

St Mary's

# NEWSLETTER

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

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Y2 - enjoying the snow 19.11.24



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,

As we approach the festive season, I am delighted to share with you some very Christmassy events that have enriched our school life recently.

Tuesday's snowfall brought unexpected joy, as our pupils revelled in the winter wonderland that our grounds had become. Their laughter and excitement were lovely to hear - I think they thoroughly enjoyed themselves!

Our Year 2 pupils embarked on a journey to 'The Deep', immersing themselves in an underwater world of wonder and discovery. Such experiences are invaluable in nurturing curiosity and expanding horizons.

I must commend our school choir for their stellar performance at the Sutton Christmas Lights Switch On. Their beautiful voices not only showcased their talent but also represented our school with distinction in the wider community.

Looking ahead, I invite you to join us for an exhilarating event next Thursday. Our parents vs staff Spin Challenge promises to be a spirited affair, with two rounds scheduled from 8.30-10am and 2-3.15pm. Your presence, encouragement, and sponsorship would be greatly appreciated as we pedal in support of the #CourageOverComfort Campaign.

Have a lovely weekend everyone!  
**Miss Robinson**

Y	Attendance %
R	87
1	92.4
2	91.5
3	93.5
4	94.1
5	90.4
6	85.8
WS	90.7

### Upcoming Diary Dates:

- Y1 - Sculptor in Residence Day - 29.11.24
- KS1 Dodgeball Competition - 3.12.24
- Whole School Panto Trip - 4.12.24
- 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



Y6 - Enjoying the snow 19.11.24

# Class Updates

## Reception - Mrs Price

This week in English, we have continued to use non-fiction texts to research owls. We have learned where owls live, what baby owls are called, and we have been on the hunt for interesting facts about them. Next week, we will finish our writing and present our findings to Miss Smith. The children are very excited to convince her about how amazing owls are! In math class, we have been exploring 2D shapes, focusing on triangles and circles. We learned that triangles have three straight sides and three corners, while circles have one curved side. During our outdoor learning session, the children went on a shape hunt to find circles and triangles outside. They had a great time drawing the shapes in the snow! In music, we have been practicing our nativity song. The children are very excited to perform the nativity very soon.

## Y1 - Miss Bower

We have had a great week, we started off the week with another session of imaginary communities where we used drama to explore our class story. In English we have been finishing off our retelling of the story by changing the ending. Year one have had some fantastic ideas for different endings. Next week we will be starting to write a recount pretending to be the bluebird from the story, recounting the journey from meeting the robot to travelling to the south. In Maths this week we have been continuing to look at subtraction and taking away, we have started to use a number line to do this and we will be continuing with this next week to deepen our understanding. In History we have been looking at what happens during a term as a prime minister and what decisions they have to make, in Science we have been looking at the different seasons and the weather we can expect in these seasons, the snow helped us with this! In RE this week we have been learning how Christians get ready for Christmas and what the different colours of the church are for the children loved getting dressed up and learning about the Christian traditions.

## Y2 - Mrs Turvey

Y2 have had a fantastic week! The highlight of the week was the trip to The Deep on Wednesday where we saw: turtles, penguins, sharks, stingrays, and lots more! In English we created a map to recount our day which will help us to write a recount next week. In Maths we've been adding two two digit numbers using base ten to add the tens and the ones, we're getting really good at this and will practise again next week! In Geography we've learnt the names of the continents and oceans and located these on a map, the songs help us remember the size order of the continents. In art we practised making tertiary colours by colour mixing, we found this quite tricky and messy! Another highlight of the week included lots of snow, we enjoyed making snow angels, having snowball fights, and making snowmen. After we'd had lots of fun we came inside and enjoyed warming up with a hot chocolate.

