

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 - Waiting for the Pantomime to start! 4.12.24



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,

On 12th December, we will be hosting Christingle workshops. We kindly request that you send your child to school with an orange on this day to participate fully in this meaningful activity.

The following day, 11th December, marks our eagerly anticipated Carols on the Playground event. Please collect your children as usual from their classroom doors. If they are participating in the carol singing, kindly bring them to the hall where they will be called up for their performance. While waiting, we invite you to explore the stalls organised by our parent fundraising champions and enjoy the refreshments on offer.

Our House Raffle is underway, and we would greatly appreciate donations in your child's house colour. Your support in this endeavour is invaluable.

The transformation of our school field is progressing well. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the parents who generously volunteered their time last weekend to assist with this project.

Lastly, a reminder about our Friday morning book looks. While we encourage you to review your child's work, please note that school does not commence until 8:45am. Teachers are not responsible for pupils before this time, so kindly ensure your child is not left unattended.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our school community.

Miss Robinson

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

Upcoming Diary Dates:

- EYFS Nativity - 10.12.24 2pm & 5pm
- Y3 Trip to Veolia - 11.12.24
- Carols on the Playground - 11.12.24 3.30pm
- Christingle Workshops - 12.12.24
- Christmas Discos - 12.12.24 6pm - 8.30pm
- KS1 Nativity - 16.12.24 2pm & 5pm
- Christmas Service (led by Y4) - 18.12.24
- Christmas Lunch - 19.12.24
- Y4 Spanish Birthday Party - 20.12.24



Y5 DT - sewing bandanas 6.12.24

Class Updates

Reception - Mrs Price

We had an exciting week in Foundation! We attended a performance of "Aladdin" at the Mansfield Palace Theatre. The children were thrilled to experience their first bus ride together and really enjoyed watching the show. We also held our first dress rehearsal for our nativity play, and the children delighted in performing it for the Year 5 and Year 6 students. In English, we continued to explore our story, "Peace at Last." This week, the children enjoyed taking on the role of Baby Bear and exploring how he feels differently from Mr. Bear. In Maths, we used tens frames to discover various ways to make the numbers four and five. The children are gaining confidence in this area with increasing independence. We also worked on finding one more and one less than a given number, using blocks and number songs to reinforce this concept. The children are very excited to perform their nativity play for all their friends and family next week!

Y1 - Miss Bower

Year one have had a great week, in English this week we have been writing a diary pretending to be the robot from our story, we have made sure to include how he might be feeling at different points of the day. Next week we are going to be using our history work to help us with our English and we will be making a fact file on the king. In maths this week we have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes, we have been using words such as vertices, edges and faces! The children have done well with this, we will continue this next week and start to make different patterns with these shapes. In geography we have been looking at different natural landscapes and what happens to these in different weathers. We all had a fantastic time at the pantomime, the children sat beautifully and really enjoyed Aladdin. We are looking forward to another lovely week next week with lots of Christmas activities after school!

Y2 - Mrs Turvey

Y2 have had another busy week! We've been completing lots of quizzes this week in reading, spelling, spag and maths. We've still got a few to finish next week but we've really enjoyed them and tried hard to do our best! In English we've started a new unit on persuasive writing. We started the week by creating our own imaginary community which included dolphin tunnels, shark caves, coral reefs and scary shipwrecks. Unfortunately, some of our areas had plastic in the ocean. We're going to write a letter to the prime minister to tell him about plastic in the ocean and impact that it is having on animals and try and persuade him to help. Lots of us knew where the prime minister lived and were keen to deliver their own letters! In art we've looked at our focus artist Paul Klee and discussed what we like and dislike about the work. Next week we're going to start creating our own version of the piece of art. In Maths we've been practising addition and subtraction with bridging and exchanging. Next week we are going to move on to our final unit before Christmas, which is shape.

