

ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | March 31st 2023



From the Head...

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have come to the end of another action-packed term full of the three L's: Learning, Love and Laughter. Life here at St. Mary's is never dull and despite us being a small (but growing) school we definitely have children and staff with the biggest hearts. Our children really are the best and for that I thank you as parents for giving us the joy of educating them every day. Break the Rules day has been a magnificent, fun and successful day – thank you to you all for helping us with our Lenten charities for this year. Once we have final figures we will share this with you, but I know that Cafod and Father Hudson's home will be very happy with our contribution to them. Can all Father Hudson's boxes come back in on the first week back please.

Holy Week will begin on Sunday with Palm Sunday leading us through to Easter Sunday. If you can, please do take the children to church at some point during this week. Our Years Four, Five and Six have led us reverently and spiritually with their Stations of the Cross this afternoon. It was wonderful to see their interpretation of each station and they represented this beautifully through expressive art, it was evident that they are able to articulate the significant events that take place during Holy Week.

We are all back at school on Monday 17th April 2023 at 8.45am sharp. I can't wait to see all of the children again and I know they will all look super smart in their school uniforms. We will have a very busy term, as always and I will let you know in the first week back lots of dates, as we have a lot to pack in: Parents coming in to share in the wonderful learning that has taken place, Masses, Celebration Assemblies, Sacramental celebrations, Sports Day, Parents Evening, FOSM evenings and so much more. Have a wonderful Easter holiday and enjoy the time together as a family as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord.

I must give thanks to all of the wonderful family we have here at St Mary's, without our family of staff we wouldn't be half the school we are and I am for ever thankful for them each and every day. We are always supported so well by our Governing Body and by Friends of St Mary's; again, we thank you all. Have a blessed and holy Easter break – recharged and ready for the last term.

God Bless

Maureen Collier



Stations
of the
Cross



Year 4, 5 & 6 today ►

UNIFORM: Please take time over the Easter Break to check your child is wearing the [correct school uniform](#), has a water bottle and sun hat – and all items are labelled:

PE Kit: NAVY BLUE Shorts (or joggers in winter) + sweater/hoodie/school branded hoodie | WHITE T-Shirt | Trainers

Uniform: GREY: trousers/trouser shorts OR skirt/pinafore/trousers (BLUE gingham dress in Summer) | WHITE: polo shirt | NAVY BLUE: school cardigan or v-neck sweatshirt | BLACK shoes (not trainers or boots)

DINNER PRICE RISE APRIL:

A reminder that after the Easter holidays, prices for paid meals will increase by 12p. New prices will be £2.57 per day, £12.85 per week.

YEAR 6 WHATSAPP:

Y6 parents please join our new group - to organise all things leavers and support each other as our children transition to secondary school. The admin is Fatma on 07729748395 (group logo above).



Stars of the Week

Nursery – Cara

Reception – Poppy

Year 1 – Matthew

Year 2 – Amelia

Year 3 – Kahlan

Year 4/5 – Amari & Ned

Year 5/6 – Amelka & Mya

From the classroom... NURSERY & RECEPTION - Mrs Finch & Mrs Hilditch

This week reception and nursery made the most of the sunshine and did our PE session outside on the big playground. The children used a variety of equipment such as different sized balls, hoops, quoits, bean bags, and bats. We explored the different ways we can use the equipment and created different games and challenges. The children had great fun! It has been another busy week with lots of learning taking place. The children have definitely earned their Easter break! I hope you all have a lovely two weeks, and I will look forward to welcoming you all back after Easter.

YEAR ONE - Ms Priestley

What a fantastic way to end the term. Year One have worked so hard this week, in everything they have done! They have shown amazing reverence during our learning of Holy Week and have produced some beautiful pieces of work to go with it. Ask them all about the days of Holy Week and they will blow you away with their knowledge! We had great fun making our fruit salads (and even more fun eating them)! The children were excellent at chopping and pouring, and made some brilliant suggestions during their evaluations for next time. They earned a well-deserved Treat Afternoon today where we enjoyed some snacks and a movie. All the children have received their reading books so please encourage them to read as much as possible during their down time. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday and enjoy some well-earned rest! 😊

YEAR TWO - Ms Pahnke

And just like that another term finished. We have had a fun-filled week, starting with investigating micro-habitats and completing a bar chart to see how many minibeasts we could find. As we are absent from school during Holy Week we have spent this week learning in depth Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. The children have considered the thoughts and feelings of Jesus, his disciples and Mary. In PE, we took our skills to the next level and focused on our racket control. The children have shown a great passion for Tennis. On Friday we finished our replica Tudor houses and they look fantastic! The children have worked so hard this term and deserve a lovely break. Keep an eye on Seesaw for some ideas on how you can the children up and outside during the holidays. I hope you all have a lovely Easter!

