

# ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | May 12<sup>th</sup> 2023



From the Head...



Dear Parents and Carers,

Huge congratulations to all of our children in Year Six, they have had a gruelling week and they have blown our socks off with their grit and determination. We are so very, very proud of them! The gift of the Holy Spirit has definitely been upon them. We must also give thanks to all of the staff that have been involved this week – Mrs Banat-Rinz has fed them like Kings and Queens for breakfast. It has been a real privilege to have been with them each morning and to see how much they have grown as young people.

The rest of the school has been equally as busy, with the beautiful aroma of baking throughout the school all week (this is never good when you are trying to watch what you eat!). The children have been baking a plethora of cakes for our belated Coronation afternoon, and what a fabulous afternoon it has been too! FOSM as always, has supported the children well and they have thoroughly enjoyed the craft activities that they have funded for us.

This summer will be another summer where we will be having some much-needed maintenance carried out. We will be having our heating distribution system replaced and all new internal doors fitted. We are so lucky to have been able to raise much needed funding for this.

This Sunday sees our Year Six children taking an active role in their Sacramental journey, they will be having their Confirmation Enrolment mass at 10.00am in our beautiful church. They have been preparing in amongst their SATS and I, for one, cannot wait to see them making their promises and showing us what grounded, thoughtful and respectful young people they are. Please do come along and support them – we would all love to see as many families and friends there this week.

Next week will be another action-packed week, no luxury of a long weekend! Have a wonderful weekend and we will see you on Sunday at Mass.

God Bless

Maureen Collier

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

On **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am** residents from Galanos House are coming to St Mary's for a sing song!

Thank you to the wonderful – and musical- Mrs Forgan and Mrs Walster for volunteering their time to support. We also delivered our super decorated pebbles to Galanos House last week and are excited to see them once they're in place on the path leading to the King's Coronation oak tree near the Community Hub & Café.

## FOSM UPDATE:



Can YOU help?

### Calling any Accountants or those with finance experience!

FOSM are currently looking for someone to fulfil our Treasurer role. If you have any financial experience and would like to support our school with your skills, we would love to hear from you. If you would like to get involved or would just like more information, please contact your class rep or send us an email at: [friendsofstmaryssoutham@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstmaryssoutham@gmail.com)



### FOSM Dates:

**29<sup>th</sup> May: Southam family fun day**

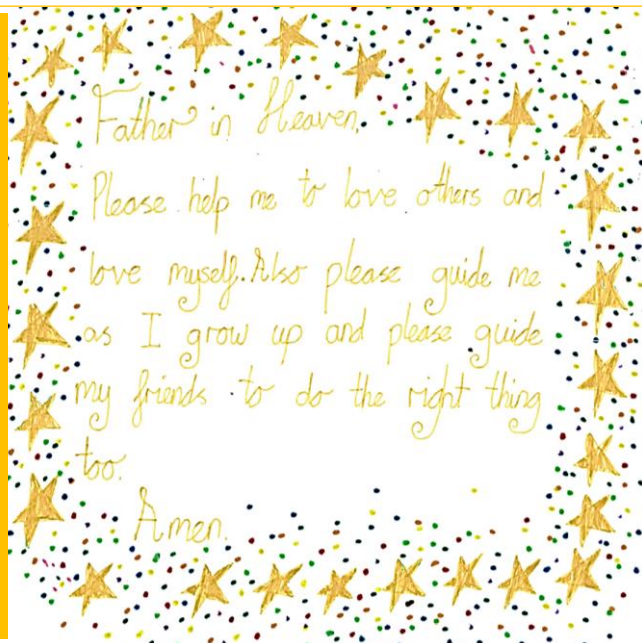
- Remember to bring in your filled jam jars to school for FOSM's tombola stall.

**16<sup>th</sup> June Father's Day Afternoon** (more details to come)

## SUPER WORK

We love to see our children's work and celebrate their successes; please keep sending in home awards & achievements so we can recognise these in class and our weekly celebration assembly.

This week's wonderful prayer is by Miriam ▶



## Stars of the Week

**Nursery** – Franky

**Reception** – Vincent

**Year 1** – Callie

**Year 2** – Maisie

**Year 3** – Elyzaveta

**Year 4/5** – Bella & Layla

**Year 5/6** – Aryana & Jessica



Reception and Nursery have been enjoying some maths outdoors this week! Nursery have been learning to count carefully and match numbers to quantities. Reception have been recapping number bonds to 10 and exploring the composition of numbers 11-20 as '10 and some more'. It has been a challenging week for their brains, but all children showed great determination and resilience. Well done, we are so proud of you all each and every day!



**YEAR ONE** - Ms Priestley | Another busy week in Year One! This week, we began our new book Small Knight and George and created comic strips to remind us of the events. In maths, we explored finding and recognising half of objects and shapes and the class did brilliantly! We have also worked extremely hard on our phonics this week, focusing on sounding out words and identifying digraphs. A reminder that our spelling tests are on a Wednesday and the children should be practising their spellings across the week. I am so pleased at the effort Year One have put in with their Reading Jar - it is beginning to fill up very quickly as so many of you are encouraging reading at home at least 3 times a week, so thank you for your continued support in this. Throughout this week, we have enjoyed celebrating the King's Coronation through writing our own coronation keepsake and making some Union Jack biscuits to enjoy during our picnic! What fun we had during our celebration afternoon!



