

ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | June 30th 2022



From the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fabulous Sports Day and we were so lucky with the weather! Thank you to everyone who was able to come along, and especially those of you who bravely took part! Feedback from the children has been, that they thoroughly enjoyed it and we would love to hear your views too. As always, we know that we don't always get everything right for everybody and would love your feedback, ready for next year. We will also be sending out a parent survey to you all shortly – again your thoughts and views are much needed. We really want us all to work in collaboration to provide the very best education and experiences for all of our children. Please do contribute!



This week we celebrated the feast day of Ss Peter and Paul with our first whole school mass. It was absolutely beautiful and I have to add that I was beaming with pride. Our children read beautifully, our servers showed us how they are Jesus' disciples and ALL of the children were reverent, respectful and prayerful. We have had so many compliments from parishioners about how well behaved, polite and respectful our children were. For our Reception children, this is the first full mass that they have attended and our Year Six friends looked after them so well.

You will have all had information about transition day now and who the children's new teachers will be. The teaching staff are all very, very excited to meet their new classes on Wednesday and to spend some time getting to know them. Our Year Six children will be flying the nest for two days to go to Southam College and we wish them lots of luck for a fantastic few days.

Staffing news

It fills me with great sorrow to announce that at the end of this summer term we will have two members of staff leaving us. Mrs Hall, a wonderful Teaching Assistant, will be relocating up North to be closer to family. Mrs Reeves – what can I say about this wonderful woman – will be retiring and going to put her feet up for a very well-deserved rest. Mrs Reeves, to me, is St Mary's. I am sure you will join me in wishing them the very, very best of luck.

The next few weeks are incredibly busy, we are working hard this term to provide experiences which will give our children memories that last them a lifetime and that will also provide real life meaning to learning.

We hope that you all have a wonderful weekend.

God Bless

Maureen Collier

UNIFORM

A reminder that, after a spell of more generous leeway since COVID, **uniform standards are expected be back from September**. Please check the uniform section of the website before making purchases over the Summer holidays to ensure everything you buy is compliant.

FOSM still have a reasonable amount of **nearly new uniform** in school – please email the office if you are looking for particular sizes/items. Likewise, if you have great quality but outgrown items – particularly shoes and branded sweaters/cardigans - we'd be happy to take them. Any funds raised from our second-hand uniform sales go back to our school through FOSM.

As the weather is warming up, abandoned coats, cardigans and water bottles are breeding in lost property again – and unnamed ones are hard to reunite with their owners. Please, please, please label or write on the care tags of your child's belongings.

Our uniform page includes the link to fundraising name label stickers: <https://stmaryssoutham.org.uk/uniform/>

START THE DAY RIGHT

The school gates open at 8.45am and children MUST be in class for registration at 8.55am. Registers close at 9.00am. Being here, every day, ready and on time is an important life skill for children to learn - and ensures the day starts well for everyone.

(Likewise, please collect your children promptly at the end of the day too.)



WE'RE HIRING! Higher Level Teaching Assistant

We have an exciting and challenging opportunity for a HLTA to join our supportive KS2 team this September. The successful candidate will work with teaching staff to provide learning opportunities and academic support to our students: <https://stmaryssoutham.org.uk/jobs/>
If you want to make a positive difference to young people and their lives, are patient, empathetic, resilient and supportive – we need you!

CONGRATULATIONS ST DAVID!

Well done to all our competitors, yesterday, but especially 'Team Yellow'. It was a close-run thing, but in the end St David just snaffled it to pip St Andrew at the post – so we have a change of house colours and the trophy is newly adorned in yellow ribbon ▶



FAMILY
FUN DAY
THANK YOU

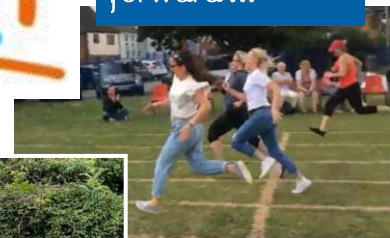


Thank you for all your wonderful jam jar creations - even though there were so many we still managed to sell out - the rain can't dampen St Mary's spirit!!

Kingfishers show their colours...

SPORTS DAY

Mums (and Dads) put their best foot forward...

