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Issue #2



# NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents, Carers, and Pupils,

It has been another lovely week at St Mary's! It has been a joy to see the Foundation children start their journey with us this week and to welcome them into the St Mary family. They have settled in wonderfully with the love and support of Mrs Price and Miss Murfitt. We started the week with a Year 1 to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park, where they had a wonderful day, and there are even more trips booked in for next week.

## Pupil Leadership

The applications are coming in thick and fast which is lovely to see. There is still time for your child to apply for the wide range of leadership roles on offer: Worship Leaders, Senior Worship Leaders (Year 6 only), School Council and Reading Ambassadors. Can all applications please be handed in by Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

## New Beginnings

As we enter the new school year we will be saying goodbye to our Business Manager, Mrs Enever. Excitingly, Mrs Enever has a new job opportunity with the Police, unluckily for us it means we will be saying goodbye at the end of September. There is an advertisement out on our website and NCC website for a Officer Manager - please spread the word!

Warmest wishes,

*S Pearson*

Mrs Pearson

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

w.c. 15.09.25 - Enrichment Clubs begin  
15.09.25 - Y5 trip to the Space Centre  
25.09.25 - Y5 trip to Southwell Workhouse  
06.10.25 - OPAL Big Build afternoon  
09.10.25 - Harvest Festival @ 1:15 (Y5 leading)  
17.10.25 - Last day of Autumn 1  
03.11.25 - Beginning of Autumn 2



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.

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**Our Vision:** In our family, we have the courage to embody Jesus' love for us. We put others' needs above our own. We act with integrity and respect. And when others fall short of our expectations, we support them to atone and extend our forgiveness. In doing this, we prepare children to live life in all its fullness: its joys and celebrations, its sorrows and struggles.

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## YR - Mrs Price

The first week of school has been amazing! We've had a great time exploring our classroom and learning all about school life. We've had lots of fun choosing our learning within the classroom. We have especially enjoyed using the outdoor water area and experimenting with the pipes to see how the water can travel. The children have also enjoyed the home corner making food for their friends and having lots of wonderful conversations.

In English, we have been reading different stories to help us settle into school, such as "It's Great to Be Kind" and "The Colour Monster". The children have enjoyed learning about different emotions and sharing their own experiences of when they felt different emotions. During our topic time, we worked together to come up with our class rules, which are using kind hands, using kind words, taking care of the classroom, listening, and always showing our school values.

## Year 1 - Miss Bower

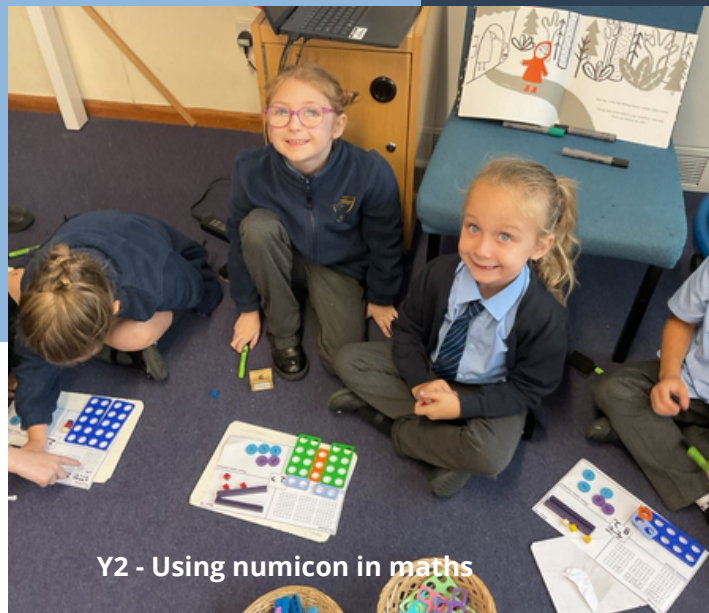
Year one have had a lovely week this week, we have been practising our sentence skills by writing sentences about the holidays, we have been focusing on using our capital letter, full stops and finger spaces. In maths we have been practising our counting, we are getting really good at counting past 20 now. On Wednesday we went to Yorkshire wildlife park and had a lovely day, we saw lots of different animals, learnt how we can classify animals and even got to hold some of them! We had a lovely day even though we did have to walk lots. We have had some lovely creation in continuous provision including some pillows where we had to use a running stitch. Our music focus this half term in the carnival of the animals and we have been trying to guess which animal the composer might have been thinking about when he wrote each piece.

