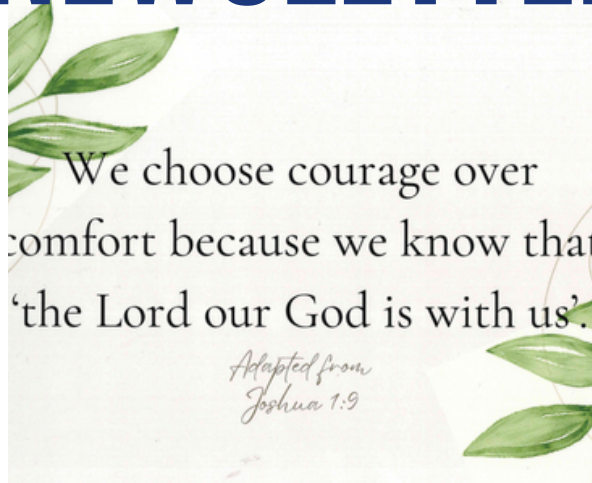




19.09.25

Issue #3

NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents, Carers, and Pupils,

What a wonderful week we have had at St Mary's - even the wet weather hasn't dampened our spirits. Not only have the children been busy but also our electricians, who have been working extremely hard to try and get our sensory up and running in the coming weeks. We have a busy few weeks ahead of us, so please look carefully at the up coming dates. If there is anything you require further information about, please do not hesitate to make contact with the school office.

Pupil Leadership

We have had an abundance of applications for School Leadership Roles. It is wonderful to see so many children keen to become involved in key aspects of our school. It has been a very difficult decision! These have been announced during Collective Worship today, ready to start their roles next week.

Coffee Morning

We are pleased to announce the initiation of our Coffee Morning sessions, which will be held twice during each half term. The first session is scheduled for Thursday, 9th October, from 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM. Our primary objective of the mornings is to foster a collaborative environment where parents and carers can come together to share their experiences or seek support about their children's well-being and support. At our initial morning, we would love to hear what specialist or teams you would like to attend. Following on from this, sessions will feature invited professionals who will provide valuable advice and support based on the interests and requests expressed during the initial coffee morning.

We look forward to your participation and to building a vibrant community focused on the development and support of our children.

Free-school meals

Please check your eligibility for Free School Meals here <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk>

Warmest wishes,

S Pearson

Mrs Pearson

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 25.09.25 - Y5 trip to Southwell Workhouse
- 25.09.25 - Y3/4 Cross Country
- 06.10.25 - OPAL Big Build afternoon
- 09.10.25 - Coffee Morning with Miss Wain (details to follow)
- 09.10.25 - Harvest Festival @ 1:15 (Y5 leading)
- 09.10.25 - Y5/6 Handball
- 17.10.25 - Last day of Autumn 1
- 03.11.25 - Beginning of Autumn 2
- 06.11.25 - Admissions 26/27 Open Evening
- 11-13.11.25 - Parents Evenings (face to face)



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)

YR - Mrs Price

In Reception this week, we have started to look at the front cover of our new text, "Owl Babies", and have been exploring the concepts of dark and night. Next week, we will be reading the beginning of the story and exploring the characters feelings and emotions.

In Maths, we have been using our subitising skills to recognise amounts to five without counting. We have also been exploring sorting and grouping objects the children loved playing the odd one out game. It was lovely to see them playing this independent during their choosing time.

In art, we have been learning our painting sequence and started to explore primary colours. Next week, we will be exploring colour mixing to see what secondary colours we can make.

In P4C this week, we started learning about what is P4C? and what our P4C rules. We played to different activity games would you rather and How would you feel if...? Next week we will be looking at our first stimulus.

Year 1 - Miss Bower

Year One have had a lovely week this week, I'm English we have been starting to plan a recount of our trip to Yorkshire wild life park, we have been focusing on using past tense and first person in our writing. In maths we have been ordering numbers and finding one more and one less than these. In history this week we have been starting to learn about our family trees, we have been looking back two generations. In music we have introduced pitch and tempo using our focus music of carnival of the animals. We really enjoyed handball on Tuesday and are practising our one handed throws with a two handed catch. Next week we will continue to order numbers in maths and will be starting to write our recounts in English.

Y2 - Mrs Turvey and Mrs Marshall

Y2 have had a busy week! In English we've been writing a character description about Little Red. We've tried to use adjectives, conjunctions, and exclamation sentences. Next week we're going to start our next unit which will be to write a story based on Little Red. In Maths we've been partitioning numbers into tens and ones using part part wholes. It's been a little tricky, but we've been persevering and using lots of concrete resources to help us! In DT we've been busy planning our picnic. We've looked at examples of picnics looking at what's healthy and unhealthy and what we like and dislike about the picnics. Next week we're going to start designing what we'd like our picnic to look like. Within the provision we've had lots of story writing based on Little Red, lots of sewing practise and lego building!

Y3 Miss Wain

This week Year 3 have begun writing their Wanted leaflet. They have thought carefully about the adjectives they have chosen and focused on correctly adding full stops and capital letters to their sentences. We have some wonderful, persuasive paragraphs! In Maths we have been adding and subtracting 1, 10 and 100 more to 3-digit numbers. In Computing we did our online safety lesson about safe profiles and what information should be on there. In DT we created our own design for a catapult and will begin collecting materials to build next week! In Science we looked at the theories of gravity and tested which objects fall the fastest. The children loved testing their hypothesis and were right in their predictions.



Y1 - Practicing their pencil control



Y2 - enjoying their outdoor provision and connection with nature



Y2 enjoying their workshop area.

