

St Mary's NEWSLETTER

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

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Reception - enjoying a walk in Brierley Forest 7.11.24



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,

Welcome back! I am delighted to share with you the vibrant tapestry of experiences and achievements that continue to enrich our school life.

Our pupils have already been out on a range of educational visits, with Y4 exploring Trent Lock and Y6 delving into the historical significance of Bletchley Park. These trips not only complement our curriculum but also foster a deeper understanding of our world and its history.

In addition, I am proud to announce that some of our senior Worship Leaders represented our school at the diocese 'Pupil Leaders of Worship' Conference, further developing their leadership skills and spiritual growth.

We are making strides in our Class Fundraising Champions initiative: Y6 and Y2 now have parent volunteers - thank you! However, we still seek volunteers for other classes. Your involvement in this role would be invaluable in supporting our school community.

This term, we are focusing on the value of love. This fundamental principle will be celebrated and reinforced in all our Gold Award worships, encouraging our pupils to embody this virtue in their daily lives.

As always, I am grateful for your continued support and engagement in our school's journey.

Best Wishes
Miss Robinson

YG	Attendance
R	91.85
Y1	94.68
Y2	95.36
Y3	96.77
Y4	90.33
Y5	94.83
Y6	97.05
WS	94.41

Upcoming Diary Dates:

- Y3 Trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park - 13.11.24
- KS1 Athletics Competition - 14.11.24
- Y2 Trip to 'The Deep' - 20.11.24
- Y3/4 Athletics - 21.11.24
- 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



Y5 - Enjoying their book club session in the library 8.11.24

Class Updates

Reception - Mrs Price

In English, we have been learning about owls. We have an important task: to write a non-fiction text that persuades Miss Smith of the significance of owls. We began by creating a list of what we already know about them. Next, we discussed what we would like to learn and compiled a list of questions. We talked about how we could conduct research to find the new information needed to answer our questions. We explored non-fiction books and examined their key features. In maths, we have focused on numbers 1, 2 and 3. We have practiced finding objects that represent these numbers. The children enjoyed going on a number hunt within the classroom looking for different objects. We have also practiced subitising when looking at the representations. Then during our outdoor learning we went on a number hunt and collected lots of different resources to use in the classroom. We also had wonderful time at Brierley Forest. The children enjoyed walking through the forest, and we then had an amazing time in the park. We especially enjoyed jumping in all the puddles

Y1 - Miss Bower

Y1 have had a fantastic first week back, they have loved learning in our remodelled outdoor area, we have built some fantastic dens, rode motor bikes, and even rolled inside the tyres. In English this week we had an unexpected visit from a robot, we shared ideas on why he might be here, where he might have come from and if he had any friends anywhere else. We then read our new story "The Robot and the Bluebird." In maths this week we have been using the part whole model again, but instead of adding the two parts together to find the whole, we challenged ourselves to find a part using our takeaway skills. In history this week we learnt about Remembrance Day and discovered the different historical sources we could use to find out more. We practised our running in PE and tried to improve our technique to help us run even faster. Next week we will be starting to write our narrative using our plan, we will continue to use the part whole model in maths, and we will be creating a weather diary in science to decide the right clothing for this season.

Y2 - Mrs Turvey

Y2 have had a great first week back. In English we've started looking at our new text 'Flotsam' we've made predictions, looked at lots of underwater pictures and watched videos about the effect that plastic is having in the ocean. We've enjoyed having water and sea creatures in our small world area. In Maths we're continuing with our unit on addition and subtraction. This week we've been adding and subtracting three one-digit numbers. Next week we're going to start using base 10 to support us with adding larger numbers and bridging 10. In art we've started our new unit by recapping line from Y1. We've practised drawing straight, wavy and scribble lines and next week we'll look at our new lines for Y2. In science we explored different materials, feeling them and using adjectives to describe how they feel. We've enjoyed being in our outdoor area where we've had a new art area to complete nature art, small world area and some new construction items.

Y3 - Miss Wain

This week the children have continued to look at addition and subtraction and have been using the column method to subtract across a ten. In English, we have begun our new class novel; The Iron Woman. We have started planning an alternative setting description. We thought about what the book might be about and did some drama to create freeze frames. In Computing, the children attempted to debug software to make the code work. In History, we looked at a range of primary and secondary sources and then categorised a range of sources from the roman era. In RE we learnt the difference between a gospel and a letter and in Art, we learnt how to use the stippling technique to create visual features.

