

# ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | April 29<sup>th</sup> 2022



## From the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another fabulous week has been had at St. Mary's and what a way to start the Summer term! WE have so many amazing, creative children (and parents) here; the Easter Bonnet parade was a joy to watch and the Easter Gardens were phenomenal. My heartfelt thanks go out to all of you for supporting the children to participate and bring us all such joy.

We will be sending out dates next week for each class to invite parents in to share their learning journey. You will be able to see the children's books and talk through their learning with them. I know that the children are so excited to share this with you. Keep your eyes peeled for your invitation.

I am hoping that we can start to invite parents to join us for Celebration Assembly on a Friday and we will start on a gradual basis. In the next few weeks we will invite just the parents of our children who have been given Star of the Week and then, please God, we will open this out to any parents that would like to attend. We will email the parents directly to invite you by a Wednesday of that week. Assemblies ordinarily are an excitable occasion and last no more than 30 minutes, starting at 9.05am. Look out for your invitation next week!

I have had a planning meeting this week about this year's Sports Day and are so delighted to be able to get back to some normality and to share these wonderful memories with you. We will send more details out soon, once I have met with my superb sports captains to finalise arrangements.

Thank you for sending the children in looking very smart in their uniforms. We are all so proud of being part of the Saint Mary family and I know that the children are too. As the better weather is on its way can I remind you to send the children in with a bottle of water each day, a sunhat and apply sun cream before they come to school. Children can bring sun cream with them but they would need to apply this themselves as we cannot do this.

Have a wonderful long weekend

God Bless

Maureen Collier

## JOB VACANCY

### B&A Club Manager

We are looking for a manager to lead the day to day running of our school's Breakfast and After School Club provision which provides a safe and enjoyable start and end to the children's school day. This is a permanent term time role that will begin in September 2022.

For more information and to apply, please visit:

<https://stmaryssoutham.org.uk/jobs>

## Easter Home Learning

### What fantastic Easter Gardens and Bonnets!

We loved seeing and celebrating all your hard work:



## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

### Dance & Football:

We still have places in our paid extra-curricular clubs which run after school until July. Please email the office if you need a copy of the Dance form – all dance clubs will now run on a WEDNESDAY – or to sign up/reenrol for Football, visit: <https://forms.gle/W3hw4pixzpbN5YWm6>



## Good Luck Mrs Scull!

This weekend our Chair of Governors will be aiming to cycle 100km through London in the dark with 2,000 other pink ladies raising money for cancer research in Women V Cancer's *Ride The Night*.

To find out more or donate, please visit her page:

[join.dream-challenges.com/fundraisers/angelascull](http://join.dream-challenges.com/fundraisers/angelascull)

BREAST  
CANCER  
NOW

Jo's cervical  
cancer trust

ovarian  
cancer action



## LENTERN CHARITIES:

£ 794.35

THANK YOU

**You ate, baked, raffled, toasted, dressed up, broke the rules** – and most of all donated – to take part in a fantastic Lentern Charity drive. Thank you to all who organised and who took part to help us raise this wonderful total to be shared between the Ukraine appeal and Father Hudson's.

► YET MORE ROADWORKS! With the Fosse Way closed from today until early June, check out the latest by date and location to stay ahead of the queues:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/roadworksmap>

### ROBINS

This week in Robin class we created our own Farm Shop. The children have loved taking on the different roles during their imaginary play. The shop has been incredibly busy and needs restocking frequently! We have discussed what the produce is called and where it comes from. The real money used in the till has encouraged the children to use their mathematical skills and money language. The children returned from the Easter break eager to learn and happy to see their friends again. What a lovely we have had, thank you Robins!



### DOVES

This week, Doves have been working fantastically on our new topic, Towers and Turrets, all about Castles. We have been learning about mechanisms in Design and Technology to help us design and make our own working castle drawbridges. In Maths we have been working on comparing and representing numbers up to 50. In Science we have been pretending to be Weather Reporters and writing our own seasonal weather reports.



### GOLDFINCHES



It has been fantastic to have everybody back and well rested. We used our detective skills to investigate some clues for our new topic this term... Seaside Explorers. We have explored our new book in English, The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch. Mr. Grinling is our main character and will be writing a character description soon. In Maths we have started Fractions and have been focusing on whole and half; this meant we got to design a delicious pizza for Mr. Grinling. We improved our map skills by exploring the atlas to find some seaside cities/towns. In RE, we have been focusing our attention on the symbols we find in church during Easter. Please ensure that if you hear your child read the diary is signed, continue to practice spellings and times tables. Thank you for your continued support.

### KINGFISHERS

It has been lovely having all of the children back after Easter. I have particularly enjoyed seeing and hearing all about what the children had been up to during their holidays - and it was great to see the fantastic Easter bonnets and gardens that they had created. This half term we are starting a brand-new topic called 'Source to Sea'. The children will be learning all about rivers and the sea. The children really enjoyed learning about the water cycle, so I have a topic challenge for them to create a poster about the water cycle for our classroom. In Maths we are continuing to extend our fractions knowledge and in English we have begun a brand-new text called *Oliver and the Seawigs*, which the children are loving! Please remind your children to read their reading book and complete their spellings and times tables challenge. Thank you for your continued support.



### SKYLARKS

Yet another busy week in Skylarks. Everyone has come back with a great attitude towards their learning after the Easter break which is great to see. They have shown great resilience and determination sitting assessment papers and embracing me teaching them via TEAMS on the big screen. You should be very proud of the maturity they are showing- I know I am. Over the long weekend please remember to access TTRS, read your library book and Year 6's please go through the booklets I gave you over Easter.

### HOUSE POINTS

St Patrick 163

St David 124

St George 108

St Andrew 93

### Stars of the Week

Little Robins – Teddy

Big Robins – Freddie

Doves – Elliott

Goldfinches – Riley

Kingfishers – Oliver & Miriam

Skylarks – Affiea & Florrie

### DIARY DATES



#### EVERY FRIDAY

50p Friday Snacks & drinks on sale after school. Bring your pennies to fundraise for FOSM

#### 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

#### May 30 - June 3

June Half Term

#### Sunday, June 5

Confirmation 2022 (Year 6)

#### Monday June 6 – 8

Year 5/6 Alton Castle

#### PLEASE NOTE:

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

**RBL**  
You are invited to the opening of the brand new RBL Community Hub & Cafe  
Monday 2nd May 2022  
10am - 4pm  
Situated next to Galanos House, Banbury Road, Southam, CV47 2BL

### EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

Little Robins	Arlyn
Big Robins	Albie
Doves	Charlie
Goldfinches	Arthur
Kingfishers	Chloe & Peyton
Skylarks	Riley & Orlaith

### LUNCHTIME AWARD

Little Robins	Poppy
Big Robins	Emma
Doves	Joseph
Goldfinches	James
Kingfishers	Jasper & Lacey
Skylarks	Zach D & Gwen