



St Mary's C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Go, shine in the
world and live
as Jesus lived.



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your patience on Tuesday when there was a power cut at St Mary's and other buildings in the area. We were very pleased that children were still able to carry on with their learning and continued to show our Christian Value of excellence through their behaviour, despite the unusual circumstances.

With best wishes, Miss Mitchell (Head of School) and Mr Webb (Executive Headteacher)

Keeping your child safe online...

Children may have received gifts that enable them to go online - mobiles, games, tablets etc.

When you gift a device that can access the internet, you're not just gifting the device itself: you're giving a portal to the entire online world. And while that includes all the fun bits, like chatting with friends and finding new favourite games, it also comes with a whole host of potential safeguarding risks.



In the offline world, we teach children and young people how to be safe. We show them how to cross the road carefully, we talk to them about stranger danger, not to touch hot things and what to do in an emergency.



When children and young people are introduced to new devices and given access to the online world, those same safeguarding principles should be applied – and prioritised. Just as you wouldn't drop your child off at the playground unsupervised on their first trip there, so too should first encounters with online spaces be accompanied and guided.

Here is a useful guide for parents: <https://ineqe.com/2022/12/15/guide-to-gifting-tech/>

You can watch this two minute video about what to do if your child sees or hears harmful content: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16lp86lS4hA>

And read further guidance for parents on protecting your child from harmful online content: <https://ineqe.com/2022/09/21/harmful-content-online-safety-review/>

Great Fire of London Workshop...

As part of their History curriculum, Year 2 went back in time to Sunday, 2nd September 1666. They used practical activities to experience what life was like in those times. They made candles, button moulds, scented sniffing bags and embroidered handkerchiefs. They also did weaving on a handmade loom and hammered patterns into leather.



Attendance...

Congratulations to **Year 6** who have been awarded Barney, our Attendance Bear, for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** last week.



Please make sure your child is in school every single day this term unless they are too unwell to come to school.

Do you have any questions about school life?

We are of course, really happy to answer any questions about school, no matter how small :)

Do phone the school office to ask questions or ask to arrange an appointment to see the class teacher.

If you are worried about something, see us straight away. Don't let a little worry turn in to a big one. We also like to hear your good news. It helps to keep us going with a smile :)

Important dates for your diary.....

Monday 9th January — After-school enrichment clubs start



Friday 13th January— 9.05am—Friends of St Mary's meeting

~~Friday 27th January~~ — ~~Non uniform day~~— this has been moved to Friday 3rd February

Friday 27th January — KS1 Movie Afternoon (1.30pm-3.15pm) and KS2 Movie Night (3.30pm-5.15pm)

NEW DATE—Friday 3rd February— Non uniform day

Monday 13th February-Friday 17th February—Half Term
Monday 20th February— Children back at school

Thursday 23rd February — Non uniform day

Friday 24th February — Academic Review Day
parents attend school at their appointment time to meet the teacher and receive their child's report

Thursday 2nd March — Word Aware Day

Tuesday 7th March— 3.00—Y1 class prayers

Wednesday 8th March—3.00— Y2 class prayers

Tuesday 14th March — 3.00—Y3 class prayers

Wednesday 15th March— 3.00—Y4 class prayers

Thursday 16th March — 10.00—EYFS/KS1 Spring Term Music Concert; 2.30—KS2 Spring Term Music Concert

Tuesday 21st March— 3.00—Y5 class prayers

Wednesday 22nd March —3.00— Y6 class prayers

31st March— Last day of term

Movie Afternoon and Movie Night...



Friday 27th January in the school hall

Rec, Y1 & Y2 1.30pm-3.15pm

Y3—Y6 3.30pm-5.15pm

A great movie along with hotdogs, popcorn and a drink!

Please make a donation of £2.00 on the day.
(All funds raised go to the charity The Children's Society, showing our values of compassion and community.)

Children can bring in a comfy cushion from home to sit on and/or a blanket to cuddle up with.



Work of the Week...

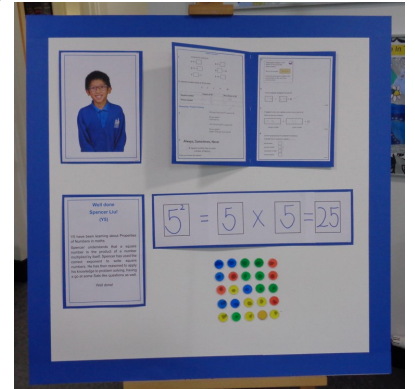


Every week a great piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby.

As part of Year 5's Maths curriculum, they have been learning about properties of numbers. They have learned that a square number is the product of a number multiplied by itself.

Spencer has used his knowledge of square numbers to answer tricky problem solving questions.

Well done, Spencer!



Our Prayer of the week...

Written by Gellila (Year 5)

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for protecting me and keeping me safe.

I hope that 2023 will be filled with hope and goodness.

Please help me thrive in my education and be able to go to an outstanding secondary school.

Please help me to follow the Christian Values: honesty, integrity and friendship.

Please help me to grow and listen to my teachers so that I will be able to achieve my goals.

Thank you for everyone who has believed in me.

Amen



Person of the Week!

Reception - Mason

Year 1 - Arsema

Year 2 - Mahdi

Year 3 - George

Year 4 - Mason

Year 5 - Nayi

Year 6 - Abigail