Y4 - Miss Cave

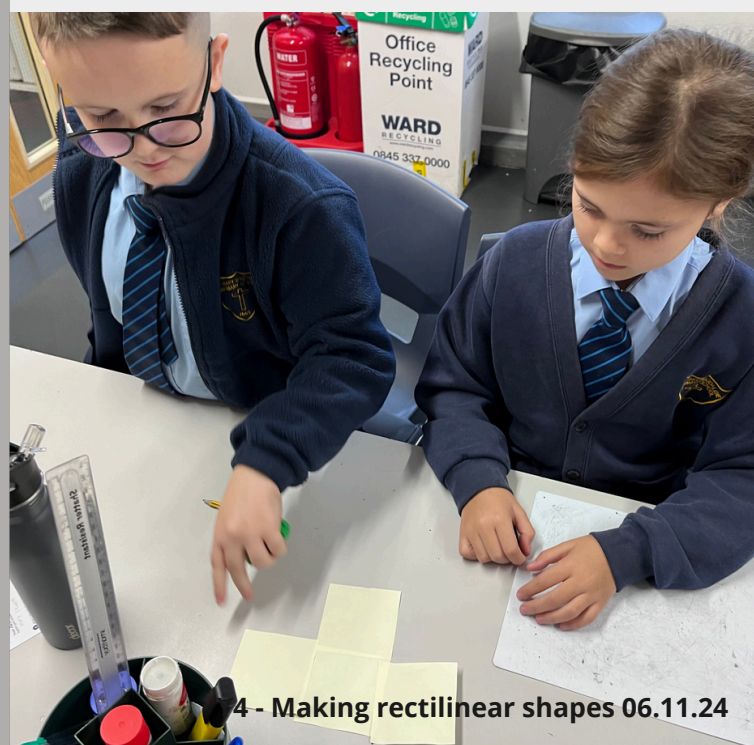
Year 4 have had a really busy first week back and have been working so hard! They kicked the week off by learning all about the features of an explanation text. They analysed examples of different explanation texts and found all the relevant features. In Maths, they have started to learn about what is meant by area. In their practical session, they used sticky notes to create different rectilinear shapes. They soon realised that different shapes could have the exact same area! In Geography, the children recapped some of their learning from Y3 on volcanoes and created a double page spread showcasing their learning. Then they attended a trip to Trent Lock as a hook into their new learning about rivers/flooding. The children learnt all about the parts of a river, settlements around rivers and the differences between rivers and canals. The children absolutely loved this trip. They asked so many relevant questions and really made the most of their learning!

Y5 - Mr Terry

What a week! No messing around in Year 5, we have dived straight into multiplication and division, looking at vocabulary linked to the topic such as factors and multiples. In English, we have started our new text, Freedom by Catherine Johnson. This text has already challenged our thinking, focusing on the theme of slavery. The children have been very thoughtful and reflective so far. We also enjoyed our Book Club session this week where the children explored all that is on offer in our library. They were writing book reviews for their favourite reads and exploring our topic box with texts related to our Science and DT units.

Y6 - Miss Smith

Year 6 have had a wonderful start. They have written a persuasive leaflet all about evacuation as part of their independent write. In maths, they have moved on from short division to long division. This is an extremely tricky concept to understand, and they did absolutely fantastically at it! In DT they have been researching into the different types of planes that were used during WW2 to identify why they were appropriate in comparison to horses and tanks. This linked in nicely when they went to Bletchley Park to learn all about the Enigma Code that was used during the war. In computing they have evaluated their own pieces of code by identifying what was tricky, what they found easy and what would do next time and why. In science they have looked at what adaptation is, including the three different types and why animals could adapt to their environment. Next week, they will begin practising the skills they need to write two letters in different roles.



4 - Making rectilinear shapes 06.11.24



Y2 - Using their new nature art area 7.11.24

#CourageOverComfort

1. So far, we have raised £196.94. We're aiming for a huge £10,000 and plan to run events all year.
2. Staff are joining in - you can see some of their planned events below and on the next page.
3. We now have class champions for 2 classes: Y6 and Y2. We still need volunteers for each class - could you help?

Current/Upcoming Fundraisers and sponsored Events

- Mrs Turvey, Mr Gibbons and Miss Robinson - Derby 10 Mile Race
- Full Staff Event - Spinathon (possibly staff vs parents!)

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



#CourageOverComfort Challenge Roadmap

Fundraising Timeline

March - April

- Mrs Price - 6 Hour Zumbathon
- Mrs Churchman - 10 Mile Hike - Cleveland Way
- Mrs Harding - Sherwood Pines 10K
- Children - Easter Disco
- Children - Chocolate Hamper Raffle
- Children - Easter Egg Hunt
- Class Competition - Smartie Challenge
- Mrs Pearson - Dronfield 10k

May - June

- Mrs Dickens - 13,000 steps/day in May
- Mr Terry - Bungee Jump
- Mrs Hallam - Diving with Sharks!
- Children - Fun Run
- House Challenge - Penalty Shoot Out
- Children - Fancy Dress Day

Nov - Dec

- Mrs Turvey, Mr Gibbons and Miss Robinson - Derby 10 Mile Race
- Full Staff Event - Spinathon (possibly staff vs parents!)
- Miss Hubble - Bungee Jump
- House Challenge - Hamper Raffle
- Class Challenge - Christmas Jumper Day
- Children - Christmas Disco

July - Aug

- Children and Families - Family Picnic
- Families - Car Boot Sale
- Class Challenge - 1 Million Steps in a Week
- Mrs Rabbani - Couch to 5K
- Mr Ward - Refurbishing a Morris Minor (full year challenge)

Sept-Oct

- Children - Design a T-Shirt for staff challenge events
- Mrs Harrison & Mrs Greatorex - 500,000 Step Month
- Mrs Padley, Mrs Curley & Miss Hubble - Mam Tor Hike
- Miss Wain - 62 Mile Month Walking Challenge
- Miss Caress - Couch to 5K
- Mrs Enever - Vegas 'Triathlon'

Jan - Feb

- Miss Cave and Miss Bower - Swimming 1 mile/day
- Miss Smith - Couch to 5K
- Families - Quiz/Bingo Night
- House Challenge Children - Sponsored Pancake Flipping
- Mrs Enever - Rowing the 'English Channel'

JUNIOR HOCKEY

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- LEARN NEW SKILLS



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SUNDAY MORNINGS SEPT-JUNE

£30 PER YEAR MEMBERSHIP

NO WEEKLY FEES



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10AM - 11.30AM (MINI'S FINISH 11.00AM)

KINGSWAY PARK HODGKINSON ROAD KIRKBY IN ASHFIELD



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