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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

11th September 2026

“Rise up, take courage and do it”

Ezra 10:4

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! It has been wonderful to see everyone again and, as always, your children have been an absolute delight. They have settled brilliantly into their new classes and there is already such a lovely, calm and happy atmosphere around school.



ATTENDANCE: We would really love to see our attendance get off to the strongest possible start this year. Being in school every day makes such a difference - not only to children's learning, but also to friendships, routines and feeling part of school life. Thank you to everyone who supports us by making attendance a priority.

We know that sometimes families may need a little extra help, so please come and talk to us if there is anything making regular attendance difficult - we will always do our best to support you. Please also avoid booking holidays during term time wherever possible and, if you do need to request time away, please complete a holiday form. The Local Authority may issue fines for unauthorised absence.

If your child is a little under the weather but well enough to be in school, please send them in and we will look after them - we have CALPOL available where appropriate. If we feel they are too poorly to stay, we will always contact you.

FIDGETS: Finally, a little reminder to keep those lovely fidget toys safe at home! If your child needs a fidget to help with concentration in school, we will happily provide one for them.

Here's to a happy, positive and exciting year ahead!

Mrs Burgess x



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 17th Sept - History Day - please dress up if you can!

Thursday 17th Sept - Conisborough Castle Trip, Y2

Tuesday 22nd Sept - London trip for y4, 5 and 6

Monday/Tues 28th and 29th Sept - Scholastic Book Fair

Thursday 1st October - Natural History Museum

Monday 5th or Tuesday 6th October - Harvest Festival. date TBC by the Church. Please join if you can.

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Year 4

Year 4 PHSE: Thinking Positively

Y4 had an engaging PHSE lesson this week exploring and noticing their thoughts.

The children wrote down and named their feelings, and in doing this were able to think about things more positively.

They used meditation and reflection to do an internal body check, which helped them notice how they were feeling inside. It was a great way to think about having a positive mindset in all situations.





FS2

A Brilliant Start

What a fantastic start to the year FS2 have had!

The children have settled brilliantly into school life and are quickly becoming a happy, confident and caring class.

They have been enjoying all things EYFS, exploring our provision through play, creativity, stories, numbers and hands-on experiences. It has been wonderful to see them making new friends, developing their independence and showing such enthusiasm and curiosity in their learning.

We are incredibly proud of how well they have settled and cannot wait to see them continue to grow, learn and flourish throughout the year.





Year 6

Toymakers

In DT this term, Y6 are creating toys based on designs by Y3.

Y3 created ideas and then Y6 interviewed them to really understand what they wanted from their drawings.

We can't wait to see the finished products.



Be Water Safe!

★ Know the Water Safety Code ★



1 Stop and Think

Before going near water, take a moment to look for any dangers.



2 Stay Together

Always stay with adults when you're near water.



3 Float

If you fall into water, stay calm, float on your back and control your breathing.



4 Call for Help

If someone is in trouble, tell an adult or call 999 or 112.

♥ Stay alert, stay safe, and enjoy water the smart way! ♥



Year 1

The Gunpowder Plot

This week in History, Year 1 have started to unpick some new vocabulary linked to our exciting new topic, The Gunpowder Plot.

We talked about Guy Fawkes and explored why we celebrate Bonfire Night each year on 5th November. The children enjoyed sharing what they already knew and learning some new facts.

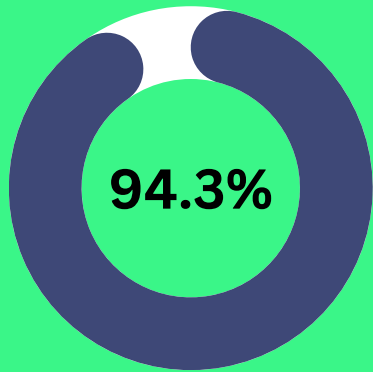
We also looked at important words linked to the topic and matched pictures to the correct vocabulary. This helped the children develop their understanding of new words in a fun and practical way.

We are looking forward to continuing our learning about the Gunpowder Plot next week!





ATTENDANCE MATTERS

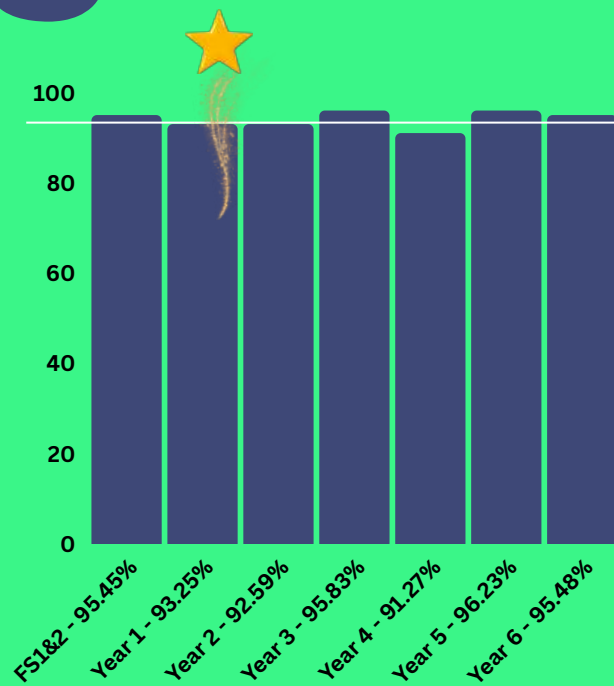


Our whole school attendance for the week is 94.26%

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

Y5 are class winners with an amazing 96.23%! They have an extra break and can also choose an extra attendance treat... **WELL DONE!**

WELL DONE Y5





Year 2

A Fantastic Start to Year 2!

We have had a fantastic start to Year 2! The children have settled brilliantly and have been enthusiastic and engaged in their learning.

In Science, we have been learning about the properties of materials. We have been testing different objects to find out whether they are magnetic or not, making predictions and discussing our results.

Our investigations have helped us to clear up some common misconceptions, such as the idea that all metals are magnetic or that plastic and metal can always be identified by appearance alone.

The children have loved being scientists and discovering the answers for themselves!