## Y3 - Miss Wain

This week the children have completed their unit on addition and subtraction and are going to be moving onto multiplication and division next week. In English, we have written our 'see' paragraph for our alternative character description and the children have been incredibly creative! In Computing, the children continued to create their interactive scene using the coding they knew. In RE, they looked at the rituals Christians follow in adult and child baptism. In Art, the children looked at proportion and how we can apply this to our own shapes. In Science, the children created their own rock types and looked for the features to classify. In P4C, we looked at consent and read the story, Voices in the Park. We thought about the importance of consent and how we can gain or refuse this. In History, we created timelines to show the events that happened in the Roman era.

## Y4 - Miss Cave / Mrs Pearson

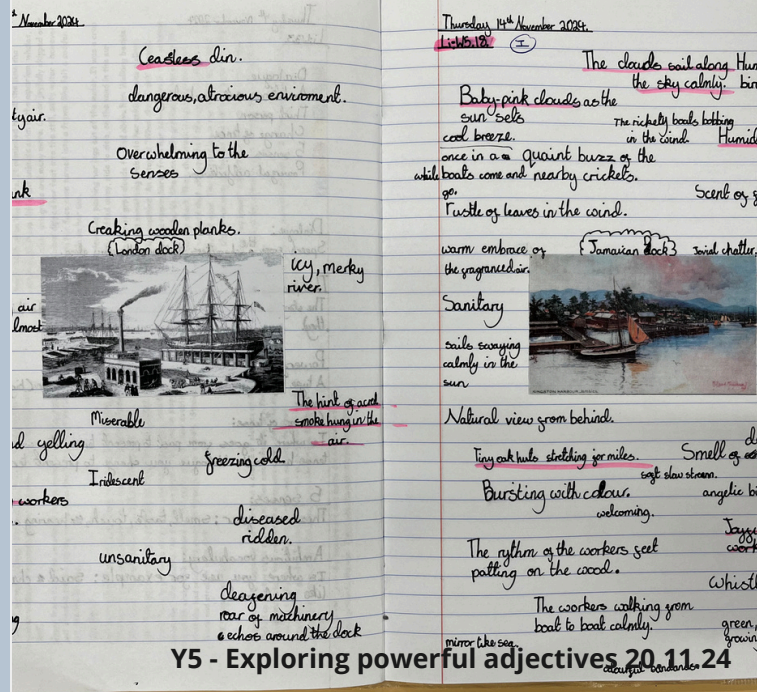
Year 4 have been exploring our novel 'Orphans of the Tide' and using drama techniques to explore the characters and setting ready to start our narrative writing next week. In Maths, we have been practising our times table and challenging each other on TT Rockstars. In Art, we have looked at shape and tone using water colours and sketching pencils. In Geography, we have investigated the different types of flooding and the impact that it has on communities. Next week we will start our History unit, looking at the War of the Roses and its impact. We will write a narrative in English and continue our unit of Multiplication and Division in Maths.

## Y5 - Mr Terry

In Year 5, our core text, Freedom, has created some beautiful grammar work in our English lessons. We have put a lot of work into thinking about powerful adjectives to describe the docks in Jamaica and London in 1783. The vocabulary the children have been using has been stunning and we're really looking forward to starting our writing. We have now finished our current unit in Maths and begin Fractions next week - something the whole class are a little apprehensive about, but I know they'll smash it when it comes to learning! Our wider curriculum remains exciting too with water resistance in Science and planned investigations. We have further explored the design brief in DT too, looking at which materials are best suited for our Bandanas that we will be sewing over the next few weeks.

## Y6 - Miss Smith

Year 6 have had such a fantastic week. In English they have written an informal letter in the role of William Beech which they could send to his mother. In Maths they have worked on their knowledge of the order of operations to solve various mathematical problems. In DT they have conducted research into various WW2 planes and how they could be remade using k'nex. In RSE they have explored the concept of safety and have linked this to WW2. In science they have learnt about how the human body and different animals have evolved over time and why. Next week they are going to write a formal letter in the role of Zacharius Wrench to send to his mother. In Maths they are going to be moving onto the topic of fractions.



Y5 - Exploring powerful adjectives 20.11.24



Y1 - Nativity Preparations 20.11.24

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