

ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | March 17th 2023



From the Head...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy St Patricks Day to you! It's been an incredibly busy week with last Friday's snow hit activities rolled over to Monday – meaning we had a doubly wonderful Celebration Assembly today – and of course it's been Science Week too. This was kicked off in style with our fantastic Forensics Workshop, as well as a very interesting and informative visit from Father Hudson's Care introducing the Good Shepherd Appeal. (The forensic Day is still live on ParentPay if you haven't donated yet)

With so much else going on this week, there's not room to do it justice here; instead we'll be adding to and updating the Catholic Life section of the website in the coming days and weeks so you can see and find out more of the activities your children have been involved in.

I appreciate it's a packed calendar with lots of activities, schools are always busy places, but after so much disappointment throughout COVID, there's an element of making up for lost time too. Thank you to all at home for supporting with costumes, cakes, and other support requests, especially our FOSM team for the wonderful work they do to enhance our school community, and advance our equipment and environment. We are very much looking forward to this afternoon's Mothers and Others event.

God Bless
Maureen Collier



Stars of the Week

- Nursery – Mary
- Reception – Louie
- Year 1 – Mason
- Year 2 – Grace VB
- Year 3 – Sebastian
- Year 4/5 – Ojaswini & Murphy
- Year 5/6 – Thomas & Danielle

This week in pictures...

Early Years Maths Masters



Forensic Science
A doggone mystery!

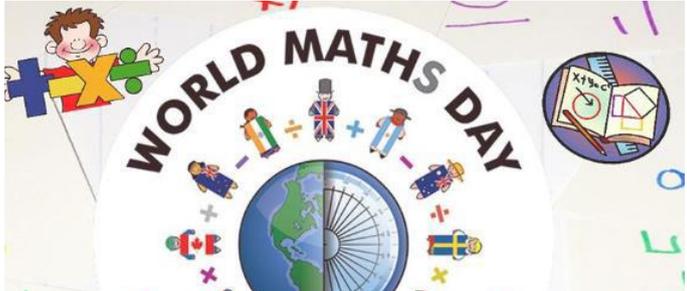
1. Crime Scene
2. Clue Hunting
- 3&4. Exploring Evidence
5. The Suspects



Being a Welcoming Church

A Welcoming Church - Older People

On **Monday evening 20th March, 7.30 - 8.30 p.m.** there is an online Zoom session for anyone interested in how parishes can support older people and those who experience dementia. It has been prepared by Father Hudson's Care working with a number of local parish groups. The session is free. Please sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/a-welcoming-church-1741579>



World Maths Day 23rd March. #WorldMathsDay
We are asking every child to come dressed up as a number or maths themed outfit. It will be a fun-filled day of maths activities and games, made even better if you "dress up for digits" in true style. We look forward to seeing your amazing dress up ideas and, for KS2, the relaunch of Times Tables Rockstars with a chance to see new names and times on our Rockstar Wall of Fame. Thank you, Mrs Banat-Rinz

EVERY FRIDAY

Celebration Assembly

@9:05 School Hall (open to all)

50p Friday

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



NEW Thursday, March 23

World Maths Day
- dress in number themed outfit

Friday, March 24

Lenten Charities
- Chocolate Raffle (Y2)

NEW Thursday, March 30

YR & Y5 Class Mass @ 9:15

NEW Friday, March 31 @2pm

Stations of the Cross
lead by Y4 - Y6 (School Hall)

Friday, March 31

Lenten Charities
- Break the Rules Day (Y1/6)

Friday, March 31 @7PM

Easter Prize Bingo
School Hall - Church fundraiser

April 3-14

Easter Holidays
(back to school Monday 17th)

NEW Sunday, April 23 @10AM

First Holy Communion
Enrolment Mass - all invited

NEW Thursday, April 27

Whole School Mass @ 9:15
(also Act of Reconciliation @2pm for First Holy Communion Candidates and their parents)

NEW Thursday, May 4

Y4 Class Mass @ 9:15

NEW Thursday, May 11

Y3 Class Mass @ 9:15

NEW Sunday, May 14

Confirmation Enrolment
Mass - all invited

PLEASE NOTE:

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

HOUSE POINTS:



St Andrew = 166
St George = 154
St Patrick = 146
St David = 131

Nursery and Reception have been working hard in maths this week! Nursery have been singing number songs, using positional language, and matching numbers with quantities. Reception have been looking at different ways of making particular numbers. The children were given paper plate number problems to solve which challenged their thinking, but their determination paid off! We finished the week looking at number bonds to ten. We used Numicon to explore the different ways we can make ten. Well done my little mathematicians!

