

ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | May 5th 2023



From the Head...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well that's the end of another fantastic week! I know I always say this, but it is a real privilege to work with children and I value that privilege every single day, as do all of the team here. We have such amazing children, who have so much to give and are the kindest people I have ever met. I have had the pleasure this week of being in our Early Years classroom and boy what a pleasure it was. I was in my element spending time with our youngest family members and they have a lot to say! It not only filled me with joy, but it also made me realise how exceptional our Early Years team are; so a big thank you must go out to Mrs Finch, Mrs Hilditch and Mrs Toon.

Next week is another busy week and I would ask you to keep or Superb Sixes in your thoughts and prayers as they have the opportunity to showcase how truly awesome they are. We are all so proud of the hard work, resilience and determination they have been showing and I know that they will rise to the challenge. We will be welcoming just the Year Sixes in for breakfast at 8.00am from Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May. Can they please come in through the hall door, staff will be there to greet them and join them for a feed!

As the weather is now becoming warmer, can you please ensure that children have sun cream applied and they all bring a water bottle, with water in it – not juice, and a sun hat. Children may now wear summer uniform of: blue checked gingham dress, white polo shirt, grey school style shorts and black school shoes (not boots or trainers).

May is the month of Our Lady and this is always such a special month to us here, some of you may ask, 'Why is May the month of Mary?' It is thought that it is because May is the month when spring is in full bloom. May is the height of spring; gardens everywhere are alive with blooming flowers, and trees are filling their branches with leaves. This new beginning and new birth in nature reminds us of the life Mary gave to Jesus. Without Mary giving birth to Jesus, all the events that followed: Jesus' life, death, and resurrection wouldn't have happened. So, it's believed that May (when nature is showing signs of life) is the ideal month to honour the woman who gave life to our Saviour. Please do keep Mary in your prayers, this month especially.



Have the most wonderful long weekend and enjoy the King's Coronation!

God Bless

Maureen Collier

CORONATION FUN

We enjoyed a special lunch to celebrate the Coronation weekend today – Early Years were looking particularly regal in their handmade crowns.

Our coronation celebrations will continue next week with a combined Coronation/end of Year 6 SATs week celebration on Friday, 12th May.

Celebration Assembly will be at 1:15 this day and the children will spend the afternoon creating, crafting and gardening. Classes will also be baking cakes at school to enjoy.

Thank you to FOSM for today's coronation themed 50p Friday.

Coronation Fun at Home: [Design your own bunting](#) | [Wordsearch](#) | [Dot to Dot](#) | [Maze](#) | [Colouring KS2](#) | [Colouring EYFS/KS1](#) | [Ideas for Pre-Schoolers](#) | [Coronation Playlist \(Spotify link\)](#) 🎵

KING CHARLES CORONATION PRAYER



O God, to whom every human power is subject, grant to your servant our sovereign Charles success in the exercise of his high office, so that, always revering you and striving to please you, he may constantly secure and preserve for the people entrusted to his care the freedom that comes from civil peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen

FOSM - SAVE THE DATE (and some jars...)

The Friends of St Mary's will have our jam jar tombola at **Southam's family fun day on 29th May**. Please start thinking about helping; we will ask all families to fill a jam jar or two with anything that will fit in - sweets, toys, toiletries and so on. There will also be a rota for families to sign up to help on the stall, which is another great community fundraiser for our school and your children.

► **REMINDER:** Our open meeting is this coming **Wednesday 10th May @ 7:30PM** in the school staffroom. All are welcome and refreshments will be provided; please do consider coming and lending your time and talents.

Stars of the Week

Nursery – Orla & Darcy

Reception – Ben & Lauren

Year 1 – Frankie

Year 2 – Zachary

Year 3 – Riley

Year 4/5 – Amber & Darcy

Year 5/6 – Miriam & Sophia D



Thank You!

NEXT WEEK ONLY:

Celebration Assembly

@1:15 School Hall (open to all)

NO 50p Friday

(Due to celebration event, see front page)



Monday, May 8

Bank Holiday

Tues May 9 – Fri May 12

Y6 SATs Breakfast Club 8am

Wednesday, May 10

FOSM Meeting @ 7:30PM

Staff Room Everyone welcome!

