



St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School



# NEWSLETTER

"A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love"  
Jesus said, 'Love one another as I have loved you.' John 15 v 12

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WB 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Another busy week with lots of learning opportunities. A big thank you to the parents for all your support over the last few weeks.

Please could I remind parents that children should go around to classes on their own to start the day. This is so teaching starts as soon as the children arrive and teachers are supervising/teaching the class. There are staff at the gate or at the office if you need to pass on a message.

## Church Links

**Year of Faith service** – Years 5 and 6 were invited to attend the Year of Faith Service at Steyning Grammar School and we were very grateful to the small selection of children and families who gave up their time to represent our school. Bishop Ruth conducted the service and we were delighted to have St Mary's children present and help with the service; Jessilynn N-G (Mex) carried out the reading, Bea G (Mex) and Isobel H (Mex) led the procession with Ella S (Chi) and Ella C (Mex) doing the collection at the end.

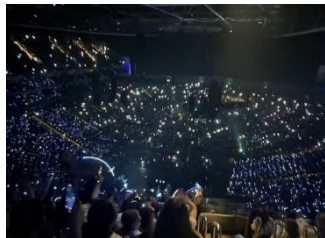


**Reflection** - This week's reflection is about humility, thank you so much to Mrs Smith for putting this together for our school community. [Humility, part 2](#)

## Learning



**Young Voices** – St Mary's attended the Young Voices concert at the O2 Arena in London. The day started with a rehearsal of the songs with conductor David Lawrence. He took the children through their parts before we met Jacob Collier, a Grammy Awards winner and singer/songwriter of Little Blue. We then met MC Grammar, Tommy Blaize (singer on Strictly Come Dancing) and Souparnika Nair (semi-finalist on Britain's Got Talent in 2020 at the age of 10) and Urban Strides (the most fantastic dancers to inspire the children). It was a fantastic night of performing to a huge audience! Thank you to the staff that attended and made the trip happen.



**Maths in school** – This week there have been Maths lessons that really inspired learning. Y2 have been dealing with money, sorting coins and dealing with real life problems. SL classes working wall shows the lessons they have had using bar models and division. The children in Italy Class have been using maths frames this week to consolidate their understanding of numbers. These are them in action.



**Science** – Year 6 have been learning all about refraction in Science using practical examples.



**Dough Disco** – The children in Thailand and UK are developing the strength in their hands with Dough Disco. The children were so engaged and we are seeing the impact of this in Drawing Club.





**Hawk moth** – UK class have Giant Hawk Moth caterpillars at the moment who are due to start their chrysalis transformation very soon – what a fantastic learning experience!



**Phonics** – We have been blending and segmenting this week using active and engaging phonics activities to get the children really thinking about how they spell much longer words.



### Sport

**Talented Athlete** – This week Y5 and Y6 Talented Athlete were engaging in a session at The Weald with Mr Meaney. The children were encouraged to refine that skills of running, throwing, jumping, catching and working with others.



### Things to know...

**Chartwells' meal choices** – Please could we ask that when ordering your child's meal choice, you sit down together and choose their preferred option. We have had a number of children refusing to eat what was ordered for them and, as a school, we only receive what you have ordered to reduce food waste.



**February Cut off Dates**

**Thur 30/01 for w/c 10/02**

**HALF TERM**

## Dates for your diary - SPRING TERM

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Jan – Little Lifesavers – First Aid Y5  
Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Jan – Little Lifesavers – First Aid Y6  
Tue 11<sup>th</sup> Feb – Egyptian Day NZ/SL/USA – Costumes if you wish  
Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Tudor Dress up day for India and Italy  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – INSET DAY  
Mon 17<sup>th</sup> to Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – HALF TERM  
Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> March – African Drumming Y6 and Ukulele workshop Y5  
Thur 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> March – Reports come home  
Tue 25<sup>th</sup> and Thur 27<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evenings  
Fri 4<sup>th</sup> April – Last Day of term

## Celebrations

**Class Assemblies** – These are the dates for class assemblies for this term. Please come and celebrate the children's achievements with them. These will start at 9am.

