times tables. We have also enjoyed learning all about our new text 'There's a Pharaoh in our bath'. We've been working hard writing a diary entry this week and they are fantastic. We also had a lovely afternoon reading the stations of the cross at church. Thanks for your continued support.

SKYLARKS

This week in Skylarks we have really immersed ourselves in Greek Mythology. We have been reading about the amazing adventures of Odysseus and have finally completed our very own immense, terrifying Greek Myths. The class also worked collaboratively to research and produce a fact file on a well-known Greek mythological character. Why don't you ask your child their top 5 favourite facts they found out?



A reminder again about reading every night and spending at least 10 minutes a night on TTRS. Thankyou once again for all your support.

DIARY DATES



EVERY FRIDAY

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

March 11-20

British Science Week

Tuesday, March 15

Secondary School Deadline Date to accept your child's offer

Thursday, March 17

St Patrick's Day Regardless of your actual house, wear a green item, a shamrock or the flag with your uniform to celebrate our house Saint.

Friday, March 18

Breaking the Rules Day (see front cover)

Sunday, March 27

Mother's Day & Clocks go forward

Tuesday, March 29

Parents Evening Booking Slips are now overdue, please return yours by Monday.

Wednesday, April 6

Open Morning 09:30-11:00 Spread the word! An opportunity for prospective parents to tour the school and meet our inspirational teaching staff.

Sunday, June 5

Confirmation – Y6

Sunday, June 19

First Holy Communion – Y3

PLEASE NOTE:

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

EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

Little Robins	Teddy
Big Robins	Ava
Doves	Suruthiy
Goldfinches	Sophie
Kingfishers	Noah & Esther
Skylarks	Sophia K & Maya

LUNCHTIME AWARD

Little Robins	Arlyn
Big Robins	Leo
Doves	Zach
Goldfinches	Sebastian
Kingfishers	Tallulah & Layla
Skylarks	Harriet & Jacob H

HOUSE POINTS

- St Patrick 458
- St David 395
- St Andrew 358
- St George 340



Stars of the Week

Little Robins – Archie

Big Robins – Emma

Doves – Rogan

Goldfinches – Nexana

Kingfishers – Antoni & Jimmy

Skylarks – Chelsea & Theo

