

# ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | April 8<sup>th</sup> 2022



## From the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of another action-packed term full of the three L's: Learning, Love and Laughter. Life here at St. Mary's is slowly evolving into our new normal and this week it was so wonderful to have parents in to see our Morning of Music. I have to admit that I felt emotional looking around the hall and seeing so many smiling faces, of both children and adults. Our Kingfishers did us proud and the music was so wonderful to see and hear. What a fantastic opportunity it is for our children to learn to play an instrument or to sing so beautifully. Special thanks, as always, go first and foremost to our children and to Ms Butler for helping us to arrange this. Not only were we treated to Kingfishers, but we were also able to listen to children in other year groups playing the recorder, guitar, clarinet, flute and piano. Our children really are the best and for that I thank you as parents for giving us the joy of educating them every day.

Holy Week will begin on Sunday with Palm Sunday leading us through to Easter Sunday. If you can, please do take the children to church at some point during this week. All year groups have led us beautifully and reverently through Stations of the Cross and they are able to articulate the significant events that take place during Holy Week.

Today has been a day full of celebration and all of the children have been out on an egg hunt and have bagged themselves a small Easter Egg. It was joyful to see them all running around on the field hunting for eggs and helping each other. This afternoon we have had Movies and Munchies for the children in St David's as they won the house points this term. It was close in terms of numbers so it could be anybody's win next term. Encourage the children to try to earn as many house points as possible, I know the adults here will be trying to earn points too as we have all been allocated a house group too! I'm not saying that we are competitive but...

This afternoon I have had the pleasure of the company of our Superstar children from Spring 1 and Spring 2. We were also joined by our G.I.F.T (Growing In Faith Together) group, who always lead us in prayer beautifully and have worked really hard with our fantastic Mrs Lyons. We had a lovely time, eating cakes and biscuits. It is such a joy to see those children who always go above and beyond being recognised for what they do. It is so difficult to choose these children as all of our children are a blessing to us.

We are all back at school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 8.45am sharp. I can't wait to see all of the children again and I know they will all look super smart in their school uniforms. We will have a very busy term, as always and I will let you know in the first week back lots of dates, as we have a lot to pack in: Parents coming in to share in the wonderful learning that has taken place, Masses, Celebration Assemblies, Sports Day, Parents Evening, FOSM evenings and so much more.

Have a wonderful Easter holiday and enjoy the time together as a family as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord.

God Bless

Maureen Collier

## Music Morning

Thank you to our Kingfishers and all our music students for a wonderful Music Morning on Tuesday of this week.

We heard the Kingfishers' playing their fifes and singing the songs they've learned in their weekly *Up Beat* music sessions and were treated to guitar, clarinet, flute, violin, piano and recorder performances – well done everyone you performed beautifully!

## SPRING TERM SUPERSTARS

Today we have held a celebratory tea party for our Termly Superstars, children who have consistently shown exemplary behaviour and embody our values and virtues:

Little Robins:	<b>Archie</b>	Kingfishers 3:	<b>Elijah</b>
Big Robins:	<b>Loui P</b>	Kingfishers 4:	<b>Lexie</b>
Doves:	<b>Delilah P</b>	Skylarks 5:	<b>Sofia R</b>
Goldfinches:	<b>Lauren</b>	Skylarks 6:	<b>Jacob M</b>



Well done to each and every one of these wonderful children!

## Congratulations too to our Termly House Champions...

**St David** with a whopping 2553 points.  
**St Andrew: 2387 | St George: 2258 | St Patrick: 2134**  
The winning house has, under stewardship of our House Captains and Vice-captains, enjoyed Movies and Munchies to celebrate this afternoon.



**Dance & Football:** we still have places in our paid extra-curricular clubs which run after school until July. See letters sent home, or ask in the office for more information.

## Lentern Charities:

The children have chosen **Father Hudson's Home** and **The Ukraine** as the charities they would like to raise money for during Lent.

Today we were treated to Slices of Glorious hot buttered toast, courtesy of our Robins' Nursery and Reception Class. Last week's wonderful Easter Chocolate Raffle raised another £182.45 – thank you to all who donated prized and/or bought tickets.

We're still counting the pennies, but are so proud of all the children's hard work and our families' generosity supporting each class activity week after week. We'll share the grand total after the Easter Holidays.

