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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

13th February 2026

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another fantastic week at St Mary's, packed with creativity, teamwork and learning across school.

Year 4 had a brilliant time celebrating Safer Internet Day, learning how to make smart and safe choices online, while also exploring the exciting world of cyber security with visiting experts.

There have been wonderful achievements beyond the classroom too. Our Young Voices choir enjoyed an unforgettable evening performing at the arena, showing fantastic behaviour and representing the school beautifully. A huge well done to everyone involved and thank you to families and staff who supported the late night.

We're also incredibly proud of our community spirit, with pupils helping to raise £149 for Sheffield Children's Hospital through our charity bake sale and Year 6 impressing us all with their stunning Picasso-inspired self-portraits. Meanwhile, thoughtful discussions during Children's Mental Health Week helped pupils explore what belonging means to them, showing great maturity and kindness.

As we now head into the break, we hope all our families enjoy a restful and happy February Half Term and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the busy term ahead on Monday 23rd February.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Burgess x



Dates for your Diary

- School closed for half-term - Friday 13th Feb - Friday 20th Feb.
- School re-opens for children on Monday 23rd Feb.

Safer Internet Day Highlights



Year 4

This week, we celebrated Safer Internet Day with an exciting whole school assembly to kick things off! In class, Year 4 had an interesting time exploring scenarios focused on the safe use of Artificial Intelligence (AI). After break, the class joined the BBC Bitesize Live lesson, where they learned about the importance of staying safe online when using AI.

Following lunch, Year 4 were treated to a session with HSBC Future Coders, diving into the world of cyber security. The theme of the day was “Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.” By the end of the day, our Year 4 students had transformed into true experts on how to navigate the digital world safely. Well done, Year 4!



Young Voices



Our Young Voice choir enjoyed a fabulous night of singing at the arena, along with thousands of other school children. Mrs Binney, Miss Hancock and Mrs Tweddle were very proud of the children's behaviour and attitudes throughout the whole night. They were a credit to the school.

Many thanks to you all for supporting your children with the late night and an especially big thank you to all the staff who give up their own time to support this event.

Charity Bake Sale

**Raising money for
Sheffield Children's Hospital**



Madame Roux organised a charity bake sale where amazing buns were sold to raise money for Sheffield Children's Hospital. Thank you to everyone who helped raise an amazing £149.