Thur 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Mexico  
Thur 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – Italy  
Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Feb - USA  
Thur 27<sup>th</sup> Feb – SL  
Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Mar – New Zealand  
Thur 13<sup>th</sup> Mar – Japan (main hall) Thailand (Small Hall)  
Wed 19<sup>th</sup> Mar - UK  
Thur 20<sup>th</sup> Mar – India  
Thur 27<sup>th</sup> Mar – China  
Thur 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr – SA



**Vine leaves** – **Nora R (Tha)** - Resilience and Courage - for making a great start at St Mary's and embracing the challenges ahead. **Emily B-N (Mex)** – Service – for helping staff through Young Voices, demonstrating all of the sign language and keeping everyone on track with the song list Her enthusiasm towards not only singing but helping the adults really shone brightly. **Bailey N (SL)** - Perseverance - trying hard in English and writing a story with an original idea. **Oscar D (Jap) & Eric K (Jap)** - Service - for offering to help set up outdoor PE and retrieve the necessary equipment. **Caitlin T (Jap)** - Humility - for her mature attitude towards a disagreement. She was very kind when explaining what had happened and reassuring to her friend. **Charlotte G (USA)** - Perseverance - for working extremely hard in all of her lessons and for persevering even when she finds the work more challenging. Charlotte has completed several pieces of homework already this term. **Jessilyn N-G (Mex)** - Courage – for speaking at the Year of Faith service in front of a hall full of people from the Storrington Deanery. An amazing achievement! **Maddie C (Tha)** – Kindness and Friendship - for sharing without being asked to do so when a friend needed a whiteboard rubber in phonics. **Nathan K (Tha)** – Service – for being humble and tidying up shared areas in our class without being asked to do so, even when he has not been in that area. **Toby H (SA)** - Wisdom – for providing some excellent contributions to class discussion making connections between areas of your learning this week. **Lewis H (SA)** – Perseverance – for working with great determination in arithmetic - well done! **Emily P (Chi)** – Perseverance – Emily has been learning how to remove her earrings for PE since having her ears pierced recently. Her determination to succeed and resilience when she sometimes found it challenging has been very inspiring. **Ella S (Chin), Bea G (Mex), Isobel H (Mex), Ella C (Mex), Lucy C (Mex), Jessilyn N-G (Mex), Indi P (SA) and Elba S (SA)** – Faithfulness and Service – for giving up their own time to attend the Year of Faith service in Steyning this week and representing our school so beautifully. **Imogen H (SL)** – Faithfulness – for showing knowledge of the Bible during choir

## Achievements -



**Freya C** –  
completed Stage 6  
at Swimming

**Sid N (SL)** –  
completed  
Stage 3 at  
Swimming

**Ryan D (NZ)** –  
received Man of  
the Match at  
football

**Ada B (SL)** – won a  
trophy in a dance  
competition

**Zara B (SL)** –  
Moved up to  
Stage 2 in guitar  
lessons



**Karate gradings** – congratulations to the following children for their achievements at this week's grading

**Wynter M (NZ)** – Red belt

**Violet H (NZ)** – Second blue belt

**Savannah W (NZ)** – Second green belt

**Martha G (NZ)** – Second orange belt

**Alfie C (NZ)** – Second orange belt

**Ben G (NZ)** – Yellow belt

**Leah R (NZ)** – Second blue belt

**Hettie S (SL)** – Second blue belt

**Teagan R (SL)** – Orange belt

**Arlo S (Chi)** – Second orange belt





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- ✓ MATCHES AND COMPETITIONS
- ✓ HAVE LOTS OF FUN!



## FEBRUARY HALF TERM CAMP

- 17TH, 18TH AND 19TH OF FEBRUARY
- 4-12 YEARS OLD
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- £20 A DAY
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**Join us on this exciting 4-week journey which covers a whole variety of fun ways to encourage and develop language and communication**

- **Explore why storytelling is important.**
- **Understand why it is important to sing nursery rhymes**
- **Recognise the importance for children to develop their sense of self.**

**The Needles, Horsham**

**10am-12pm**

**Tuesdays**

**25th February - 18th  
March**

**To sign up, or to find out more, scan  
the QR Code:**



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**FAMILY  
LEARNING**





**FREE EVENT**



***HAVE A GO AT DOG AGILITY EVENING FOR JUNIORS  
(Limited Spaces)***

***Thursday 6th February - 7:15pm***

***Indoor Venue - Hunters Lodge Riding Centre Nr Chichester***

***To book a space or for further details call/email or scan***



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