

# ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | May 13<sup>th</sup> 2022



## From the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Don't be fooled by the short newsletter – it has been another jam-packed week here at St Mary's. I am beginning to think there is no other sort...

I must start by commending our Year 6's on the calm, mature and disciplined way they approached their SATs this week. I think your teachers and parents were more nervous on your behalf than you were! You are all super stars and I greatly enjoyed spending time with you at our pre-SATs breakfast club.

Thanks too must go to all the staff who made timetable and cover adjustments, and the pupils in other classes who kept quiet and during those all-important test windows! Please keep our Goldfinches in your thoughts and prayers next week as it will be their turn to shine in their maths, reading and grammar papers.

With warmer weather and no bubble constraints, school life is returning to a 'normal' that it's easy to forget many of our younger pupils have never truly known. This week the children have been playing on the field altogether at lunch and break and enjoying outdoor lessons in our wonderful grounds. And it may be that today's fantastic interactive WWII workshop – which the Skylarks dressed wonderfully for – may be our last interactive event for some time, God willing. We have a fantastic touring company coming in for a Road Safety performance later this month and, as well as our Year 5/6 Residential, Early Years and Year 1 are planning day trips – look out for See Saw updates.

With our school community steadily growing, we will be able to split another class come September. Your children have been putting our shortlisted candidates through their paces and I will update you next week on the outcome.

Last week I mentioned May being the month of Mary; to celebrate this, children are invited to join a short procession at the end of Sunday's 10am mass where we will crown Our Lady's statue with flowers.

God Bless

Maureen Collier

## From the classroom...

### ROBINS

The children in Robin Class are getting very 'eggsited' as their chicks are due to hatch next week! The children have been very responsible looking after the eggs. They have had to top up the incubator water and make sure the power is constantly on. Robins have been learning about lifecycles so hatching our own eggs has been a fantastic way to support this learning. The children will get to see the eggs wriggling in the next week. We will keep you updated and look forward to sharing our chosen names for the chicks!



### DOVES

This week Doves have been learning about how Jesus chose his disciples. We have been using our 5 senses to generate adjectives about castles. Then we have written setting descriptions about different parts of the castle. In Maths we have been learning about adding equal groups, using repeated addition and making arrays. In Science we have been learning about different types of plant, including trees and flowers.



### GOLDFINCHES

Goldfinches have enjoyed their learning this week. They have finished their character descriptions of Mr. Grinling. They have shown their knowledge of adjectives and conjunctions while learning how to edit and publish their work. We have continued expanding our knowledge of fractions by recognising and finding thirds. Also recapping word problems and key words that will help us. We have been learning a range of stories about the Resurrection of Jesus and exploring those involved and their reactions. We used hot seating to support our understanding of the characters' thoughts and feelings; the children were fantastic. Have a restful weekend everyone!

### KINGFISHERS

This week has been another busy week in Kingfishers. In our English lessons we have loved writing our diary entries and can't wait to put them in the bottles and place them around the school. We have also enjoyed continuing our Easter learning in RE and have created our own Triptych based around the resurrection of Jesus. In our topic lesson we have created our own posters and information cards for the features of a river. Please remind the children to practice their times tables, spellings and reading. Thank you for your continued support.

### SKYLARKS

Words cannot express how proud Skylarks have made me this week. They have conducted themselves with maturity, a positive attitude and could not have worked any harder. I have loved how they have supported each other too. We ended the week immersing ourselves in our new topic "The Blitz" where we began to learn about WWII. It was great to see so many children dressed up for the occasion wearing the gas masks we made. I hope you all have a restful weekend enjoying the glorious sunshine.

 Stars of the week & house points will be back next week; please see the website for diary dates:  
<https://www.stmaryssoutham.org.uk/events/>