

ST MARY'S NEWS

St Mary's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, Southam | June 16th 2023



From the Head...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week has flown by and we couldn't have asked for a better week of weather! Hopefully the sun is a sign of all the good to come this half term with lots of opportunities for memory making including various educational visits, sporting opportunities and, of course, giving our wonderful Year Six children an all-important send off as they end their primary school journey at St Mary's!

Over the next two weeks, we will be beginning our end of year assessments with all of the children. It is important that these are done, so that we are aware of where the children are as they end their time in their current year group. These results will also be used to celebrate the progress each and every one of them has made this academic year. That being said, we are not shying away from our belief that the biggest achievements from the last year will not be able to be assessed via a test paper or knowledge quiz. We know that the results will not show us which children have learnt a new skill this year, who has been a great help at home or who makes their friends smile day in and day out. Therefore, these assessments will be done in the kindest way possible and will be used to shape future learning, so that those children who are in need of a little extra support, or can be stretched further when they move up into their new year group in September will have this in place from the off.

This week has seen our amazing Year One children undertake their statutory Phonics Screening Test and our fantastic Year Four have taken the Government's Multiplication Check. We keep these children in our thoughts and prayers! All children have achieved **SO** much this year and should be proud whatever their outcome, as here at St Mary's there are many ways to achieve success, this is not just academic. Our children are growing into bright, happy and polite citizens and we are so very proud of each and every one of them.

This Saturday we see our marvellous Year Three children make their First Holy Communion, this is such a special time for both the children and their families. The children in Year Three have all had a wonderful week preparing and they had Dan from One Life Music in on Wednesday for a First Holy Communion retreat day. There was lots of laughter and singing going on when I joined them! It would be so wonderful to see our other children coming to Mass to support their friends, so if you can, please do come along to Mass in church at 10.30am.

God Bless

Maureen Collier

THANK YOU!

We are always overwhelmed by your generosity, both with financial support and the – often more precious gift – that of time. Our **BOOK FAIR** has been really popular and will see a 10% return to our school. Likewise, thanks once again to all the FOSM team for today's super **FATHERS DAY**

NEW HOLIDAY CHILDCARE AT SCHOOL

Our all-new Summer Camp launches next month in response to parents' feedback. The wonderful team who run our popular Before and After School Club will trial this during the first fortnight of the Summer Holidays. Details of how to register interest and secure your child's space will follow next week. (St Mary's pupils only)

ST MARY'S
SUMMER
FIRST 2 WEEKS
CAMP
24 JULY - 4 AUGUST

8 AM - 4 PM | NURSERY TO YEAR 6
£25 PER DAY | £15 PER 1/2 DAY
BOOKING & PREPAYMENT ESSENTIAL

ACTIVITIES:

- ARTS & CRAFT
- PUZZLES & GAMES
- WATER GAMES
- MUSIC & DANCE
- FUN SPORTS
- RAINY DAY FUN

WE PROVIDE:

- BREAKFAST
- SNACKS
- DRINKS

PLEASE BRING:

- PACKED LUNCH
- WATER BOTTLE
- SUN HAT
- SUNCREAM

 **REGISTRATION INFO COMING SOON!**

Stars of the Week

Nursery – Freddie

Reception – Leo H

Year 1 – Isla

Year 2 – Zakariah

Year 3 – Shreya

Year 4/5 – Charlie & Ollie

Year 5/6 – Hamish & Lucy

Mrs Finch & Mrs Hilditch

Nursery and Reception have been doing lots of active learning this week! Nursery went on a letter hunt around school to spot the letter sounds they have been learning. The children are getting very good at identifying initial sounds in words and sharing examples. Reception have been focussing on doubling this week. We went outside and did maths in the gazebo. We played 'find the double' and 'find your double partner'. The children worked well as a group and could recall their double number sentence to the group.



YEAR ONE - Ms Priestley

I could not be prouder of Year One this week if I tried! They absolutely blew me away with their fantastic effort in their Phonics Screening on Wednesday and their continued hard work throughout this year with this. Such superstars! In Maths, we have been learning about directional language - thinking about left right, above, below, forwards and backwards. There are certainly some navigators among us! It has been so lovely seeing how much the children are loving their new Topic, Australia. In particular, this week we have been focusing on Aboriginal art and we explored how it is used to tell stories. The class loved recreating some of the symbols used to tell these and are looking forward to diving deeper into this next week. Have a fantastic weekend and enjoy the sun ☺

YEAR TWO - Ms Pahnke

What a super week in Year Two! They have continued to work so hard on telling the time. They have looked at how many hours in a day and the difference between hours, minutes and seconds. In English, we started a new book called 'The Hodgheg' and the children used their retrieval skills to become experts on Max. In RE, we have learnt that the Sacrament of Confirmation is an act of receiving the gift of the Holy Spirit. The children are able to put their learning together on seeds and plants to describe the life cycle of a plant. In PE, they have continued to develop their athletic skills and what each part of their body should be doing when running. We were also very excited to visit the book fair! If the lovely sunshine stays with us next week, please can you ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle, sun cream on (or in their bag) and a sun hat. Thank you for your continued support.

