

ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | April 28th 2023



From the Head...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another action-packed week has flown by and we have definitely packed a lot in again. We had the most beautiful whole school mass on Thursday and, as you all know, I am always proud of our beautiful children, but they totally blew me away with their impeccable behaviour and their singing was out of this world; they actually sounded like angels. As always, I am so very grateful for the wonderful team we have here and they do an absolutely marvellous job with our children.

This week has also seen us starting the week with the Enrolment Mass for our First Holy Communion children, this is where they make their promise to continue with their Sacramental journey. Again, it was so amazing to see this mass represented so well by our staff, children and families. The children have now also made their first Act of Reconciliation with Father Arul. I cannot tell you what a privilege it is to be involved in this journey with the children.

We have a long weekend this coming weekend and we also have a long weekend for the following weekend. This will then take us into SATS week (starting from Tuesday 9th May), this is an important week for our Year Six children and I would ask you to keep them all in your thoughts and prayers. As we did last year, we will be asking the Year Six children to try and get to school for 8.00am each morning so that we can all have breakfast together. This gives them the opportunity to settle and to ask any questions that they might want to discuss.

I hope you have a wonderful and restful weekend. Have a wonderful weekend.

God Bless

Maureen Collier



FRIDAY 5th MAY:

CORONATION LUNCH

On Friday 5th May there will be only one meal available, our Special Coronation Celebration Menu: Selection of Sandwiches & filled Wraps, Pizza Fingers, Quorn Dippers, Fruit and Vegetable Sticks, Iced Celebration Biscuits or Ice Cream

FOSM UPDATE

We would like to say a huge thank you to all those families who contributed to our events at the end of last term, whether that attending, donating or just lending a helping hand. We managed to raise a fantastic £344 at the Disco and £180 from our Mothers and Others Afternoon Tea.

We have a new online sign-up form for 50p Friday, so if you would like to help out just add your name! It's just a small amount of time before and after pick up, the teachers will happily bring your children to you and it really helps run this weekly event that the children look forward to <https://signup.com/go/iENTAPN>



Cricket Fun – with the All Stars on Thursday.



**Southam Community
Coronation
Celebration**

Monday 8th May

2-4pm

Graham Adams Centre

St James Road, Southam, CV47 6LY



Lastly, if anyone would like to come along to our **next FOSM meeting**, it is **Wednesday 10th May at 7:30pm** in the staff room. Everyone welcome! Whether you fancy helping at events, or just have some ideas you wish to share, we would love to see you there!

Stars of the Week

Year 1 – Emma

Year 2 – Bella

Year 3 – Summer

Year 4/5 – Hollie & Claudia

Year 5/6 – Matteo & David

(EYFS: Reception & Nursery will have double stars next week)

YEAR 5 PRAISE

Well done!

Year 5 led our whole school Mass yesterday to mark the school term after Easter. The children were all so reverent, behaved impeccably and the readers read beautifully.

We are so proud of them all. Well done Year 5!



Mrs Hilditch Nursery and Reception have started their new topic 'Let's Get Growing'. We shared our knowledge of 'growing' and decided what we would like to learn next! The children have been exploring vegetables this week after reading our key text 'Oliver's Vegetables'. They have been printing with different shaped vegetables, and adding art resources, such as googly eyes, to create crazy vegetable characters. We also played veg detectives which involved blindfolding a child who had to guess the fruit or vegetable they were given. I wonder what we will grow or learn about next week....something exciting is on its way!!

YEAR ONE - Ms Priestley | I can't believe another week has flown by so fast! This week, we have continued our work counting in different patterns and began to look at equal groups, ready to think about sharing next week. In English, Year One have done some excellent comprehension work on our book Rapunzel and are looking forward to writing their own versions next week. We were lucky enough to have our cricket session on Wednesday which was so much fun! We may have some budding athletes amongst us. In RE this week, we have been thinking about the women that found Jesus' tomb empty and had a go at writing a diary entry from their point of view. I am so amazed at how far the children have come in their writing journey, they truly are little superstars. Have a fantastic weekend ☺

YEAR TWO - Ms Pahnke | This week has seen Year Two be introduced to a lot of their new topics (please keep an eye out for our Summer Term overview). With Miss Dalton, the children explored lots of exciting clues to introduce our new English book. The children explored the clues to make a prediction on what the story was and what might happen. Our story is... 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. The children have continued to learn and practice fractions, focusing on halves, quarters and thirds. In RE we have been looking at the story of Thomas and why it was so hard for him to believe the risen Jesus. We also enjoyed a beautiful Mass on Thursday dedicated to our wonderful school, thank you to all of you who could join us. On Wednesday the children enjoyed a brilliant opportunity to develop cricket skills with the fantastic All Stars Cricket. We look forward to another fantastic week next week.