## From the classroom... ROBINS

We have had a lovely last week of the spring term in Robins class. We have been talking lots about Holy Week and the stories surrounding this. The children have been very engaged and have been asking lots of questions. On Thursday, the children went for a walk around the school to spot as many crosses as they could. Once back in the classroom, the children used the available resources to create their own crosses. What an amazing term we have had. Happy Easter to you all 😊



## DOVES

This week Doves have been working really hard on their independent writing and have been showing off their super skills. We have been learning about the events of Holy Week in preparation for Easter using role play, computing and creating our own artwork. In one of our lessons we learnt about Maundy Thursday and The Last Supper. We talked about why the Last Supper was held and what Jesus said to his disciples. We then created our own Last Supper picture, sharing bread and wine (blackcurrant squash). In Maths we have been learning to count and make 2-digit numbers up to 50 using equipment.



## GOLDFINCHES

Goldfinches received a mystery letter on Monday morning. We found out it was from a 'newspaper' company asking us to go back in time and write a recount of the Great Fire of London. We were so excited! We planned, edited, and wrote our articles. We will find out after Easter if they have been published. In Maths we have improved our skills of 10 more and 10 less and recognising them in addition and subtraction. We enjoyed an afternoon of art, practicing our brush strokes while also learning about tints and fades. Year Two have worked so hard this term and I hope you have a well-earned rest. Please practice spelling common exception words (in spelling books), reading and practicing your times tables ready. As always thank you for your continued support. Happy Easter.



## KINGFISHERS

This final week has been another fun filled week for Kingfishers. It was so lovely to see all of you to celebrate what wonderful musicians we have in our class. The children were so excited to be able to perform to you. This week we have completed our information texts, which will be turned into a book to teach the other children all about Ancient Egyptian Life and in maths we have continued to learn all about fractions. Kingfishers have worked extremely hard this term and I am so proud of them! Thank you for your continued support. I hope you all have a lovely Easter and enjoy a well-deserved break.



## SKYLARKS

Skylarks have really embraced Holy Week and produced some fabulous writing- especially a letter from Jesus written just before he was arrested. In maths we are all getting stronger at comparing and ordering fractions. We finished this terms topic of "Greek Legacy" by painting our clay pots. They look amazing. I have listed some useful websites to use. It would be good to give your brain a Maths and English workout everyday before doing all the other fun things you have planned for the holidays. Just half an hour every day could make all the difference. Have a wonderful Easter break.

<https://uk.ixl.com/maths/year-6> | <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39>  
<https://www.everyschool.co.uk/english-key-stage-2-comprehension-2.html> | <https://uk.ixl.com/english/year-6>

## HOUSE POINTS

St David 288

St Patrick 284

St George 282

St Andrew 195



## Stars of the Week

**Little Robins** – Vincent

**Big Robins** – Freddie

**Doves** – Zakariah

**Goldfinches** – Kahlan

**Kingfishers** – Mason & Ned

**Skylarks** – Harriet & Zachary



## 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 April 8

End of Term Celebrations:  
House Rewards Event &  
Super Star Tea Party!

### April 11-22

Easter Holidays  
\* **REMEMBER:** Mrs Collier's  
Homework Challenge; make an  
Easter Bonnet or Easter Garden \*

### Tuesday April 19

Reception Place Offer Day

### Monday April 25

Belated St George's Day  
(for the 23<sup>rd</sup>) +  
Easter Bonnet Catwalk

### Wednesday, April 27 @ 3:30

Alton Castle Information  
Evening - Year 5/6

### Monday May 2

Bank Holiday

### May 9-13

SATs Week (Year 6)

### Wednesday May 18

Dental Nurse Visit (Year R & 1)

### Wednesday May 25

Class Photos

### Monday June 6 – 8

Year 5/6 Residential  
Alton Castle

### PLEASE NOTE:

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

## EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

Little Robins	Lereya
Big Robins	Mason
Doves	Timmy
Goldfinches	Brody
Kingfishers	Harry & Tami
Skylarks	Olivia & Lydia

## LUNCHTIME AWARD

Little Robins	Ben
Big Robins	Albie
Doves	Ella-Rose
Goldfinches	Nevana
Kingfishers	Maggie & Claudia
Skylarks	Zach D & Elena