

St Mary's

NEWSLETTER

We choose courage over comfort because we know that 'the Lord our God is with us'.

January 17 2025 / Vol 14

Y2 Using money in provision 15.1.25



We seek to model to children an ethos of living well together. The flourishing of pupils goes hand in hand with the flourishing of the wider school community: staff, families, governors and friends of the school. Just as Jesus respected people by taking the time to care for them, we endeavor to:

- celebrate the Christian faith;
- foster deep respect for other cultures, faiths and traditions;
- provide an inclusive environment where special provision is afforded to those with disabilities or special educational needs; and
- challenge inequality.

"Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them." (Matthew 7:12)

Dear Parents and Carers

It's been another busy week! OPAL has proven a huge success at lunchtimes - the children are really enjoying exploring new areas and play types.

Bags to Schools Collection 4.2.25

This will take place on Tuesday 4 February 2025. The company will pay school 20p per kg collected which will help towards our #CourageOverComfort fundraising efforts. If you have any clothing that you would like to clear out - now is a great time! Simply bring the bags to the school carpark on the morning of 4 February! It would be wonderful if everyone could bring their unwanted items and help raise funds for us to make our school even better.

Uniform

We have noticed a decline in uniform recently - please can you support us by ensuring that children do come to school in full uniform, including their ties. Also a reminder that jewellery shouldn't be worn. We have upgraded our lost property store so that we can regularly wheel it out for your perusal but are in need a coat hangers... if you have any spares clogging up your house, we will gladly take them!

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes
Miss Robinson

Y	Atten dance %
R	91
1	98
2	94
3	95
4	93
5	96
6	95
W S	95

Upcoming Diary Dates:

Bags to Schools Collection - 4.2.25

Y5/6 Athletics 24.2.25

KS2 Swimming Gala - 28.2.25

Y5/6 Tag Rugby - 4.3.25

KS1 Cross Country - 2.4.25



Class Updates

Reception - Mrs Price

This week in foundation, we continued to explore the setting of our new book. We examined the front cover and made predictions about what might happen in the story. Then, we read the first two pages, and the children did an amazing job describing how Blue Penguin might be feeling. They are very excited to continue reading the book next week! During our guided writing, we had some wonderful setting descriptions. The children have gained confidence with applying their phonics knowledge into their writing. In math, we focused on combining groups of two and three. The children used ten frames to support their reasoning and understanding. In our topic lesson, we went outside to explore different textures. The children have become more confident in using a variety of adjectives to describe what they found.

Y1 - Miss Bower

This week we have had lovely week, in English we have made our character descriptions for the wicked witch in English and next week we will add this into our story opening. In math's this week we have continued to explore numbers, looking at how many tens and ones are in a number and where they sit on a number line. In PE this week we have been doing gymnastics and we have enjoyed using the equipment to practice our jumping skills. In DT this week we have designed our bag which we are going to make in the coming weeks and in music we have been looking at the dynamics of our piece of music which is "once upon a dream" by Lana Del Rey.

Y2 - Mrs Turvey

Y2 have had a wonderful week of learning. In English we've started writing our stories about The Tear Thief. So far we've completed the opening, build up and problem, next week we'll write the resolution and ending before reading them to others. In maths we've continued to work on money. We've spent most of the week working practically making amounts in different ways before moving on to add amounts. Lots of us chose to continue this learning within the provision and played shops. Next week we'll continue to build on our learning by working out the change. In DT we've started our new textiles unit. We've looked at examples of pouches and where they are used, thought about what we like and dislike about them before designing our own. Next week we are going to start sewing - we're really looking forward to it! In geography we've started looking at position and direction by using a compass. We've looked at north, east, south, west, sung songs and played games to try and help us remember.

Y3 - Miss Wain

This week Year 3 have begun their new multiplication and division topic, using two digit and one digit numbers. In English they have begun to write their character description of their hero. In DT, created their design brief for their Anglo-Saxon feast. They got lots of inspiration from our trip to York! In RE, we re-read the story of Noah and thought about the covenant he made with God. We had seated some of the characters and thought about the covenant Christians make on earth. In Science, the children created food chains to show the nutritional needs of animals.

Y4 - Miss Cave / Mrs Pearson

Year 4 have had a wonderful week and have showed engagement in all of their learning. They have continued writing their report about their new species. These have shown a clear understanding of the features they need to include and have some beautiful description in them. In maths, they have completed their unit on length and perimeter, ready to start their next block on Multiplication and Division. In DT, they have been looking at different examples of embroidery and evaluated them thinking about the users need. In Science, they have looked at a range of circuits and used their prior knowledge to decide whether they would work or not. They then tested out their predictions. In PE, the children have been using the apparatus to jump and land safely, creating a range of shapes within their jump.

Y5 - Mr Terry

Year 5 have created some beautiful writing this week, having made a formal letter of complaint to the police about the pickpocketing crisis in Victorian London. They really embraced the era in their writing including beautifully topical vocabulary from the time whilst maintaining the formality throughout. We have started our new computing unit this week too, focussing on word processing and publishing. The children persevered brilliantly with the skills session and thoroughly enjoyed creating their own slideshows to practice - many carrying on in their own time at home. We also conducted a science investigation which we planned last week about dissolving. A fun practical lesson & nearly all the sugar went into the water!

Y6 - Miss Smith

Year 6 have worked extremely hard this week to produce their own biographies about Nelson Mandela. Next week, they will be beginning to unpick a persuasion piece of writing in preparation of when they write their own to the House of Commons. In Maths, they have moved onto the topic of ratio and wow! What superstars they have been! In RE, they have considered what the Lord's Prayer means in relation to the Kingdom of God. In art, they have recapped why it is important to draw things to the correct scale before they move onto contour lines next week. In science, they have been learning about the heart, including the cloze procedure, after learning about the components of blood. In music, they have considered how different dynamics could be played on the drums. Next week, they are going to consider what secondary sources can tell us about the events of apartheid, as well as the limitations of these.



Y3- Trip to Jorvik 15.1.25

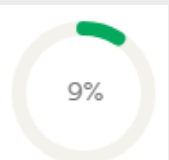


Y1 Gymnastics 13.1.25

#CourageOverComfort

£906 raised

£10K target · 64 donations



Find out much out more on our website
page: [#CourageOverComfort](#)

<https://gofund.me/be54828c>

BAG 2 SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



St. Mary Magdalene C of E Primary School

www.bag2school.com



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS OR BAG 2 SCHOOL BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT)

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!

Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Tuesday 4 February



01609 780 222



www.bag2school.com



helpdesk@bag2school.com