

# St Mary's NEWS LETTER

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Y4 - spiritual discussions on retreat at St Mary's Church 9.7.24

*Forgiveness*

Faults, flaws, and mistakes are an unavoidable part of human life. Though Jesus preached the importance of repentance, even in moments of great personal torture, he prayed for forgiveness for his tormentors. Therefore, in our family, we seek to:

- hold ourselves and others accountable for our/their actions;
- have a robust approach to dealing with situations when things go wrong;
- repent when we fall short of our own and others' expectations; and
- forgive others for their indiscretions.

**"If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him." (Luke 17:3)**

## Dear Parents/Carers

### Retreats

This week, all classes have visited St Mary's Church for a spiritual retreat. They took part in a range of activities such as meditation, singing, planting, crafts and games. There were opportunities to consider 'big questions' and to reflect on their year in school. The week has been a huge success and we plan to do this again next year. A huge thank you to Kitty and all the volunteers from church that made this week happen. If you came along, a big thank you! We cannot undertake such trips 'en masse' without an army of parent volunteers!

### Leavers Service

We will be asking for parent volunteers to walk to church with us for the leavers service on Thursday 25 July. Last year, we had to relocate this event to school as we did not have enough adults to be in ratio to walk the whole school down. If you are free on this date and able to help, please let your child's class teacher know.

### Monday 15th July

Some parents have asked if we will be opening later on Monday following the football final. We will be open and expect children at the usual time of 8.45am. It is the children's first transition day and will be a key time for them to make relationships with their new class teacher. I hope that all parents support this.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

**Best Wishes,  
Miss Robinson**

YG	Attendance %	Difference to National
R	95.6	-0.1
1	96.3	+1.9
2	93.1	-1.5
3	96.0	+1.3
4	94.5	-0.3
5	87.3	-7.1
6	88.7	-5.1

## Upcoming Diary Dates:

- Whole School Transition Days: 15.7.24 & 22.7.24
- Y5/6 Matinee Performance: 18.7.24, 2pm
- St Mary's Church Summer Fayre: 20.7.24
- Y5/6 Evening Performance: 22.7.24, 5pm
- Whole School Family Picnic Afternoon: 23.7.24
- Y6 Leavers Service at St Mary's Church 25.7.24 1.45pm



Y6 - in awe at Southwell Minster 11.7.24

# Class Updates

## Reception - Mrs Price

This week in English, we have been writing our own stories. The children used their individual story maps to write the beginning of their stories, they were very excited to share and bring their new stories to life. In maths, we have been consolidating comparing amounts, height, and length. The children have been independently exploring these concepts during their independent learning time as well. We had a great time at church on Thursday, where we sang songs, played games, and even went on a hunt around the church. During our outdoor learning this week, we continued to take care of the world by watering plants, cleaning areas, and taking care of the wildlife. Next week, we are very excited to take part in an obstacle course that we have planned and designed as a class!

## Y1 - Miss Cave

Year 1 have had another busy week! We have been writing evaluations for our home grown produce vs shop bought produce. We thought about which we preferred using key vocabulary to evaluate food such as tasty, crunchy, soft and refreshing. In English, we have been writing our instructions based on how to plant a broad bean. We have been using time words such as first, next, after that and finally alongside imperative verbs such as place, cover and water! In maths, we have started our unit on time and have been thinking about days of the week and months of the year. Next week, we will learn to tell the time to the hour and half past the hour. In Science, we are thinking about the properties of materials and building houses for the Three Little Pigs. We have been using key vocabulary such as strong, hard and tough. We have also been to the Church this week for our retreat. We absolutely loved all the spiritual activities and finding time to reflect and connect with others and nature.

## Y2 - Mrs Turvey

What a busy week we've had! We've been completing our cars in DT. We've made the chassis and we've been busy adding other parts to our cars making them look as close as possible to our designs. Some of us have managed windscreens, exhausts, windows, doors, seats and steering wheels! We've really enjoyed doing this! In English we've been writing our own myths. So far, we've done the opening, build up and problem. Next week we'll write the resolution and ending before publishing our myths in our best writing! In Maths we've been consolidating our learning from the year we've been practising place value this week and practising for Y3 maths. In PE we've practised our batting and bowling techniques. We'll use these techniques to play mini games next week. On Wednesday we had a lovely day at our church retreat. We enjoyed playing games, meditating, crafts and lots of singing!