YEAR ONE - Ms Priestley

We had a great start to the week with our Science Day! Year One were fantastic detectives, looking for fingerprints, footprints and pen samples to find out who was the dognapper! We then enjoyed learning about different types of wildflowers and painting our own paper plate flowers. We have loved exploring our book, Juniper Jupiter, and thinking about character descriptions ready to write a sidekick WANTED poster next week. In maths, we have continued looking at numbers within 50, thinking about how they are placed on a number line and considering how to solve one more or one less. We will be beginning our new topic of Measurement next week, just in time for Maths Day. It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening, thank you for your continued support with your amazing little humans! Have a brilliant weekend!

YEAR TWO - Ms Pahnke

What better way to start the week than with a science workshop! The children were fantastic at investigating forensic evidence to solve the problem of who stole the missing show dog. They enjoyed an assembly ran by the Father Hudson where they learnt of all the ways they have contributed to such amazing work. The children reflected on the people that are thankful to have helped. During Lent we continue to learn of how Jesus taught his disciples the importance of forgiveness and how he gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In Maths, we have continued to practice our 5s and 10s times-table and dividing by 5 and 10. In topic the children enjoyed learning how significant Samuel Pepys is in the events of The Great Fire of London. **If you have small-medium size boxes (such as cereal boxes) please could you bring them into school. Thank you for your continued support.**

YEAR THREE - Ms Keith

This week in Year Three has been another busy but fantastic week, it was so lovely to see you all at parents evening! It was amazing to kick off our week with crazy hair day and our bake sale, it would not have been possible without your support and donations! The children also looked fantastic; their creativity never fails to amaze me. As it is science week, we had the opportunity to take part in a forensic science workshop, where the children learnt all about fingerprints and clues. I think it's safe to say we have a lot of future detectives on our hands! Today, we also created our own seismometer, which the children thoroughly enjoyed. In Maths we have been looking at measurements and have been measuring and comparing different lengths and using our skills to also find equivalent lengths. In our English lessons, we have been developing our poetry skills and have been creating rhyming couplets and similes about volcanoes to support us with writing our own volcano poems. Thank you for your continued support.

YEAR FOUR & FIVE - Mrs Hawley & Ms Costa

What another busy week in Year 4/5. On Monday the children enjoyed playing the detectives for the afternoon during the Forensic Science workshop. They had to find evidence at a crime scene to try and find out who had taken a dog from a dog show! The children were absolutely fantastic and worked amazingly. We are pleased to say they discovered who the culprit was and the dog was returned to the owner safe and sound. (Please note, no animals were harmed in this investigation!) Back in the classroom, we have been working hard in Maths perfecting our fractions knowledge. We've been practising converting improper fractions to mixed numbers and vice versa, as well finding equivalent fractions on a number line. In English we have been looking at features of a letter and learning about the importance of standard form when writing. In RE we have been learning about reconciliation and the importance of this sacrament during lent. The children have been discussing the importance of saying sorry for our sins and how this helps strength our relationship with God.

YEAR FIVE & SIX - Mrs Banat-Rinz

Another super busy week in year 5 6. Everyone has been working really hard this week, finding out more about the Industrial Revolution and what inventions changed the world. In RE, we thought about how we can help those less fortunate than ourselves and linked this to the assembly we had from Father Hudson about the Good Shepherd Appeal. Collection boxes should have come home to be decorated and for any spare change to be donated. The Year 6 children have astounded me with their resilience this week during our SATS practise, where they have all worked so hard- I could not be prouder of them. A reminder to hand in homework by Wednesday at the latest- thanks once again for your support with this and reading daily with your child. Don't forget to spend some time this weekend sorting out your costumes for World Maths Day next Thursday and I hope you all get spoilt on Mothering Sunday.

EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

YN: Everleigh	Y3: Sophie
YR: Ben	Y4/5: Zachary & Stephanie
Y1: Ruby	Y5/6: Hamish & Lucy
Y2: Florence	

LUNCHTIME AWARD

YN: Roman	Y3: Mary
YR: Archie	Y4/5: Delilah & Casey
Y1: Leo	Y5/6: Miriam & Tadei
Y2: Maisie	