YEAR THREE - Ms Keith

We have had a very busy final week and have reached the end of this half term! As it is Holy Week next week, we have spent all of this week using our English skills to show our learning. We have written diary entries as a member of the crowd on Palm Sunday, written the story of the Last Supper and as a class written a prayer being Judas asking for forgiveness. The children have thoroughly impressed me with their knowledge! We have also finished learning about length and perimeter in Maths, next half term we will be learning all about Fractions. In our topic lessons we have designed and built our own 'earthquake-proof' structures and tested them to see if they work. We had lots of fun doing this! We also had the pleasure of taking part in Break the Rules Day, which the children thoroughly enjoyed! As always thank you for all of your support! I hope you all have a lovely Easter holiday and the children enjoy a well-deserved break! Happy Easter!

YEAR FOUR & FIVE - Mrs Hawley & Ms Costa

In this last busy week we have been learning lots; all about Holy Week in preparation for Easter in RE, looking at the significant events leading up to Jesus' death. We created a timeline and had some really thoughtful discussions about Jesus and how he must have felt during this time, discussing how the reaction of the crowds changed from Palm Sunday to Good Friday, looking at why Jesus was celebrated at the start and then hated by the end. The children created their own freeze-frame picture to show this. Year 4/5 have worked amazingly with Year 5/6 creating a re-enactment of the stations of the cross. The children have been so reverent and spiritual in retelling the story of Jesus. It has been a joy to see their hard work come together so beautifully. In English we have been writing our letters from Tony Lightspeed describing his strange and unusual house guest, the pharaoh! In Maths we have been practising and looking at ways to help us remember our times tables through rhymes and songs. Please practise as much as you can on Times Tables Rock Stars (everyone should now have a login - [please let us know](#) if not). Thank you and have a wonderful Easter!

YEAR FIVE & SIX - Mrs Banat-Rinz

I cannot believe we have reached the end of another term! I could not be prouder of the class this week. They have shown such maturity and reverence during this important time where we have been finding out so much more about the final week of Jesus' life. I was blown away by the re-enactment they put together to portray "The Stations of the Cross", where they took full ownership of the shadow mimes. In science, they were perfecting their expertise in using the classification system for plants and animals too. After seeing what awful jobs children their age had to do during the Victorian Era too, I'm sure they are all grateful they weren't children back then. Over the Easter break, please encourage your child to go on TTRS regularly, read regularly, have a well-deserved rest - but most importantly, have some fun as a family.

DIARY DATES

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



Friday, March 31 @2pm

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

Friday, March 31 @7PM

Easter Prize Bingo School Hall - Church fundraiser

April 3 -14

Easter Holidays (back to school Monday 17th)

Tuesday, April 18

Y3 Anglo Saxons Trip - see letter sent home; payable on ParentPay

Sunday, April 23 @10AM

First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass - all invited

Thursday, April 27

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

Thursday, May 4

Y4 Class Mass @9:15

Thursday, May 11

Y3 Class Mass @9:15

Sunday, May 14

Confirmation Enrolment Mass - all invited

Wednesday, May 24

Class Photos

Thursday, May 25

Y5 & Y1 Class Mass @9:15

PLEASE NOTE:

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

EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

YN: Toby	Y3: Brody
YR: Arlyn	Y4/5: Harry & Casey
Y1: Isla	Y5/6: Matteo & Zack
Y2: Jamal	

LUNCHTIME AWARD

YN: Mary	Y3: James
YR: Pixie	Y4/5: Hollie & Ned
Y1: Loui	Y5/6: Peyton & Riley
Y2: Joshua	

HOUSE POINTS:

Congratulations to St Andrew for the most points this half term - it's still all to play for in the year end House Cup:

St George = 319

St Patrick = 312

St Andrew = 231

St David = 230