Y4 - Miss Buckely

Year 4 have had a busy week full of creativity, critical thinking and lively discussion across the curriculum. In English, we have been learning how to write newspaper reports, focusing on using eye-catching headlines and capturing key facts to inform the reader. In RE, the children explored the Creation Story, ranking different aspects and debating which they felt were most important. Our P4C sessions have also given the children the chance to practise their debating skills, learning how to listen carefully to others and share their own ideas respectfully. In History, the class have been working as researchers, writing fact files on King John. They enjoyed investigating his role in history and finding out why he is such a significant figure.

Y5 - Miss Evans

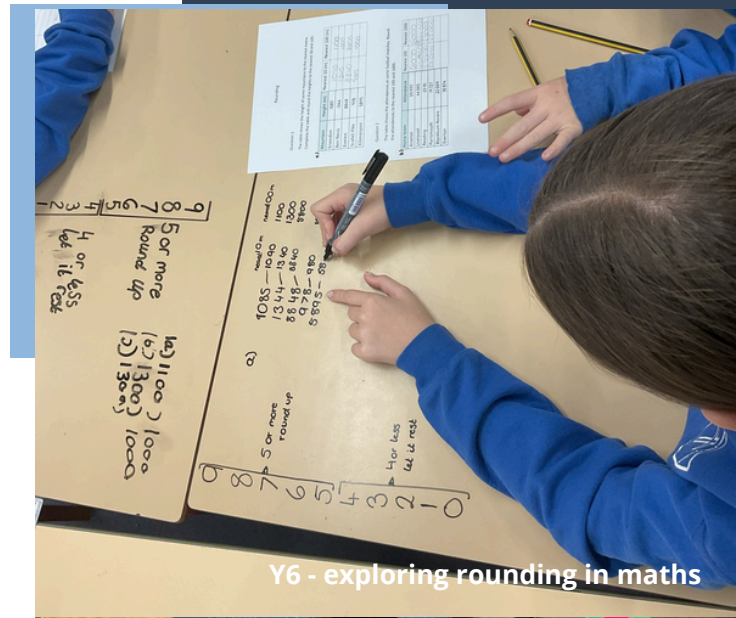
This week we visited the space centre. We got to see all the different floors and even got to experience what it would be like to be inside a space rocket. We had lots of fun and even got to visit the planetarium where we listened to a lot of interesting facts about our solar system. In the afternoon we visited the expeditions and attend an event where we had to guess what certain smells from space smell like. Some of them smelt really nice and others were disgusting. We had lots of fun and we look forward to continuing our space topic in science.

Y6 - Miss Smith

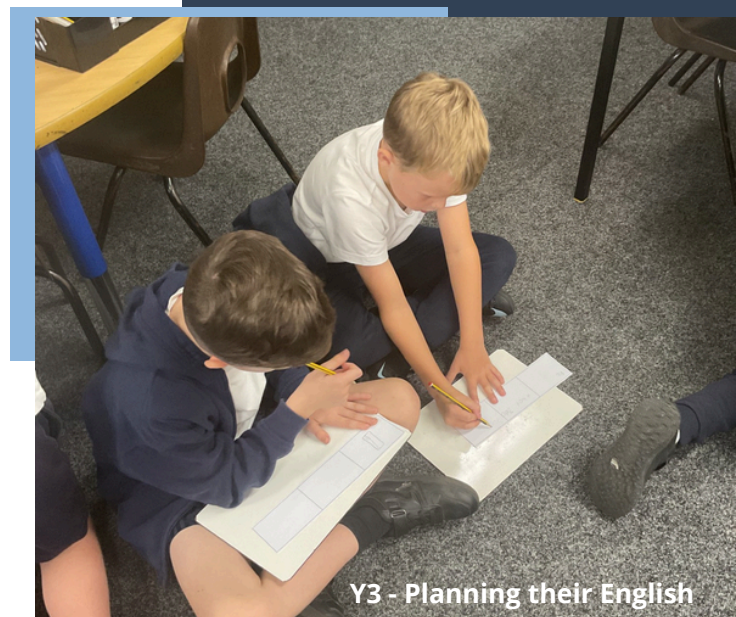
Year 6 have had a lovely week and have really settled in their new routine. In English, they have composed some wonderful pieces of writing about an air raid that occurred in the streets of London during WW2. In Maths, they have learnt how to round numbers to the nearest 100,000 and 1,000,000, as well as how to use negative number lines. In RE, they have considered how God is omnipotent, omniscient, eternal, holy and loving through his actions. In Science, they have classified different types of vertebrate to create their own classification keys. In RSE, they have considered how and why consent is important. The children came up with the quote, 'It isn't always about what you ask, it's about the people you ask having a capacity to understand'. Next week, they are going to be moving onto the four operations in maths as well as completing an orienteering activity with the year 4 and 5 class using the maps they have made in geography.



Y5 - Exploring the Space Centre



Y6 - exploring rounding in maths



Y3 - Planning their English

OPAL



Highlights

This week in OPAL we've enjoyed the wetter weather! We've been able to play in the mud kitchen making lots of delicious meals.

In our assembly this week we've introduced scooter boards. Children have thought about the risks, how they'll manage the risks and the benefits. Next week they'll be able to use these.

Our next OPAL build day is on Monday 6th October and we'd love as many parents as possible to come into school for the afternoon and help us build mud kitchens, seating areas, and flower beds. Please see the email sent last week to sign up.

Welly Award

Year 1

Golden Broom

Lottie

Reminders

Please bring wellies and puddle suits into school.

Resources needed:

- pallets,
- pool noodles,
- guttering,
- ballast,
- OSB board