## Y2 - Mrs Turvey and Mrs Marshall

Year 2 have had another wonderful week filled with learning! In English, the class have been creating character descriptions about Little Red and have worked hard to start using adjectives and exclamative sentences too. In Maths, the hard work has continued with place value. We have been practising partitioning numbers using different equipment, place value charts and part-part whole models too. In History, we have been exploring vocabulary linked to the past, present and future to help us to get ready for our Stone Age learning. In PE, we have been practising finding space as part of our handball learning. Next week, we will be continuing our DT learning to prepare to make a picnic and we will be looking further at lifecycles in Science too!

## Y3 Miss Wain

This week Year 3 have been practising forming sentences in English in preparation for their Wanted leaflet. In Maths we have been continuing our topic of Number and Place Value, looking at partitioning numbers up to 1000. In Geography, the children have created their own compass game using the 8 points of a compass. In Computing we recapped how to debug code- tricky but they did a great job! In P4C, we continued to explore the concept of consent and how we might give/refuse this. In RE, we read the gospel of Mathew and thought about how Christian's might feel, following and putting their trust in others. Next week we are going to design our catapults ready to build and defeat the Iron Man!



Y2 - Using numicon in maths



Y1 - having a fabulous day at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park



Y2 - Creating a small world setting in the continuous provision

## Y4 - Miss Buckely

What a great week we have had in Year 4! In English, we had a fantastic hook lesson to introduce our new book 'The Whale'. We were surprised to find a boat waiting in the classroom and began exploring why it might be there, sparking lots of curiosity and imagination. We've also begun exploring newspaper articles, learning how they are structured and what makes them engaging to read. In Computing, we started our coding unit, getting hands-on with programming and problem-solving. In Music, we launched our new topic on tempo, discovering how the speed of music can completely change the way it feels.

## Y5 - Miss Evans

We had great fun this week in science continuing with our space topic. We learnt all about the order of the planets and represented it using fruit. Next, we will continue to explore the distances between the planets. We will continue investigating on our space trip to the space centre on Monday.

## Y6 - Miss Smith

Year 6 have had a great week. In English, they have been analysing a diary entry from WW2 before planning their own using the features that they have practised throughout the week. In Maths, they have considered how to use powers of 10 to answer complex questions, as well as using number lines accurately. In RE, they have analysed 3 bible tests to consider how they show God as being Holy and Loving towards his people. In P4C, they have considered why consent is important by exploring the stimulus, Rose Blanche. In Science, they have worked together to create their own classification branches to categorise flowering and on-flowering plants. They also had a great time exploring the new library! Next week, the children are going to write their own diary entries based on an air raid siren that goes off in the classroom and will begin to move onto addition and subtraction.



Y5 - Exploring the \Solar System in Science



Y6 - Enjoying the new library for their book club session



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# OPAL



## Highlights

This week the foundation children have enjoyed exploring their new environment at lunchtimes! We've had lots of children playing with the pushchairs, scooters and bikes! There's been creative play where children have created their own McDonald's station including a drive through and till. The mud kitchen has been busy again with lots of interesting recipes being created.



## Welly Award

Year 1

## Golden Broom

loan

## Reminders

As the weather is beginning to change, please ensure your child has named wellies to stay in school. These need to stay on their number in their classes' welly storage.

## Resources needed:

- pool noodles
- pallets
- scooters
- bikes
- pushchairs