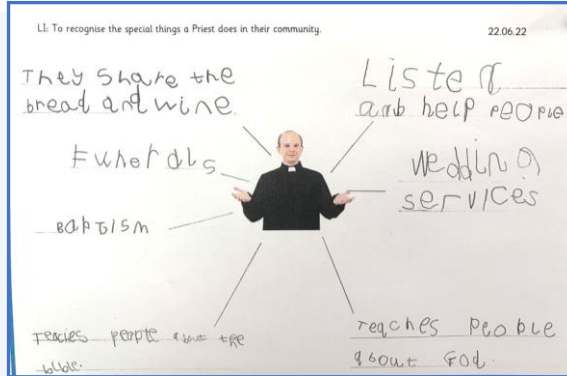


Thank you Mr Fagan - we had a great day!



From the classroom... ROBINS

Robin class went to Church this week to participate in Mass. The children enjoyed spotting all of the church artifacts we have been learning about in RE. The children noticed the font, altar, statues, candles, the Bible and the Priest in his vestment. We have been looking at the special things a Priest does within the community. The children created a brainstorm as a class to show what we have learnt. Well done Robins!



DOVES

This week Doves have been working hard on counting and partitioning numbers to 100. In D&T we have been testing and evaluating our Castle Drawbridge Mechanisms. We have been learning about Australian animals to be able to design and write our own information text. In RE we have been learning about how we can follow Jesus in our lives today and the Celebration of Baptism.



GOLDFINCHES

What a fantastic week! It has been filled with lots of memorable experiences. This week we were able to go to church to celebrate the feast of St Peter and St Paul. We then extended our stay in the church as part of our RE learning and completed sketches of the symbols we find within the church. We have continued to work hard to read and find durations of time. Please continue to ask your child to read watches/clocks. Thank you for everyone who attended sports day, I am sure you can agree that the children were amazing and shown real sportsmanship.



KINGFISHERS

It has been another busy week in Kingfishers this week. We have been working hard in English to prepare ourselves for writing our own adventure stories and have written the beginning of our stories! In Maths, we are continuing to develop our time knowledge and have enjoyed learning about analogue and digital times. Thank you so much to those who sent in plastic bottles. Could you please send in any empty cereal boxes to help us create the water turbines next week. We have also loved taking part in our sports day today. I am so proud of their resilience and sportsmanship. Thank you for your continued support!



SKYLARKS

In Skylarks this week we have immersed ourselves in The Blitz. We are really enjoying our class novel "Letters from the Lighthouse" which is getting really exciting now and linked to our topic. Our bird feeders should all be in your gardens now and we hope lots of feathery friends are enjoying them. In RE, everyone performed in the role play of the stoning of the Martyr Stephen - we most definitely have some budding actors in the class!

DIARY DATES



EVERY FRIDAY

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

Tuesday July 5

Y2 & Y3/4 Twycross Zoo Trip

MOVING UP/SETTLING IN:

Wednesday July 6

All Transition Day (try out your new class ahead of September!)

+ NEW 2022/23 Nursery

Settling in Session 2
@ 9:30 - 11:30

+ NEW 2022/23 Reception

Parents Meeting
@ 3:30 - 4:00

Wednesday July 6

& Thursday July 7

Year 6 Southam College

Transition Days (further details from Southam College directly)

Monday July 11 (TBC)

KS2 'Matilda' Southam College

Tuesday July 12

Year 6 Emotional Health & Internet Safety Talk (NHS)

NEW Date

Tuesday July 19

Year 6 Leavers Take Over, Assembly & Festival

Wednesday July 20

ALL End of Term

NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

PLEASE NOTE:

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

School Twitter page
[@StMarysSoutham](https://twitter.com/StMarysSoutham)

HOUSE POINTS

St George 317

St Andrew 307

St David 264

St Patrick 235

Stars of the Week

Little Robins - Ivor

Big Robins - Isla

Doves - Vincent

Goldfinches - Dylan

Kingfishers - Maggie & Hamish

Skylarks - Jessica & Mason

EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

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|---------------|-----------------|
| Little Robins | Chester |
| Big Robins | Loui |
| Doves | Zakariah |
| Goldfinches | Shreya |
| Kingfishers | Connor & Matteo |
| Skylarks | Tadei & Ada |

LUNCHTIME AWARD

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|---------------|-----------------|
| Little Robins | Poppy |
| Big Robins | Frederick |
| Doves | Grace VB |
| Goldfinches | Elyzaveta |
| Kingfishers | Oliver & Thomas |
| Skylarks | Mya & Carolina |

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