

ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | May 6th 2022



From the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well that's the end of another fantastic week! I know I always say this, but it is a real privilege to work with children and I value that privilege every single day, as do all of the team here. We have such amazing children, who have so much to give and are the kindest people I have ever met. I have had the pleasure this week of being in our Early Years classroom and boy what a pleasure it was. I was in my element spending time with our youngest family members and they have a lot to say! It not only filled me with joy but it also made me realise how exceptional our Early Years team are; so a big thank you must go out to Mrs Finch, Mrs Hilditch and Mrs Toon.

Next week is another busy week and I would ask you to keep our Superb Sixes in your thoughts and prayers as they have the opportunity to showcase how truly awesome they are. We are all so proud of the hard work, resilience and determination they have been showing and I know that they will rise to the challenge. We will be welcoming just the Year Sixes in for breakfast at 8.15am from Monday 9th to Thursday 12th May. Can they please come in through the hall door, staff will be there to greet them and join them for a feed!

There have been a few date changes this week, so please check the calendar. Confirmation has moved as the Bishop cannot be in two places at once, to Sunday 12th June 2022 at 10.00am and Sports day has moved due to a clash with Southam College and their transition day. Transition day will be Thursday 7th July (more details to follow) and Sports Day will now be starting at 1pm on Thursday 30th June 2022. Book the dates in your diary – you never know we might bring back the parents' race!

As the weather is due to turn in to a mini heatwave according to the press, can you please ensure that children have sun cream applied and they all bring a water bottle, with water in it – not juice, and a sun hat. Children may now wear summer uniform of: blue checked gingham dress, white polo shirt, grey school style shorts and black school shoes (not boots or trainers).

Have the most wonderful weekend

God Bless

Maureen Collier



Life – wonderfully – is getting busier again; keep up to date with all our dates on the website: www.stmaryssoutham.org.uk/events

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>

UNIFORM & BELONGINGS

FREE Sample Labels sent home tonight

It never ceases to amaze Mrs Worrall in the office how many items are brought into school unlabelled – and how many forlorn faces she sees when the owners have misplaced them. We'd like to reunite lost property with its owners, but unlabelled that's really hard to do.

Today each child has been sent home with a set of personalised labels which can be stuck to clothing care labels, shoes and water bottles – they're dishwasher proof too!

Please make use of these (especially Year 5/6 going on our residential). If you need more and order them from the Stikin's website quoting our number 20781, we will get commission for every order, which is a really easy fundraiser for us: www.stikins.co.uk/name-labels/

Well done Mrs Scull!

She did it!!

Last weekend our Chair of Governors rode 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*.

You can read all about it on her updates and find out more about the charity by visiting her page: join.dream-challenges.com/fundraisers/angelascull



There's still time to donate online if you are able to, Thank you

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ROBINS

Robin class created a story map to retell the Easter Story to a friend. The story map supports the children to talk in full sentences and remember all of the key events. Once the children became familiar with the sentences they added expression which was lovely to hear! Well done Robins.



DOVES

We have had another busy week in Doves. We have started a new unit in Science called 'Plants'. For our lesson this week, we all went for a walk around the school on a mini nature walk, looking to see what types of plants and trees we could see in our environment. The children really enjoyed exploring with tick lists and magnifying glasses and found many different varieties of leaves and flowers which we discussed and looked at in more detail in class.



Some examples of what we found can be seen in these photos >>>



In Maths, we have started looking at making equal and unequal groups using counters and other objects in class. In RE, we have been learning about St Peter and the important job he and the disciples had after Jesus' death and resurrection.

GOLDFINCHES

Goldfinches have had a fantastic week. In Maths we have been continuing learning fractions, focusing on half and quarters. We have been beginning to find half and quarter of numbers to show off our learning. In topic we explored our local beach, Hunstanton and found some similarities and differences between there and Southam. We had the chance to go to church this week and find the symbols of Easter we have been learning about in the classroom. The children were fantastic and enjoyed taking their learning into the community. In PE we are enjoying being outside in the sunshine while learning cricket skills, focusing on ball control first.

KINGFISHERS

It has been another busy week back at school for Kingfishers and I am so impressed with how hard the children are working. This week we have been practicing our reading skills and have planned a diary entry ready to write next week. After we have finished our diary entries, we are going to place them as a message in a bottle for other children around the school to read so **could you please send in small plastic bottles** to help us do this. We have also really enjoyed our continued learning of Easter in RE. Next week we are looking forward to delving deeper into our topic. Thank you to the children who have created water cycle posters, they look fantastic! Please remind the children to practice their reading, spellings and times tables. Thank you for your continued support.

SKYLARKS

It's great to be back in class as I've really missed Skylarks. They have worked so hard this week getting much more confident multiplying and dividing larger numbers and are perfecting their arithmetic skills. Everyone has also worked to the best of their ability with their spellings and comprehension. Next week will be a busy week for year 6 so please try to have a relaxing weekend. Year 6 children are invited to have breakfast at school from next Monday to Thursday at 8.15am - we will provide a great selection of food, so see you on Monday morning in the hall.

DIARY DATES



EVERY FRIDAY

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

May 9-13

SATs Week (Year 6)

+ **Year 6 SATs Breakfast** from 8.15 am in the hall.

Wednesday May 18

Dental Nurse Visit (Year R & 1)

Wednesday May 25

Class Photos

May 30 - June 3

June Half Term

Monday June 6 - 8

Year 5/6 Alton Castle

Thursday, June 9 @ 2pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Fr Arul

(First Holy Communion & Confirmation candidates)

Sunday, June 12

Confirmation 2022 (Year 6)

Sunday, June 19

First Holy Communion 2022 (Year 3)

Thursday, June 30

Sports Day

Thursday, July 7

Transition Day

(Moving up 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/>

EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

Little Robins	Toby
Big Robins	Ava
Doves	Flori
Goldfinches	Mason
Kingfishers	Hollie & Tami
Skylarks	Sophia K & Layla

LUNCHTIME AWARD

Little Robins	Leo
Big Robins	Albie
Doves	Grace B
Goldfinches	Felicity
Kingfishers	Maggie & Jimmy
Skylarks	Lucy & Sophie

HOUSE POINTS

St George 192

St Patrick 164

St David 111

St Andrew 54



Stars of the Week

Little Robins – Cara

Big Robins – Matthew

Doves – Suruthiy

Goldfinches – Josh

Kingfishers – Charlie & Claudia

Skylarks – Mya & Mason