## Y3 - Miss Wain

This week the children have been looking at horizontal and vertical lines within shapes and lines of symmetry. In English, the children have begun their informative articles about the Battle of Hastings. In Science, the children set up their experiment to test how a seed will grow in different materials; we are testing soil, water, sand and cotton wool. In Music, the children began to compose their own piece of music related to a season of their choice, linking to our focus piece Vivaldi's Four Seasons. In Computing, the children completed their evaluations for their final graphing unit of work. The children also had a fantastic time at their retreat on Tuesday and loved participating in each activity!

## Y4 - Miss Smith

Year 4 have had a lovely week. In English, they have planned and written part of a biography about Carl Linnaeus which they will finish off next week. In Maths, they have moved onto the topic of 'position and direction' which I must say, they are doing extremely well in! In Science, they have recapped the classification system to support them when including this in their biographies. In RE, they have considered where they would like to go on a spiritual journey and why. In Computing, they have begun to create a plan for their own database on a topic of their choosing. Additionally, they had the most wonderful time at Church on retreat! Next week, they will be going on a walk to Lammas to use their geographical skills.

## Y5 - Mrs Driver

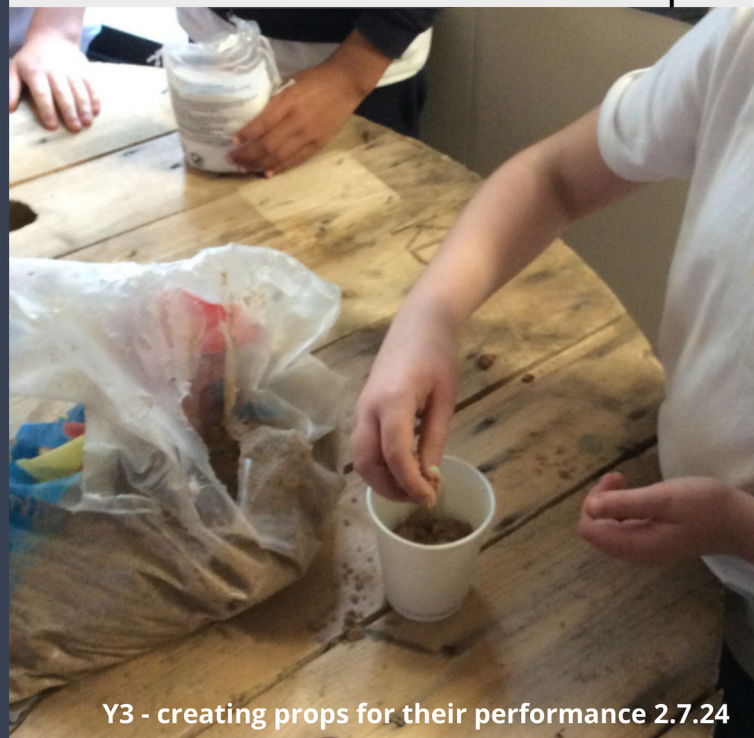
This week Year 5 started the week with our retreat at St Mary's church, which was a brilliant day. In English, we have been writing our balanced arguments. We are enjoying writing these. In Maths, we have started to learn about volume and completed some practical activities for this. For P4C, we discussed the types of bullying, including online, and how it can be dealt with. On Friday, we went on our trip to Sherwood Pines, where we dressed up in helmets and marched to the trenches to act out what life was like during WW1. We also had fun doing orienteering during the afternoon.

## Y6 - Mrs Pearson

Year 6 have had a lovely week. It began with a Spiritual Retreat at St Mary's Church and ended with a special transition day at Southwell Minster which the children thoroughly enjoyed. In between all that we have continued our History topic on Post-War Berlin and looked at the relations between the East and the West, we are going to explore the impact of the Berlin Wall. We have been busy with our preparations for our end of year production of Cinderella and Rockerfella, the children will make you so proud when you come to watch their performance. Next week we will be beginning our DT upcycling project and putting our final touches to the production ready for the first performance on Thursday 18th July.



Y2 - proud of their lavender planting whilst on retreat 10.7.24



Y3 - creating props for their performance 2.7.24

## Please help us to pray...

Dear heavenly father, praise you for the blessings you have given us this day. Please forgive our sins, watch over and protect us, heal us and keep us safe, help us to grow closer to you.

Amen