YEAR THREE - Ms Keith | This week in Year Three we have had a great week. In our English lessons, we have been introduced to our new text called, Oliver and the Seawigs. The children have looked at the front cover and the blurb and have used their inference and prediction skills to guess what our new text is about. We have also looked at compound words and learnt the definition of different compound words that we may come across in our text containing the word 'sea'. In Maths, we have continued to learn about fractions and have focused on how we can use fractions when looking at scales. In our Topic lesson, we looked at key events throughout Anglo-Saxon times and had great fun creating our own human timeline. In RE, we have continued learning about Easter and wrote fantastic diary entries as the disciple Cleopas on the Road to Emmaus. We were also very lucky to have Cricket Allstars come this week and do a cricket session with us. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning some of the skills needed to play cricket and really threw themselves into the activity, I think we have a few future cricket stars in the making! Thank you for your continued support and I hope you enjoy the long weekend!

YEAR FOUR & FIVE - Mrs Hawley & Ms Costa | This We have had another busy week in Year 4/5, packed with lots of learning. In RE we have been looking at religious art, in particular triptych pieces which are a series of three separate paintings that together form a story. The children have created some lovely triptych pictures telling the Easter story. We have also been learning about the story of Jesus and His ascension into heaven and have been writing about the thoughts and feelings of the disciples at this time. In Maths, we have been developing our knowledge and understanding of fractions. We have been practising subtracting fractions in various ways, from whole numbers and mixed numbers. In English, we have been learning about explanation texts. We have discussed what they are and looked at their features. The children then created their own explanation texts about the Water Cycle, using what they have learned in previous lessons.



In Science, we have been looking at identifying and exploring the properties of gases. We discussed how air was not 'nothing' and that it does have weight. Using two balloons and a coat hanger, we completed an experiment to find out if the weight of a balloon changes if it is filled with air. Children were surprised to find that a balloon filled with air does actually weigh heavier than an inflated balloon. Why not have a go at home yourselves testing the weight of an inflated and deflated balloon. I'm sure you too will be surprised at what you find out. Have a great bank holiday weekend! ☺

YEAR FIVE & SIX - Mrs Banat-Rinz | Another great week with this amazing class, who work so hard. In RE we have looked at lots of beautiful and inspirational art work that really captured our imaginations. The highlight of the week I have to say was the cricket, everyone had the opportunity to play - thanks to our Sports Lead Miss Pahnke for organising it for us. Thanks once again for ensuring your child comes to school ready each day with their reading book and for encouraging them to play on TTRS every day.



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



Monday, May 1

Bank Holiday

Thursday, May 4

Y4 Class Mass @9:15

Monday, May 8

Bank Holiday

Tues, May 9 - Fri May 12

Y6 SATs Breakfast Club 8am

Thursday, May 11

Y3 Class Mass @9:15

Friday, May 12

Coronation/end of SATs week
Celebration (more info to follow)

Celebration Assembly
@13:15 (on May 12th only)

Sunday, May 14

Confirmation Enrolment
Mass - all invited

Wednesday, May 17

Early Years Open Morning #1
9:30 - 11:00 (please book via office)

Wednesday, May 24

Class Photos

Thursday, May 25

Y5 & Y1 Class Mass @9:15

Thursday, May 4

Y4 Class Mass @9:15

Monday, May 22

EYFS Class Trip

May 29 - June 2

Half Term

Thursday, June 8

Early Years Open Morning #2
9:30 - 11:00 (please book via office)

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

EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

Y1: Ruby	Y2: Deep
Y3: Elyzaveta	Y4/5: Connor & Tami
	Y5/6: Lexie & Sophia D

LUNCHTIME AWARD

Y1: Nero	Y2: Delilah P
Y3: Lauren	Y4/5: Maggie & Ollie
	Y5/6: Aryana & Harriet

HOUSE POINTS:

St Patrick = 396

St Andrew = 396

St George = 386

St David = 306