Thursday, May 11

Y3 Class Mass @9:15

Friday, May 12

Coronation/end of SATs week

Celebration (see front page)

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

Mon June 5

Reception Vision Screening

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/>

NURSERY & RECEPTION - Mrs Finch & Mrs Hilditch

This week we want to say a big thank you to FOSM and to the parents who support FOSM events, as they have helped fund new equipment for our outdoor area! The children have got a new sand pit and water trays to play and explore in. They have had so much fun already this week, so were looking forward to the rest of summer term out in the garden! Thank you too to the parents who donate to the EYFS fund as this has also enabled us to buy number and alphabet bunting that will be arriving shortly! Your support is much appreciated and helps us give your children the best resources to learn with!



YEAR ONE - Ms Priestley

This week, we have been focusing on retelling the story of Rapunzel. Our little authors have done the most fantastic job of this! I am amazed by their progress every single day. In maths, we have revisited doubles being two lots of somethings and have recognised they follow our pattern of counting in 2s. In RE, we learnt all about St. Peter preaching to the crowd and how God saved him from jail through his unwavering faith. Year One have written a beautiful letter in role as Peter to recount the events of this. We had fun during our class quiz for Topic, learning all about the history of Warwick castle - I definitely see some budding historians among us! We were lucky enough to have some special visitors this week from the Fire Service, who taught us all about fire safety. We even got to explore the fire truck! Have a restful bank holiday and enjoy any celebrations you may be taking part in 😊.

YEAR TWO - Ms Pahnke

What a fantastic term this is turning out to be! The children are showing they are hardworking and passionate about their learning. They have begun their plants topic for science and are conducting a controlled investigation to find out what plants need to survive. We have been learning the story of when Jesus appeared to two disciples on their way to Emmaus. The children have been thinking about the thoughts and feelings of the disciples. In English the children have been getting to know Mr. Grinling's character and have written fantastic character descriptions of him. In PE we have continued learning cricket skills after being inspired by our session with All Stars Cricket last week. In Maths the children are now able to recognise a half, quarter and third. Please continue at home with reading, spellings and TTRS. Thank you for your continued support.

YEAR THREE - Ms Keith

This week has been another busy week for Year Three, I can't believe how quickly it has flown by! In our Maths lessons, we are still expanding our fractions knowledge and have been focusing on counting fractions on a number line and finding equivalent fractions. In our English lessons, we have been building all the skills we need to write a diary entry as Oliver, the main character of our book Oliver and the Seawigs. In our topic lesson, we looked at Anglo-Saxon settlements and created our own maps of an Anglo-Saxon settlement to show our understanding of what makes a good settlement. Also, in our RE lessons this week we have been looking at the story of the Breakfast at the shore. It has been absolute pleasure to listen to the children's interpretations and opinions of the scriptures in our Easter unit. Thank you all for your continued support. I hope you all have a fantastic weekend enjoying the coronation celebrations!

YEAR FOUR & FIVE - Mrs Hawley & Ms Costa

It's been yet another busy week of learning in Year 4/5 even though it has only been 4 days. In English, we have continued our work explanation texts. We have been developing our writing from last week and looking at ways in which we can improve it by using all the key feature of an explanation text in our own work. In Maths, we have started our learning about decimals and learning how to change tenths into decimals. In RE, the children have been learning more about Jesus' ascension into heaven and have written some wonderful diary entries about the disciples' reaction. Year 4 led mass beautifully on Thursday. The children were all so reverent, behaved impeccably and the readers read beautifully. I am so incredibly proud of each and every one of them. Well done Year 4!

YEAR FIVE & SIX - Mrs Banat-Rinz

Year 5 and 6 have had yet another amazing week. We have been busy learning about fractions and year 6 have also been perfecting their knowledge of percentages and order of operations. In RSHE we have been reminding ourselves about internet safety and the legal age of 13 to have apps such as Instagram and snapchat. In preparation for the King's Coronation, Galanos House asked us to paint pebbles and they will set these in a new path that they will be laying-keeping our artistic talents for all to see for many years. A reminder to Year 6 to have a restful weekend and that they are all invited to breakfast at 8am from next Tuesday to Friday.

EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

YN: Kaiden & JJ	Y3: Noah
YR: Leo & Poppy	Y4/5: Bella & Stephanie
Y1: Charlotte	Y5/6: Hamish & Sofia R
Y2: Zakariah	

LUNCHTIME AWARD

YN: Mollie & Ivy P	Y3: Felicity P
YR: Teddy & Chester	Y4/5: Zachary & Layla
Y1: Albie	Y5/6: Lexie & Tadei
Y2: Aimee	

HOUSE POINTS:

St Andrew = 413

St Patrick = 299

St George = 192

St David = 170

