

St Mary's NEWSLETTER

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

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Whole School Christmas Discos 12.12.24



Jesus embodies the love and compassion of God for each person, and Christians are called to follow him in this. In our family, love impels us to:

- put others' needs above our own;
- act with humility and without entitlement;
- empower all our community to flourish and succeed;
- provide a haven of compassion and safety, where children and adults know that they are cherished; and
- support those experiencing suffering and sadness - in our community and beyond

"Let all that you do be done in love." (1 Corinthians 16:14)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to reflect on the vibrant atmosphere that has permeated our school this week. Our Christingle celebration, the lively discos, the heartwarming EYFS nativity, and the melodious Carols on the Playground have all contributed to a truly memorable week!

I am particularly pleased to announce that our Christmas fair was a resounding success, raising £746. Thank you to all the parents and family members who contributed to the organisation of this! This was testament to the generosity and spirit of our school community.

Looking ahead, we have our Christmas Jumper Day next week, coinciding with our Christmas dinner on Thursday (19th). We invite all pupils to wear their festive jumpers and contribute £1 towards our #CourageOverComfort campaign.

On a separate note, I must emphasise the importance of pupil safety. We are unable to provide supervision before 8:45am, including on book look mornings. I kindly request that parents refrain from leaving children at school prior to this time.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Robinson

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

Upcoming Diary Dates:

KS1 Nativity - 16.12.24 2pm & 5pm

Christmas Service (led by Y4) - 18.12.24 (St Mary's Church @1.45pm

Christmas Lunch - 19.12.24

Christmas Jumper Day - 19.12.24

Y4 Spanish Birthday Party - 20.12.24



Y1 Outdoor Learning - 11.12.24



Class Updates

Reception - Mrs Price

We have had an amazing week! I was very proud of all the children this week when they performed the nativity. The children loved having their friends and family come and watch the show and see how hard they have worked. In English, we finished reading the book "Peace at Last." The children were really excited to discover the different places Mr. Bear tried to sleep. We then went for a walk around the school, listening for the various sounds mentioned in the book. The children also engaged in independently acting out the story, creating props during workshops, and collaborating to retell different parts of the narrative. In maths, we have been consolidating what we have learned so far. We looked at 2D shapes, and concepts of more, less, and the same. We have been building our independence in writing number sentences using different games to find number bonds within five.

Y1 - Miss Bower

Year one have had a lovely week, we have been starting to learn about nonchronological reports in our English lessons. We will be writing a report on the King next week using our knowledge from our history lessons to help us with this, this week we have made a mind map with the information we have learnt. In Maths we have been looking at repeating patterns using 2D and 3D shapes, we have been recalling the names of these shapes and their properties. In our topic this week we have continued to look at the different seasons and the points of a compass. We had a great time in our outdoor learning and made some great sculptures thinking about the proportions of what we were making.

Y2 - Mrs Turvey

Y2 have had another busy week! We had our final nativity rehearsals this week and we're excited to show you all on Monday! In English we've finished our letters to the prime minister telling him all about the effects that plastic is having on the ocean and how he can help. Next week we're going to complete a final independent write thinking about how we can help in school. In Maths we've started our unit in shape. We've practised naming and describing the properties of them and finding lines of symmetry. This will continue into next week. Yesterday we enjoyed creating our Christingles. Next week we will complete our final art outcome where we will create a piece of scratch art in the style of Paul Klee's Fish Magic before some Christmas crafting and fun!

Y3 - Miss Wain

This week in Maths the children have been practising their 3 and 4 times table. They have been looking at how we can share into equal groups and group numbers together. In English, they have begun their new piece of writing, a non-chronological report about the Romans. In Computing, the children completed an evaluation for their interactive scene. In RE the children created their own pieces of Trinity artwork to represent the three parts of the Trinity. In Geography, we looked at where volcanoes form and drew our own Pacific Ring of Fire. We thought about what the human and physical effects were of living near an active volcano. On Thursday the children went outdoors to do their Science learning and looked for rock and soil samples. They analysed these to see what the properties of the rocks were and how the soil is made up. We completed our sculptures in Art and will paint them next week. The children had a super time at Veolia- we learnt lots about recycling and the children were very fortunate to have a tour of the facility.

