

# St Mary's NEWSLETTER

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

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Y5 - Delivering our Harvest Service 10.10.24



We are called to create an environment where both children and staff aspire to be, and give, their best. Everyone is emboldened to take risks, overcome challenges and be courageous in their efforts to achieve their potential. Leaders make bold curriculum choices that enable children to:

- gain knowledge, skills and experiences to navigate life in an evolving world; and
- develop characteristics such as self-belief, ambition, and resilience to overcome life's challenges.

**"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you." (Joshua 1:9)**

## Dear Parents and Carers,

As we progress through this autumn term, I am delighted to share with you some recent highlights and important notices. Firstly, I extend my sincere gratitude to all who participated in our Communication survey. Your input is invaluable, and I will be addressing the outcomes in a separate communication.

Our school continues to shine in various arenas. Yesterday, our Year 5/6 pupils demonstrated remarkable skill and teamwork, securing a victory in their football match. Their dedication and sportsmanship are truly commendable. Additionally, we witnessed a splendid Harvest service, expertly led by our Year 5 pupils under Mr Terry's guidance. Our heartfelt thanks go to St Mary's church for their unwavering support in this celebration.

Looking ahead, I remind you of the upcoming Colour Run on Tuesday, 15th. We are still in need of volunteers to assist with morning setup. If you are able to lend a hand, please inform the office. All the arrangements will be as per the information sent out for the original date.

Finally, a gentle reminder regarding pupil safety: parents are responsible for their children until 8:45 am when school officially begins. We kindly ask that children are not left unsupervised on school grounds before this time. Thank you for your continued support and engagement in our school community.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Best Wishes  
**Miss Robinson**

YG	Attendance
R	92.64
Y1	94.87
Y2	97.69
Y3	96.54
Y4	95.52
Y5	97.9
Y6	94.56
WS	95.77

## Upcoming Diary Dates:

- Colour Run #CourageOver Comfort - 15.10.24
- Whole School Flu Nasal Spray - 18.10.24
- Y6 Trip to Bletchley Park - 6.11.24
- Y4 Trip to Trent Lock - 7.11.24
- Individual Photographs - 8.11.24
- 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
- EYFS Nativity - 10.12.24 2pm & 5pm
- KS1 Nativity - 16.12.24 2pm & 5pm



Y4 -Debating if King John should have signed the Magna Carta 9.10.24

# Class Updates

## Reception - Mrs Price

In English this week, we continued to help Sarah, Percy, and Bill find Mummy Owl. The children wrote letters, posters, and even made leaflets to raise awareness that Mummy Owl is still lost. In Maths, we created different repeating patterns. We started by exploring AB patterns using items like cup, spoon, cup, spoon... We also looked at AAB and ABB patterns throughout the week. Additionally, we had our first trip to the church where we all enjoyed the Y5 Harvest service and singing our favorite song "Be Bold, Be Strong." The children have also worked extremely hard during their independent learning time this week. We have seen wonderful creations such as rockets made out of crates and tyres, underwater worlds in the water area, dinosaur kingdoms in the small world areas, and lots of wonderful painting and drawing. The children are really challenging themselves this week to try something new!

## Y1 - Miss Bower

We have had a lovely week. In English we have been writing our plan for our narrative, we will be retelling the story of Gollum but we will be changing the animal to something else! The children have all chosen their own animals to change this story so hopefully they will all be different. Next week, we will be writing our own versions. In Maths this week we have been learning about the part whole model; we played lots of games to help us find the different parts and counted them to check if they made the whole. Next week we will be learning number bonds to 20. We have been classifying animals in Science this week, using the characteristics we already know about. In Art we have been continuing to look at one-line drawings and then expressing how these make us feel. We are looking forward to another exciting week next week where we will finish off with a Science experiment!

## Y2 - Mrs Turvey

Another brilliant week in Y2. In English we've been writing our own stories linked to Little Red. We've had some fantastic sentence openers and use of subordination. Next week we'll write the resolution and ending where we'll change the ending of the story that we've been reading. In Maths we've moved on to addition and subtraction we've been looking at related number facts using number bonds to 10 and finding missing numbers. In History we've looked at the different periods within the Stone Age and started making information booklets to share all our new knowledge. In Science we've been looking at exercise and the effects that it has on the body. In PE we've been playing mini handball games with our new throwing skills! Next week we're looking forward to the colour run and crossing our fingers for nice weather!

## Y3 - Miss Wain

This week the children have continued to look at addition and subtraction and adding 1 and 10 across a hundred number. In English, the children have completed their character description of the Iron Man and will be editing and publishing this next week. We will then complete an independent write about the 'Space-Bat-Angel-Dragon' - we haven't seen him yet, but he sure does sound scary! In RE, we looked at how we can show love in the world and how Christians follow this teaching in their daily life. In Geography, we looked at the position of Australia in the world and how this continent is made up. Next week, we will complete the maps we began and go on a walk to Lammas. In Music, we have been looking at the timbre of instruments and have started to compose our own piece based on our focus piece of music. In Computing, the children had another go at creating their flow chart with great success and added timers to delay or speed up their characters! We have almost finished completing our catapults, we made sure they were well camouflaged and will evaluate them next week.

## Y4 - Miss Cave

Year 4 have been busy bees this week and have worked super hard! They have finished and published their narrative flashbacks, voice recorded their newspaper reports and started to think about writing their independent write next week! In Maths, they have been working on addition and subtraction. For a practical session, they practised drawing their own place value grids and using the formal written method on the table! They absolutely loved this different way of working. In History, they took part in a debate about whether King John should've signed the Magna Carta or not. The verdict was that he absolutely should have as the children knew that he wasn't a particularly nice king! Next week, they will be thinking about the impact the Magna Carta has on us today.

## Y5 - Mr Terry

Year 5 had had an amazing week this week - albeit very, very busy! Our Harvest Service is something we are particularly proud of! The children worked incredibly hard in rehearsals all week and it came together beautifully in church in front of the rest of the school and our parents. I'm incredibly proud of each and every one of them, they did a fantastic job! Amongst rehearsals we have continued to work hard. The children have been working on a diary entry from our text The Viewer. As usual, the writing has been beautifully creative and they have focused well on the key features of the text and our success criteria. They will be a lovely piece of published work!

## Y6 - Miss Smith

Year 6 have had yet another busy week. In English, they have written the first half of their persuasive leaflets all about the dig for victory campaign. They have used some excellent vocabulary to do this. In Maths, they have moved onto long multiplication. They have found this quite tricky but with lots of repetition they are starting to get the hang of it and will master it next week, I'm sure! In Science, they have continued with their classification of living things by justifying their reasonings for doing something. They have also learnt about the different types of microorganisms and where these could be found. In RE, they have learnt about the Sacrament of Confession and have considered why this is important to Christians today. In Geography, they have created their own maps of the local secondary schools which they will use next week. Next week, they are going to be making a 2-course meal inspired by the war time and will evaluate this after carrying out a survey. Additionally, they will be finishing their persuasive leaflets.



Y2's Stone Age Village - 3.10.24



Y6 - Classifying living things 10.10.24

## Please help us to pray...

Dear Lord,

Help us to demonstrate kindness everywhere we go. Remind us to share smiles, share friendship, and spread kindness today and always.

Amen

