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## The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

17th April 2026

**“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”**

Ezra 10:4

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you all had a wonderful and restful Easter break. It's been lovely to see the children return to school so positively, settling quickly and ready for the term ahead.

There has already been a great buzz of learning across school. In Year 3, pupils are beginning exciting investigations into what plants need to grow, showing real curiosity and responsibility. Our Foundation children have been full of imagination in their new transport topic, working together in their mechanics garage. Year 2 have been exploring living and non-living things in science, while Year 1 have made a fantastic start comparing holidays from the past and present.

In Year 6, pupils have been working incredibly hard in their revision sessions, showing real focus and determination, and it's been pleasing to see strong attendance across school as children continue to show their commitment to learning.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, we're looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead.

Mrs Burgess x



## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 29th April –  
Y3 Creswell Craggs Trip

Monday 4th May –  
Bank Holiday – school closed

Wednesday 6th May – Class photos

Wednesday 20th May –  
Oakes Residential

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Year 3

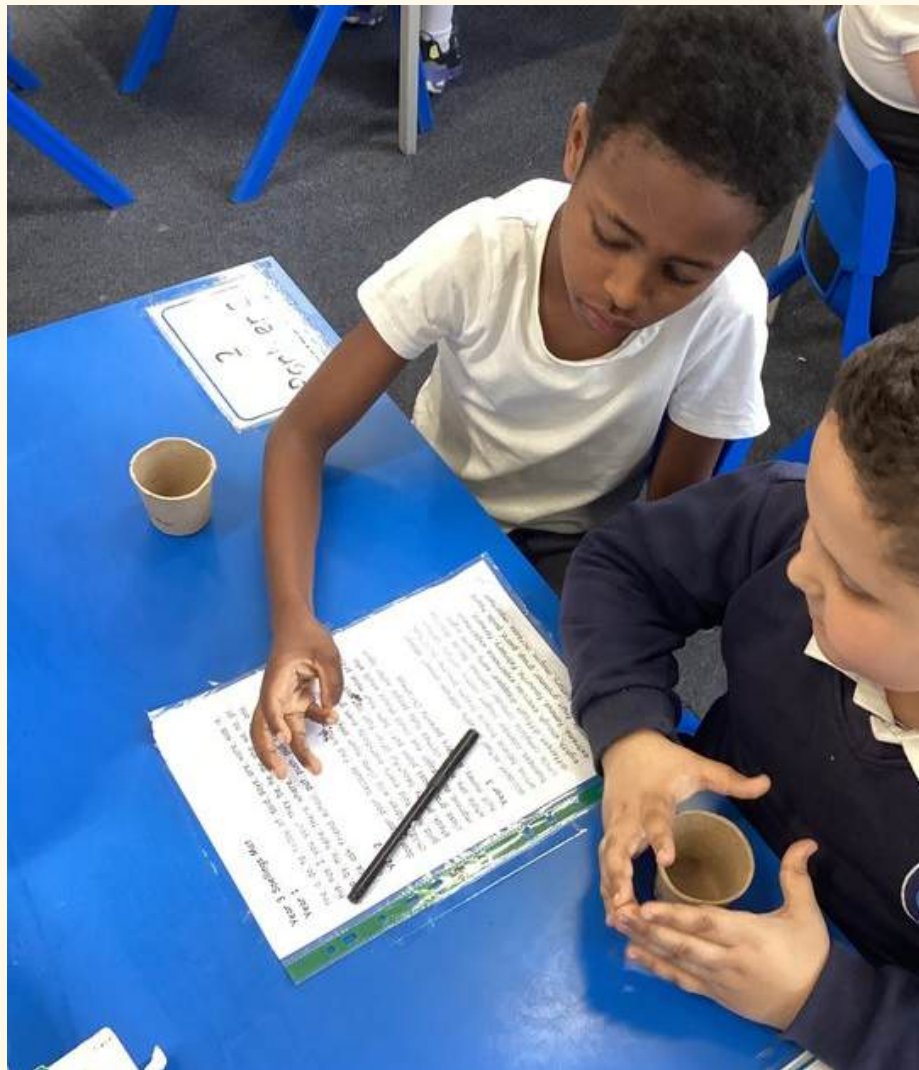
# Curiosity Blooms in Year 3

Year 3 are learning all about plants this half-term and what conditions they need to grow.

