

# ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | June 10<sup>th</sup> 2022



## From the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another action-packed week has flown by, in what is our last half term of the academic year. We now have our Skylarks back from Alton Castle and they have had a fabulous time. It was so wonderful for them to be able to experience a residential trip and to learn all about the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit. Our Year Six children will complete the last stage of their Sacramental journey with us this weekend and we keep them all in our thoughts and prayers as they make their Confirmation. Next week we will have our Year Three children making their First Holy Communion – what a very special time for our children! We would love to see as many of you supporting your friends on their sacramental journey at church at 10am on 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> June please.

There is lots going on this half term so please keep checking the newsletter each week – specifically the calendar section. We also have the class WhatsApp groups – lots of information goes on to each class page through this medium. If you are not on any of the class groups and you would like to be, please contact Mrs Worrall in the office, or me on the gate and we will get you added. We are very much looking forward to seeing you for our very own *Bowled over by Books* event. Each class has their own slot and the children can't wait to show off their amazing work with you.

This week we have invited parents, grandparents and carers in to our Celebration Assembly. We have started with just inviting those of the children who have been given Star of the Week from their teachers. From September we will be giving an open invitation for you to attend any Celebration Assembly that you would like to. We will continue to send invitations out to those parents of children who are our Stars of the Week. Can you please ensure that we have your most up to date information as invitations will be emailed out to you – children aren't aware until the day of the assembly as we like to surprise them.

Reports will be going out to you all in July and we will hold an informal drop-in session in case you have any questions about the report. Dates for these will be finalised and sent out to you next week.

I cannot tell you how proud we all are of our very own Delilah – what a selfless young lady and an inspiration to us all. Well done Delilah!



If you would like to sponsor Delilah and the Little Princess Trust Cut, please follow this link: [http://www.justgiving.com/Abigail-Fairholm1?utm\\_id=124](http://www.justgiving.com/Abigail-Fairholm1?utm_id=124)

God Bless

Maureen Collier

## DISCO

Get your glad rags and dancing shoes on – bring your pennies and join us for...



## WELCOME

New families  
Next week 3 new families, will be joining/re-joining our school from abroad. Please introduce yourself when you see them and show the children and their families a warm St Mary's welcome as we help them to settle in to our school and wider community.



## SPORTS DAY: (and practice sports day)

**Practice:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June  
We will be having a practice run through of Sports Day next Thursday afternoon. ALL children need to wear PE kits next week for the practice

**AND... for sports day itself:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June  
Children will need to wear the colours of their house.  
A t-shirt or coloured ribbon will suffice.  
Start 13:15 – parents welcome (more details to follow)

- ✓ St David = Yellow
- ✓ St Patrick = Green
- ✓ St George = Red
- ✓ St Andrew = Blue



## Help from home?

We need approximately 25 clean, empty tin cans for one of the activities; please send in any empties with the labels removed by Wednesday.

## From the classroom . . . ROBINS

Robins have had a busy week this week! We worked as a team to build a new outdoor pen for our chicks. The children from every class have enjoyed watching and looking after the chicks during their break times. We ended the week with baking! The children cooked some cakes and biscuits that were delicious!



## DOVES

What a busy week Doves have had! We have been working hard on our Phonics assessments this week. Well done to all the Doves who have all tried their absolute best! In D&T we have been building our own Castle models, with a working drawbridge mechanism. In Maths we have been learning about position and direction, how to make half turns, quarter turns and full turns. In Geography we have been beginning to learn all about the land, 'Down Under' Australia. Not to mention our fantastic trip to Warwick Castle..



## GOLDFINCHES

Goldfinches have had a great week. While Miss Pahnke was away at Alton Castle supporting Year 5/6, they were respectful and hard-working for all of the staff in the classroom.



◀ They continued learning about the special celebrations within our church, focusing on the promises we make during marriage.



◀ We began our new science topic and enjoyed exploring new plants and creating our own experiment. We have finished writing our sequel, *The Fisherman's Lunch* and cannot wait to share this with our parents next week.

## KINGFISHERS

Kingfishers have had a fantastic first week back. It has been lovely to hear how amazing they have been and how mature they were as the oldest in school whilst Skylarks were at Alton Castle. This week we have been deepening our Maths and English skills and have enjoyed learning more about rivers in our topic lessons. Please remind your children to read their books and practice their times tables. Please also encourage your children to practice their times tables using Times Tables Rock Stars when at home. Thank you for your continued support!

## SKYLARKS

What a stupendous week we have had in Skylarks - our retreat at Alton Castle. We have been fortunate enough to sleep in a real castle, learn new songs and have time to reflect. During the days we were busy biking and trekking through woodlands up and down very steep slopes. We improved our team building skills on the low rope course and learnt how to make fires and shelters during survival lessons. I feel very privileged to have had the opportunity to spend so much time with your children. Photos from Alton Castle have been uploaded on the school twitter page [@StMarysSoutham](https://twitter.com/StMarysSoutham). This Sunday we will be supporting our friends in Year 6 who will be getting Confirmed. Mass begins at 10am and it would be wonderful if everyone could attend to help sing the songs we have been learning and to be part of their journey in the Catholic faith.

**SAY CHEESE! Class Photos:** Proof cards have been sent home with the children this week; please order your photos via the website: Orders placed by 19<sup>th</sup> June will be delivered to school free of charge; any orders after the cut-off date will be posted to your home address and incur a postage fee.

## HOUSE POINTS

St George 106

St David 90

St Andrew 88

St Patrick 74

## Stars of the Week

**Little Robins** – Chester

**Big Robins** – Albie

**Doves** – Finn

**Goldfinches** – Nevanna

**Kingfishers** – Connor & Peyton

**Skylarks** – David & Ada

## EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

Little Robins	Vincent
Big Robins	Charlotte
Doves	Joshua
Goldfinches	Rebecca
Kingfishers	Bella & Jimmy
Skylarks	Sophia K & Mason

## LUNCHTIME AWARD

Little Robins	Pixie
Big Robins	Frankie
Doves	Florence
Goldfinches	James
Kingfishers	Amari & Claudia
Skylarks	Lucy & Zachary

## DIARY DATES



### EVERY FRIDAY

#### Celebration Assembly

They're back! (see front page)

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

#### Friday June 10

FOSM Disco (see front page)  
5:30PM – 7:30PM

#### Sunday, June 12

Y6 Confirmation 2022

#### Tuesday, June 14

Robins Class Trip  
Hatton County World

#### Tuesday, June 14

Goldfinches Book Look  
@ 2:00 – 3:15pm

#### Thursday, June 16

ALL Practice Sports Day  
(Wear PE Kit)

#### 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/>