

# ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | March 25<sup>th</sup> 2022



The GRAHAM ADAMS centre  
the heart of Southam

## From the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to all of our wonderful children for all of the ideas that they have had to raise money (almsgiving) to our Lenten Charities. EVERY child has been involved and last week we raised a staggering £400!! All of the money that we raise over the Lent period will be donated to Father Hudson's Home and the Ukraine Appeal. Skylarks had us all breaking the rules last week and this week Kingfishers have got us all dressed in blue and yellow to show our solidarity with Ukraine. Today we have dedicated a prayer service to the children of Ukraine.

Next week shall be the turn of Goldfinches and Doves, raffle tickets to win the chocolate hamper will be on sale every day next week and donations of chocolate will be gratefully received. I am so very, very proud of the tremendous effort and kindness that all of our children are showing. They are absolutely marvellous!

We all hope all Mothers, and those that act as Mothers, have a wonderful day this Sunday. I hope that you will be truly appreciated and spoilt by your families. We also pray for Mothers who have died, but know that they are always with us guiding us in all we do. Thank you to our wonderful staff who have helped the children create some beautiful cards today.

We are all looking forward to Parent's Evening next Tuesday, it is vital that all parents attend. Parents and Carers will have the opportunity to talk to your children's teacher about their academic and social achievements. We will have a separate date after Easter for you to come and spend time with your children to share their work in their books.

Today is the turn of Year One to lead Stations of the Cross with our Skylark children being a good buddy and helping them out. I do have to say it has been wonderful to see the children so engaged on their Lenten journeys and it has been fantastic to have shared this with you all too.

Covid is still with us and is presenting lots of challenges in school still, with staff and children being poorly. Please keep an eye on children's symptoms and if they are unwell, please keep them at home and have them tested. You can still book a PCR test until the end of this month. The main symptoms we are seeing are very similar to colds – if unsure please do give us a call and we can talk this through. It is here with us to stay but we have to do everything we can to protect our community.

Enjoy the beautiful weather this weekend and remember the Six Nations is still on! England Roses kick us off against Scotland, Ireland are playing Wales and France are playing Italy.

God Bless

Maureen Collier

## Roll up Roll Up! GET YOUR TICKETS FOR THE CHOCOLATE HAMPER RAFFLE!

50p a ticket for the Goldfinches Lenten Charity event next week – ask on the playground to buy yours:



FREE

## Breakfast Club

Monday 11th, Thursday 14th  
Monday 18th, Thursday 21st April

9-11am

## Graham Adams Centre

St James Road, Southam, CV47 0LY  
Cereal, Toast, Eggs, Beans, Tea, Coffee and Juice  
Tackling 'Holiday Hunger'

Supported by Southam Foodbank

TESCO

Community Grants

Children must be accompanied by an adult

## ♪ Magical Music Morning! ♪

Well done to all Miss Butler's musicians who entertained us in a special Assembly this week – we're planning a performance that parents can attend very soon...



## NURSERY & RECEPTION OPEN MORNING:

Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> | 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



**Lenten Charities:** The children have chosen Father Hudson's Home and The Ukraine as the charities they would like to raise money for during Lent. After a very successful Year 3/4 led 'Flying the Blue & Yellow Flag' day today - the remaining weeks' activities are:

**Years One and Two**  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April

### 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.

**Nursery and Reception**  
8<sup>th</sup> April

### 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

We'll keep you updated on our fundraising totals week by week. Thank you for your support of these deserving charities.

## ROBINS

Robin Class have been enjoying the spring sunshine in our outdoor area. This week we have been working hard to revamp our sand pit and herb garden. The children have loved digging and building in the new sand! Thank you to 'Poppy's Plants' a local family run garden centre, for our beautiful planter. Poppy's also donated herb plants for the children to add to our herb garden. The herb garden is weeded, and the new plants have been added. Let's hope the sun keeps shining so the plants grow and we can keep learning about our world around us!



## DOVES

This week Doves have been learning to subtract using a number-line in Maths. In English we have been learning about the differences between fiction and non-fiction books. We have been history detectives, looking at clues about a famous historical superhero who helped nurse many soldiers back to health and trying to work out who she was, we learned about Florence Nightingale. In Design and Technology, we have been designing our own fruit salads using our favourite fruits. We have also been on a visit to church to look and learn about the Stations of the Cross with Skylarks class. Well done Doves super work this week.

## GOLDFINCHES

Goldfinches have had a wonderful week! We have taken advantage of the glorious sunshine and took our learning outdoors for Maths, investigating how many different groups we can share ourselves into. In English we have been learning new skills to support our diary entry writing next week inspired by Vlad and the Great Fire of London. In science we explored food chains in different habitats and had the chance to draw our own. We have continued to learn about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and why this is an important journey with God. Thank you for your on-going support, please continue to ensure you are reading and practising both spellings and times tables.



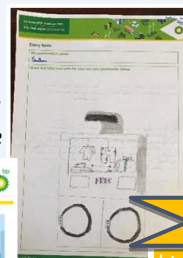
## KINGFISHERS

We've had another busy week working hard in Kingfisher's this week. We have had lots of fun preparing ourselves for our 'Blue and Yellow Day' this week. We have created posters that we put up around the school and made cookies to contribute to our cookie sale. They look delicious! We have also enjoyed learning all about mummification in our topic this week and the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our RE lessons, where we learnt about what happens during the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please remind your children to practice their spellings and times tables at home and to read when possible. Thank you for your continued support.



## SKYLARKS

This week in Skylarks we have finished our entries for two science competitions: one on net zero with BP and another on growth. Let's hope for some winners! We are enjoying our new class book, "Who Let the Gods Out" and can't wait to see what happens next. In RE we have been thinking about what messages we can take away to live our lives more like Jesus. Once again, I would like to thank you all for your support with our fundraiser last week where we raised an incredible £400 in one day for charity! A reminder also that everyone should be doing their homework of TTRS, reading and spellings every night.



## DIARY DATES



### EVERY FRIDAY

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

### Friday March 25@ 2:30

Stations of the Cross  
Year One: Doves  
helped by Year Five children

### Sunday, March 27

Mother's Day &  
Clocks go forward

### Tuesday, March 29

Parents Evening  
Please maintain social distancing on site & stay away if you are ill.

### Friday April 1

Chocolate Hamper Raffle  
see front page for more info

### Friday April 1@ 2:30

Stations of the Cross  
Reception: Big Robins  
helped by Year Six children

### 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.

### Friday April 8

Slices of Glorious Toast!  
see front page for more info

### April 11-22

Easter Holidays

### PLEASE NOTE:

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

## EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

Little Robins	Orla
Big Robins	Emma
Doves	Aimee
Goldfinches	Ben
Kingfishers	Hollie & Layla
Skylarks	Olivia & Shiloh

## LUNCHTIME AWARD

Little Robins	Vincent
Big Robins	Isla
Doves	Timmy
Goldfinches	Elsa
Kingfishers	William & Jimmy
Skylarks	Sophia K & Elena

## HOUSE POINTS

St Andrew 318

St David 300

St George 281

St Patrick 191



## Stars of the Week

Little Robins – Toby

Big Robins – Ava

Doves – Finn

Goldfinches – Lauren

Kingfishers – Amari & Peyton

Skylarks – Lucy & Sophie