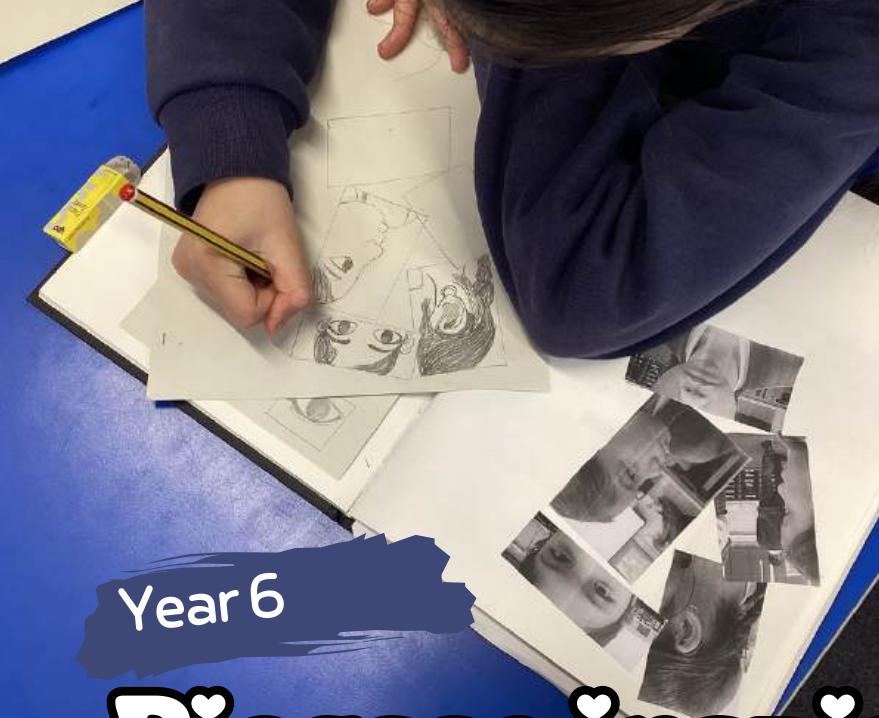
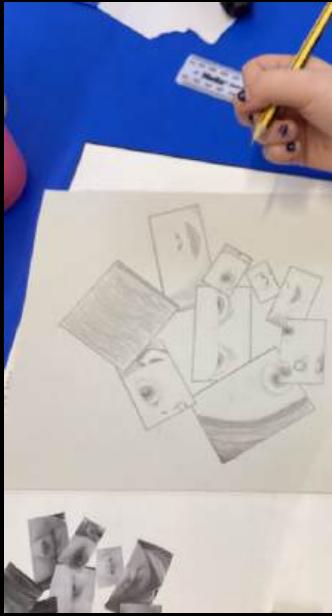
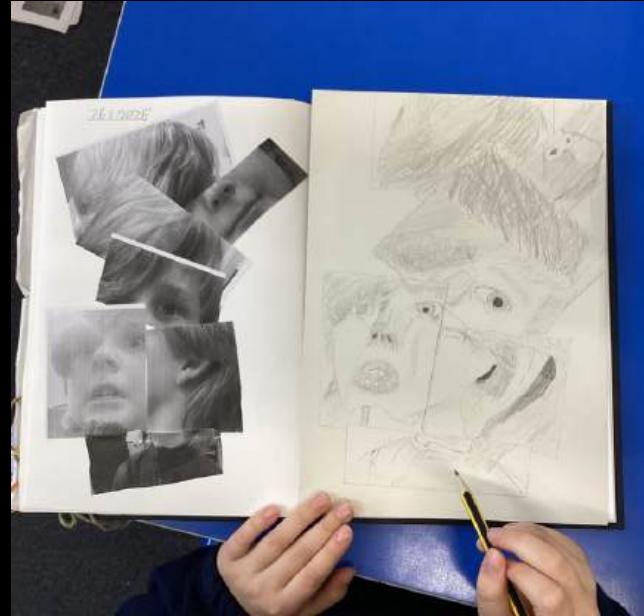
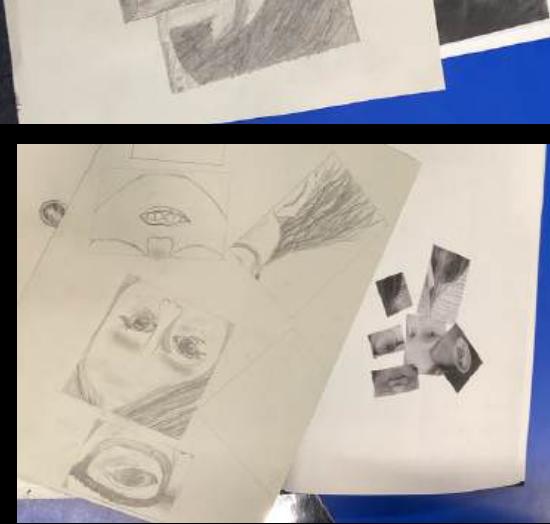
Miss Holmes and Mrs Aspin would like to sponsor a cub for school by raising a £1,000 for this fabulous, local charity. More events have been planned for the future.



Year 6

Picasso inspired self-portraits blew me away!

Y6 completely blew me away this week with their incredible artwork. They have been creating self-portraits using Picasso as inspiration.



Year 2

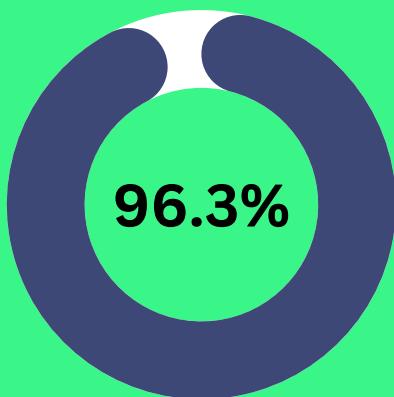
Children's Mental Health Day

For Children's Mental Health Day, Year 2 created personal maps to explore and celebrate the places where they feel they belong.

The activity led to rich, thoughtful conversations. Some children shared strong connections to their church community, while others proudly spoke about their family roots in Uganda and Nigeria, showing how diverse experiences shape their sense of belonging.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Our whole school attendance for the week 96.29%

All classes that achieved 97% and above will get an extra 10 minute break.

FS2 are class winners this week with 100%
WELL DONE!

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**CHILDREN'S
MENTAL HEALTH
WEEK**

9-15
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WELL DONE FS2

