

ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | May 27th 2022



From the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

This has been such a super last week before the holidays; on Tuesday Key Stage 2 giggled their way through a lively touring theatre performance from Captain Callie, promoting Road Safety messages; the learning hub kitchen has been producing some mouth-watering aromas as various classes have taken turns baking sweet treats for today's party; our cleaning team have good-naturedly tackled glitter galore in our carpets where regal – and very sparkly – crowns have been created; and acres of bunting have been coloured in beautifully to decorate our indoor rooms. Outdoors too looks wonderful thanks to Ms Ireland's efforts with bunting, Mrs Scull's gardening and some very patriotically coloured new outdoor plants kindly donated by Poppy's Plants. Special thanks to all staff for pulling together to make this a day full of memories, and in particular our very own party planners Mrs Reeves and all the FOSM team.



The children looked super-smart on Wednesday for their Class Photos – and I would appreciate it if they could maintain these standards going forward. Girls, please leave non-uniform hairbands, makeup and accessories at home.

I'm writing this before the afternoon's celebrations are complete, but if all the rehearsals are anything to go by, I'm sure you've all had a wonderful afternoon and enjoyed the sounds of the coronation decades from the children's chosen songs. Thanks to all who have provided cakes, and helped with man and woman power today; just as today is the first time since pre-Covid we've been able to have a whole-school gathering with no restrictions, it's also the first chance for many parents to meet and socialise and make new friends within our school community – if you've had fun this afternoon, do please think about joining our FOSM group, many hands really do make light work, and the funds the Friends help generate make a real and lasting difference to your children's school experience.

Please take a 'LOOK' at the diary dates; as promised we have added dates for parents to come into school and spend time looking at their children's books with them, I hope you can all attend.

I wish you all a happy half-term holiday.

God Bless

Maureen Collier

An Author Calls: Zooming into a story...

Today we enjoyed a wonderful call with Prof. Kate Williams, the British historian, presenter and author. Kate shared her new Jubilee book: Our Queen Elizabeth: Her Extraordinary Life from the Crown to the Corgis.



Super Sing-Song

Galanos House Visit:

A 60-strong choir of St Mary's children performed at Galanos House on Thursday, entertaining residents with a selection of Jubilee songs. Thank you to our Governor and FOSM volunteers for your support.

The school is excited to be resuming its links with Galanos House, a Royal British Legion care home for ex-service men and women in Southam. Their new community hub is situated next door and offers RBL support for those eligible for its services, as well housing a café open to the public, and meeting rooms.



Commonwealth Day

Throughout the week there has been an un-common wealth of colour as each class has celebrated a different Commonwealth country's heritage and traditions.



Kingfishers celebrated Canada

Goldfinches celebrated Australia



Robins celebrated Jamaica



Doves celebrated the Bahamas

Skylarks celebrated New Zealand



JUBILEE PARTY



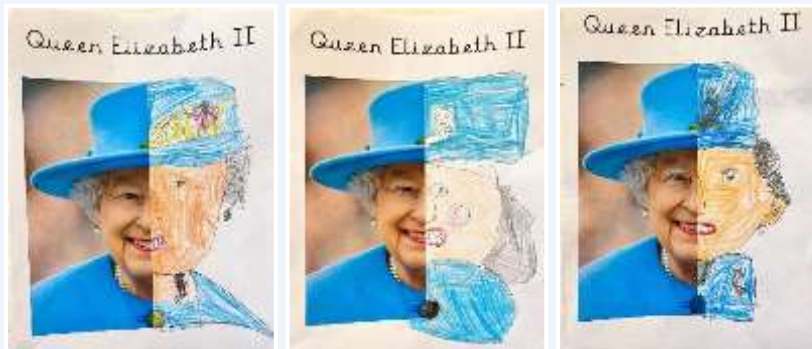
ROBINS

After a wonderfully, glittery crown making session, Robins tucked in to Jamaican ginger cake and pineapple and coconut tropical smoothies – which were a big hit! Our Commonwealth voyage continued with dancing to Jamaican reggae music and watching a video of Usain Bolt sprinting. We also made fingerprint paintings of the Jamaican flag, and of course practiced our super singing to share with you all at our jubilee party later. Well done Robins.



DOVES

We had a barmy Bahamas day on Thursday and dressed in our Commonwealth Day country's flag colours. As well as our flag and crown crafting, we worked on creating mirror portraits of Queen Elizabeth II.



GOLDFINCHES

Wow, where to start this week! We enjoyed a variety of different things... We began by thinking of our own sequel to *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch* which will be *The Fisherman's Lunch*. We will start our writing after half term. We have been exploring the different celebrations of our catholic faith in RE and what the objects symbolise. We were so creative when creating our amazing crowns, making bunting and even delicious cupcakes for our tea party. Enjoy a well-deserved rest Goldfinches but don't forget to keep reading and practicing your spellings. Thank you for your continued support.

KINGFISHERS

We've had a fantastic week in Kingfishers this week celebrating our Commonwealth Day and preparing for the Jubilee Celebrations. We had a super day learning all about Canada - and making maple syrup and banana cupcakes - on Wednesday. We've also loved creating decorations for today's celebrations and visiting Galanos House. It's so nice that we get to finally celebrate together. Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely half term!

SKYLARKS

What an amazing week we have had preparing for our Queen's Jubilee. We have learnt lots about the Commonwealth Country New Zealand, made lots of bunting for the party on Friday and have decorated our very own crowns! On Thursday, we had the privilege of singing to the enthusiastic residents at Galanos House- it really was wonderful to finally be able to visit again. The rest of the week we have been learning our Wham song for the Jubilee party which we are sure you will really enjoy. It just leaves me to say, have a fabulous half term, ready for Alton Castle on Monday 6th.



DIARY DATES

- May 30 - June 3
All June Half Term
- Monday June 6 – 8
Year 5/6 Alton Castle
- Thursday, June 9 @ 2pm
Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr Arul (Communion & Confirmation candidates)
- Friday, June 10
Doves Class Trip
Warwick Castle
- Tuesday, June 14
Robins Class Trip
Hatton County World
- Sunday, June 12
Y6 Confirmation 2022
- Tuesday, June 14
Goldfinches Book Look
@ 2:00 – 3:15pm
- Friday, June 17
Kingfishers Book Look
@ 2:00 – 3:15pm
- Sunday, June 19
Y3 First Holy Communion
- Tuesday, June 21
Doves Book look
@ 2:00 – 3:15pm
- Tuesday, June 21 & 28
Robins Stay and Play +
Book look @ 2:00 – 3:15pm
- Friday June 25
Skylarks Book Look
@ 2:00 – 3:15pm
- Thursday, June 30
All Sports Day
- Thursday, July 7
All Transition Day (try out your new class ahead of September!)

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

HOUSE POINTS

A really close week this week...

- St George 248
- St Patrick 247
- St Andrew 241
- St David 239

...and the highest total for the half term was St Patrick with a whopping 972! Well done



Stars of the Week

- Little Robins – Pixie
- Big Robins – Charlotte
- Doves – Suruthiy
- Goldfinches – Cillian
- Kingfishers – Maggie & Thomas
- Skylarks – Max & Layla

EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

Little Robins	Cara
Big Robins	Max
Doves	Betsy
Goldfinches	Sam
Kingfishers	Oliver & Jimmy
Skylarks	Jessica & Zachary

LUNCHTIME AWARD

Little Robins	Toby
Big Robins	Loui
Doves	Aimee
Goldfinches	Alice
Kingfishers	Mason & Claudia
Skylarks	Olivia & Lydia