Y4 - Miss Cave / Mrs Pearson

Year 4 have had another busy week. We have been continuing multiplication and division this week, looking at the 6, 9, 7 and 11 times table. We have been continuing our narrative linked to Orphan's of the Tide and the children have enjoyed using drama techniques to explore the characters actions. In art, we have been looking at Spiral patterns in nature and recreating these ready for our final outcome next week. In Spanish, the children have been busy preparing an invitation and food list for our Spanish Birthday Party next week. Next week we will be completing our Maths, English and Art units, the children will be leading the Christmas Service on Wednesday and holding a Spanish Birthday party on Friday.

Y5 - Mr Terry

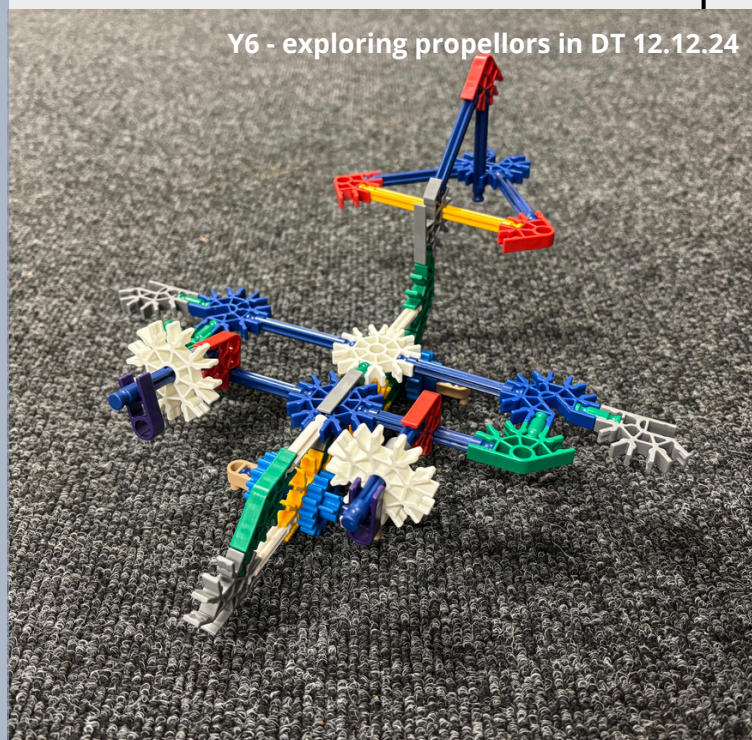
Even though we're getting close to the Christmas break, we're still working hard in Year 5! We are in the middle of writing a newspaper report based on our learning of the abolition of slavery. The children are incredibly engaged in the topic and I'm very much looking forward to the final piece! We continue to plough through fractions in Maths, looking at comparing fractions less than 1 and using stem sentences to remember the rules for comparing them accurately. A standout moment this week for Year 5 has to be our Outdoor Learning session. We spent hours outside exploring the entirety of the school grounds finding evidence of gravity for Science and creating a system for carrying heavy loads like the slaves working on the plantations in Jamaica. The children were in their element and had an incredible time! We're already looking forward to our next session.

Y6 - Miss Smith

Year 6 have had yet another splendid week! In English, they have researched an endangered species that featured on the deadly60 program before planning and beginning to write their own informative article about it. In Maths, they have moved onto multiplying and dividing fractions with problem solving questions. In RE, they have considered how and why people do not care for God's Earth and have given suggestions as how to people could instead. In DT, they have created their own planes using K'Nex. In Computing, they have created a simple, yet effective, switch using the binary system that they have spent the last term learning about. In History, they have considered how and why the breaking of the enigma code was important and the impact it has had on the 21st century. Next week, they are going to continue with their informative articles and their topic of fractions in maths.



Y1 - Creating Christingles for our service 12.12.24

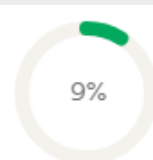


Y6 - exploring propellers in DT 12.12.24

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£906 raised

£10K target · 64 donations



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