We will be doing a comparative investigation where we take away something a plant requires and compare to a plant that has all requirements.

We will be observing their differences and how this affects their growth. The children have come up with some great questions and predictions and have even offered to become water monitors to look after the plants!

We are very excited to observe what happens!





Foundation



# Little Mechanics at Work

The children in Foundation Stage are really enjoying our new topic 'Transport'!

They have shown great enthusiasm when playing in our 'Mechanics Garage'.

The children have been using a variety of tools to fix the vehicles and some have been taking on the role of the receptionist.





Year 2

# What Makes Something Alive?

Year 2 pupils explored living and non-living things in their new science unit.

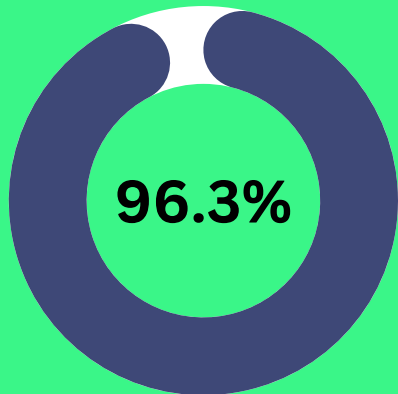
They learned to identify characteristics of living things, such as growth, movement, and the need for food and water.

Through fun activities and discussions, children compared different objects and sorted them into groups. This helped them understand the differences between living and non-living things in the world around them.



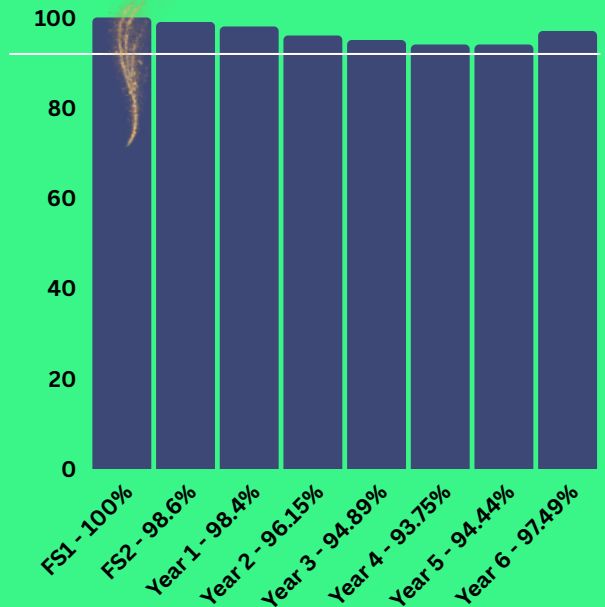
## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WELL DONE FS1



Our whole school attendance for the week 96.34%

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



FS1 are class winners this week with 100% WELL DONE!



Year 1

# Discovering Holidays Past and Present

Year 1 have had a fantastic start to the new term, returning to school full of enthusiasm and ready to learn. It has been lovely to see how quickly the children have settled back into their routines and how eager they are to take part in all their activities.

This term, our topic is “Seaside Holidays Through Time,” and the children have been really enjoying learning about it. They have explored what seaside holidays were like in the past and talked about how they are different today. The children have loved looking at pictures, sharing their ideas, and comparing holidays from long ago with their own experiences.

We are very proud of how well Year 1 have started the term and look forward to lots more exciting learning ahead!





Year 6

# Year 6 - Working Hard and Making Progress

Y6 have been working really well with improving their maths, reading and SPAG in our revision sessions.