**YEAR TWO** - Ms Pahnke | Another super week in Year Two. We have continued to monitor our scientific experiment to investigate what seeds need to germinate. Each member of the groups has recorded their findings and is keeping a log. In English the children have put together a plan for their very own sequel to the lighthouse keepers' lunch and will be writing 'The Fisherman's Lunch'. The children have fantastically imaginative ideas and are looking forward to writing their story. In RE, we have explored the disciples' thoughts and feelings at different times when Jesus appeared to them. The children then created their own version of a piece of Road to Emmaus artwork and considered carefully their choices. Friday afternoon saw us celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. The children explored the importance of the role of a King and discussed what they would do if they were king/queen for the day. Thank you to FOSM for providing activities for the children to enjoy for this celebration. Thank you for your continued support.

**YEAR THREE** - Ms Keith | This week in Year Three has been another great week. In our English lessons, we have been writing a diary entry as our main character from our text 'Oliver and the Seawigs'. The children have used fantastic fronted adverbials and have included some great ideas in their diary entries. In our Maths lessons, we have been looking at adding and subtracting fractions and I must say I think we are fractions super stars! This week in RE, we have looked at how we celebrate the presence of Jesus at Mass today and we also led the Mass for the 5th week of Eastertide. I am so proud of our whole class, our readers read beautifully and the children were true representatives of St Mary's! Thank you to all of the parents and family members that were able to join us in celebrating the Mass. This afternoon, we also enjoyed celebrations for the Coronation of King Charles III. We wrote about what we would do if we were King or Queen for the day and decorated our own coronation biscuits. We also enjoyed an afternoon of activities which were provided by FOSM. We would like to thank them for continually supporting our school and helping us celebrate key events! Thank you for your continued support. I hope you have a lovely weekend!

**YEAR FOUR & FIVE** - Mrs Hawley & Ms Costa | Another very busy week in Year 4/5. This week we have been working on understanding the 8 points on a compass. Using our position and direction skills in Topic lessons to describe how to find the Oceans around the world. In Maths we have been learning how to read tenths as a fraction and as a decimal. In RE we have been writing prayers to recognise God's presence in the world around us and creating spring artwork for May the Month of Our Mother Mary. A big well done to all of the hard work the children have done this week, especially the Y6 and Y2 children taking part in assessments!

**YEAR FIVE & SIX** - Mrs Banat-Rinz | What a busy week this week with Year 6 SATS, where we celebrated how amazing all the children are and they were given their opportunity to shine - which they did! I could not be prouder of the determination and perseverance they showed every day. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank FOSM who very kindly arranged for our wonderful year 6 children to go to "Sweet Boutique" for a special treat to celebrate the end of SATS, it really was greatly appreciated. In the afternoons this week, year 5 and 6 created fabulous pictures of Mary in RE to celebrate May being the month of Mary. They also decorated biscuits in preparation for the coronation celebrations we held today. Once again, our thanks go out to FOSM who generously organised crafts and a variety of activities for each class in school to help us celebrate the coronation - the result was a great end to the week.



**TODAY ONLY:** Due to the celebration event, Assembly will be after lunch today and then children will spend the rest of the afternoon creating, crafting and gardening. Classes will also be baking cakes at school to enjoy.

**Celebration Assembly**  
@13:15 School Hall (open to all)

**X NO 50p Friday** (back next week)

**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

**Friday, May 26**  
Galanos House Visit  
Singing together @ School

**Monday May 29**  
Southam family fun day  
Remember to bring in your filled jam jars to school for FOSM's tombola stall.

**Thursday, May 4**  
Y4 Class Mass @9:15

**Monday, May 22**  
EYFS Class Trip

**May 29 - June 2**  
Half Term

**Saturday June 3 @ 10:30**  
Sacrament of Confirmation

**Mon June 5**  
Reception Vision Screening

**Thursday, June 8**  
Early Years Open Morning #2  
9:30 - 11:00 (please book via office)

**Friday June 16**  
Father's Day Afternoon  
(more details to come)

**Saturday June 17 @ 10:30**  
First Holy Communion

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

**EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR**

**LUNCHTIME AWARD**

**HOUSE POINTS:**

YN: Calli	Y3: Aidan
YR: Teddy	Y4/5: Amari & Stephanie
Y1: Cillian	Y5/6: Jimmy & Sophia R
Y2: Vicky	

YN: Toby	Y3: Sebastian
YR: Arlyn	Y4/5: Oliver & Tami
Y1: Maisie	Y5/6: Lexi & Lucy
Y2: Elliot	

St Andrew = 299  
St George = 203  
St Patrick = 184  
St David = 176