Y3 - Miss Wain

This week, the children have completed Maths, English and Reading assessments. They have tried incredibly hard! In Computing, they have completed their interactive scenes and will evaluate these next week. In Art, the children explored texture and used a range of tools to experiment with different types. In RE, the children compared the bible texts we have studied and thought about the similarities and differences and their links to prayer and baptism. In Geography, the children used an atlas to write down the different countries in Europe and where these are on a map. In Science, the children made their own rocks and thought about how these are formed in everyday life.

Y4 - Miss Cave / Mrs Pearson

This week in Year 4 has been assessment week. The children have worked extremely hard with their test papers, they should be really proud of themselves. They had a wonderful time at the Pantomime and are becoming very excited for Christmas now! We have managed to fit in other subjects too and have started our coding unit in Computing, looked at a time line of the War of the Roses in History and started our English plan for our chapter of Orphan's of the tide. We have also started rehearsals for our Christmas Service.

Y5 - Mr Terry

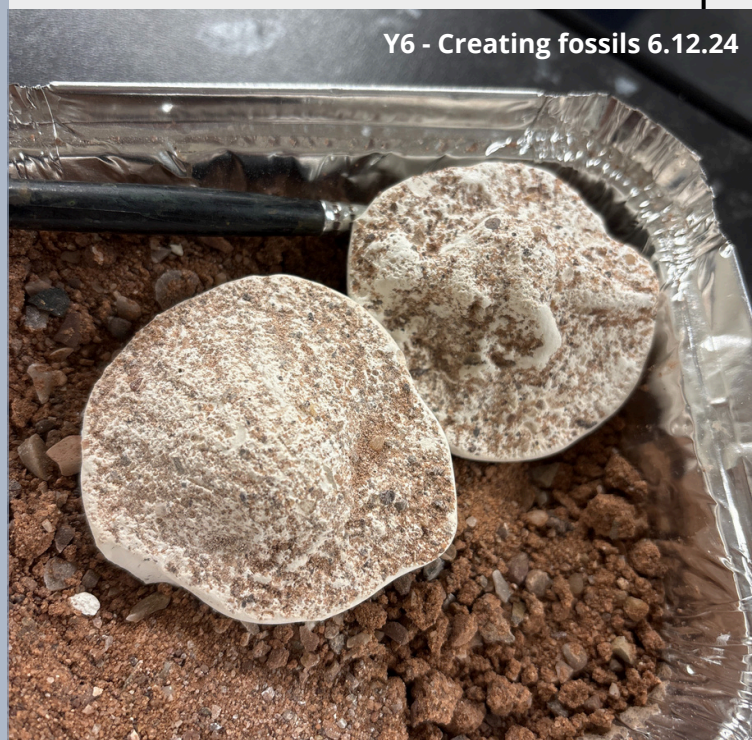
Its Assessment Week and Year 5 have really stepped up to the mark. We have covered all of our core subjects of Grammar and Spelling, Maths and Reading and the perseverance they have all shown has been commendable, so well done to each and every one of them. It's not just been test, test, test though! Our DT unit with the Jamaican Bandanas has really stepped up a gear with the use of sewing machines. They have also tested our patience with re-threading and keeping a straight hem, but we have certainly found some budding sewers in the class! We have also been practicing hard for our Carols on the Playground service next week where hopefully we will have an extra surprise in store for all who watch our performance!

Y6 - Miss Smith

Year 6 have worked extremely hard this week to complete their first mock SATs. They have all worked extremely hard and it has all paid off. In Maths, they have been learning how to add and subtract complex fractions before moving onto mixed numbers next week. In DT, they have begun to create their planes in small groups using k'nex. This is something they will finalise over the coming weeks. In English, they have watched a documentary about the endangered species that walk our planet. In RE, they have considered how some working professionals would show their beliefs about God being the creator in relation to Psalm 8. In Spanish, they have begun to create their own tourist information leaflets using all of the vocabulary they have learnt so far. In Science, they have continued to work on the fossils they have made by document. Next week, they will move onto the second part of their fractions topic and use an exemplification material in English to form their own success criteria.



Y2 - Creating an underwater imaginary community
2.12.24

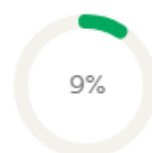


Y6 - Creating fossils 6.12.24

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