YEAR THREE - Ms Keith

This week has been another busy and very hot week! The children have shown off what amazing children they are and have constantly shown different adults around the school what true St Mary's superstars they are! I am very proud and lucky that I get to be their teacher! In Maths, we have looked at different 2D and 3D shapes and have been naming and identifying them. In our Topic lessons, we have created our own double page information sheet all about the Anglo-Saxons and I must say that they look great! The children worked so well in pairs to discover all of their information! On Wednesday, we were very excited and lucky to spend a whole day with Dan from One Life Music. He helped us to have a deeper understanding of Holy Communion and we loved singing song with him and completing different activities. The children also all wrote lovely thank you prayers. During this hot weather, please remind the children to bring in a water bottle everyday to help keep them hydrated. I look forward to seeing all the children taking part in their First Holy Communion tomorrow! Thank you all for your continued support and I hope you have a lovely weekend!

YEAR FOUR & FIVE - Mrs Hawley & Ms Costa

What a busy week we have had in year 4/5. Despite the heat, the children have been working incredibly hard. In RE, we have been retelling the story of Pentecost, where Jesus sent the Holy Spirit down to his disciples. We also learnt how this is the birthday of the Christian Church. In Maths, we have been working really hard on perfecting our arithmetic skills in preparation for our upcoming assessments. In English we have started our new story the 'Wind in the Willows.' The children worked together to retell the story through role play (see photos). We have also been learning about direct speech and the punctuation needed in our writing. The children have practised using this in their own writing and have written some lovely conversations between two of the characters, Ratty and Mole. In Topic we have been learning to do 4 -digit grid references on OS maps of London and the Thames. Year 4 led mass alongside Year 2 yesterday in school and did a fantastic job, as always. They were all reverent and spiritual throughout. Well done!



YEAR FIVE & SIX - Mrs Banat-Rinz

This week has been a very hot and busy week! We have had a big focus on our topic 'Pollution Solution'. We have looked particularly at plastic pollution, where we have created a double page information sheet and a poster. I definitely think the children are now experts on plastic pollution. We have also been practicing some table tennis skills. Please remind the children to bring a water bottle everyday to stay hydrated during this hot weather. Have a lovely weekend in the sun!

EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR

YN: Mollie L	Y3: Alfie
YR: Leo K	Y4/5: Niamh & Stephanie
Y1: Harvey	Y5/6: Amelka & Mya
Y2: Delilah P	

LUNCHTIME AWARD

YN: Ivy L	Y3: Alice
YR: Vincent	Y4/5: Bella & Tami
Y1: Callie	Y5/6: Miriam & Max
Y2: Bella	

HOUSE POINTS:

St Patrick = 295
 St George = 185
 St Andrew = 197
 St David = 180

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



Saturday June 17 @ 10:30

First Holy Communion

Our Lady and St Wulstan - all welcome

Sunday June 25 @ 11:00

International Open-Air Mass

Parish event in school grounds - all welcome.

Tuesday June 27 @9.30

Nursery Settling in session #1

Thursday June 29 @ 1:15pm

Sports Day and Summer Fete

(contact FOSM if you can help)

Wednesday July 5

Transition Day + New Starters

- Nursery to current Y5 will spend the morning with their new teacher

(5th & 6th July for Y6 @ Southam College)

Monday July 10 @ 09.30

Y6 Performance Dress

Rehearsal - Grandparents welcome

Monday July 10

Mary Poppins Preview

- All Year 5 & Year 6, Southam College

Tuesday July 11 @ 18:00

Y6 Performance

- all family of Year Six children welcome

NEW Wednesday July 12

Y1 & Y2 Trip to Warwick

(letters to follow)

NEW Monday July 17

2 - 3:20 Nursery & Reception

Ice Cream Shop Stay and Play

Tuesday July 18 @ 6pm

Reception 2023 Parents'

Information Evening

Thursday July 20 @ 09:15

Y6 Leavers Mass

Whole school and families invited

Friday July 21 @ 14:00

Year Six Leavers Assembly

NEW July 24 - August 4

St Mary's Summer Camp

(see front page)

PLEASE NOTE:

DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Further dates and details online at:

<https://www.stmaryssoutham.org.uk/events/>

