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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

19th June 2026

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another wonderful week at St Mary's, with children across school enjoying a range of exciting experiences that have helped them learn more about the world around them.



I would also like to share some exciting news with you all. Miss Emes is expecting her first child later this year and I am sure you will join me in sending her our very best wishes as she prepares for this special new chapter. Miss Emes will remain with her current class until her maternity leave begins to ensure a smooth transition for the children. As soon as maternity cover arrangements have been finalised, I will share this information with families.

The teaching team for September will be:

- Nursery and Reception – Miss Cheryl Grand and Miss Hancock
- Year 1 – Mr Oxley
- Year 2 – Miss Emes
- Year 3 – Miss Holmes
- Year 4 – Mrs Grant
- Year 5 – Mrs Mellow
- Year 6 – Mrs Binney

Madame Roux will continue to provide staff PPA cover and deliver PE, Music and French across the school.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Burgess x



Dates for your Diary

Monday 22nd June - Y3 & Y4
Cathedral Visit

Tuesday 23rd June - Y5 Manor Lodge
Trip

Wednesday 1st July - Transition Day;
parents welcome to meet the new
staff at the end of the day

Y6 Dates Monday 13th July Y6
Performance 1.30pm - All Welcome

Tuesday 14th July Y6 Performance
9.30am - All Welcome

Wednesday 15th July - Y6 Leaver's
Service 9.30am - All Welcome

Friday 17th July - Y6 Leaver's
Assembly 2pm - Y6 Parents and
Carers Welcome

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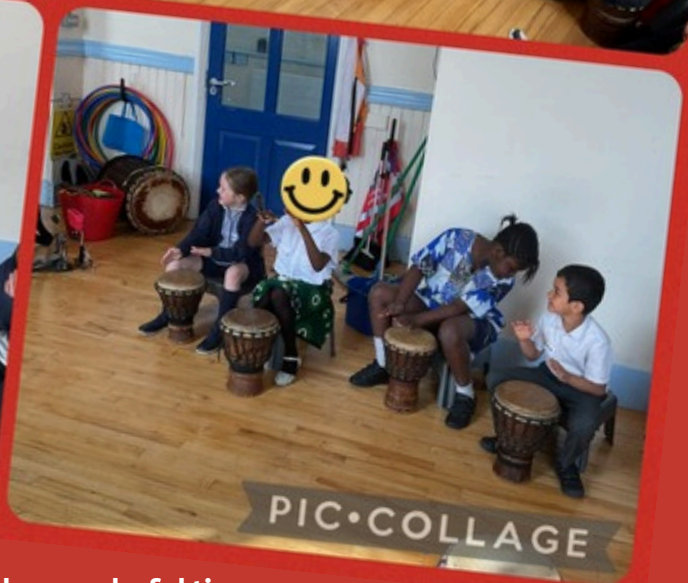
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Learning About Faith, Values and Community

Over the past few weeks, we have been lucky enough to have had Open the Book and Christchurch, Walkley share our worship where they have shared stories from the Bible and have talked about what we can do to make the world a better place.





Year 2

A Very Cultural Day for Year 2

Year 2 had a wonderful time celebrating Cultural Day, and our chosen country was China. We learned about Chinese culture and traditions through a range of fun activities. We made Chinese lanterns, decorated them with Chinese symbols, and worked together to create a huge Chinese dragon.

We also took part in an amazing African drumming workshop, where we learned different rhythms and enjoyed making music together. Throughout the day, we practised some Chinese words and phrases and learned interesting facts about China. We finished the day by saying “thank you” in Chinese – xiè xiè (谢谢). It was a fun and memorable day for everyone!



FS1 went to a Moroccan market this week. We experienced the sound and smells of the spice market, including; Cumin, Tumeric, Nutmeg, Cinnamon, Cloves etc.

Foundation

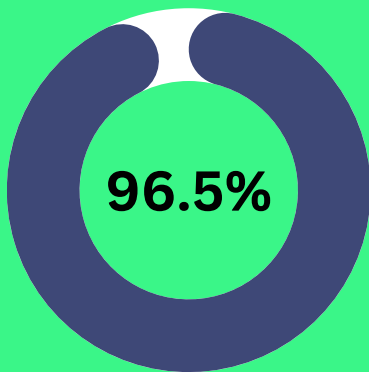
Exploring Cultural Day in Foundation Stage

FS2 went to Egypt this week. We tried to recreate the pyramids.





ATTENDANCE MATTERS

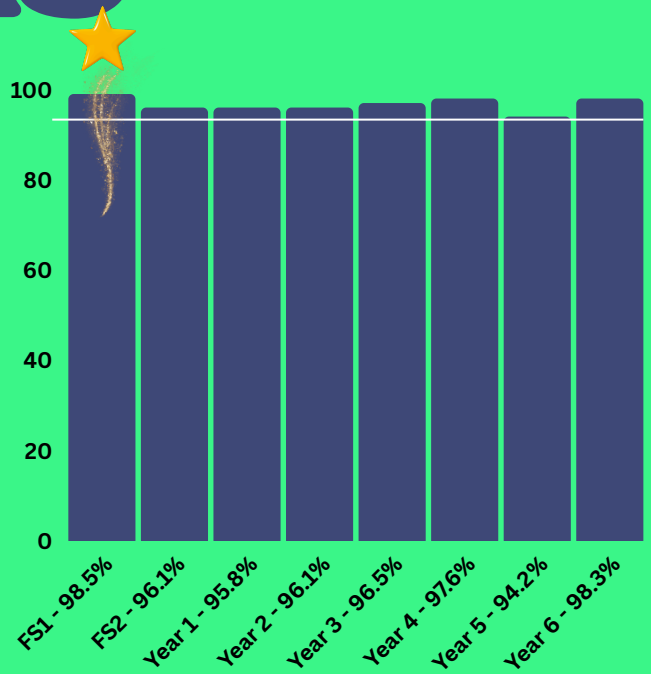


Our whole school attendance for the week is 96.5%

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

FS1 are class winners with an amazing 98.5%! They have an extra break and can also choose an extra attendance treat... **WELL DONE!**

WELL DONE FS1





Year 6

Road Safety Visit

Y6 extended their learning about Road Safety with a visit from Sheffield City Council.

They looked at hazards near King Edward's and talked about how to get to school as safely as possible.





Year 3

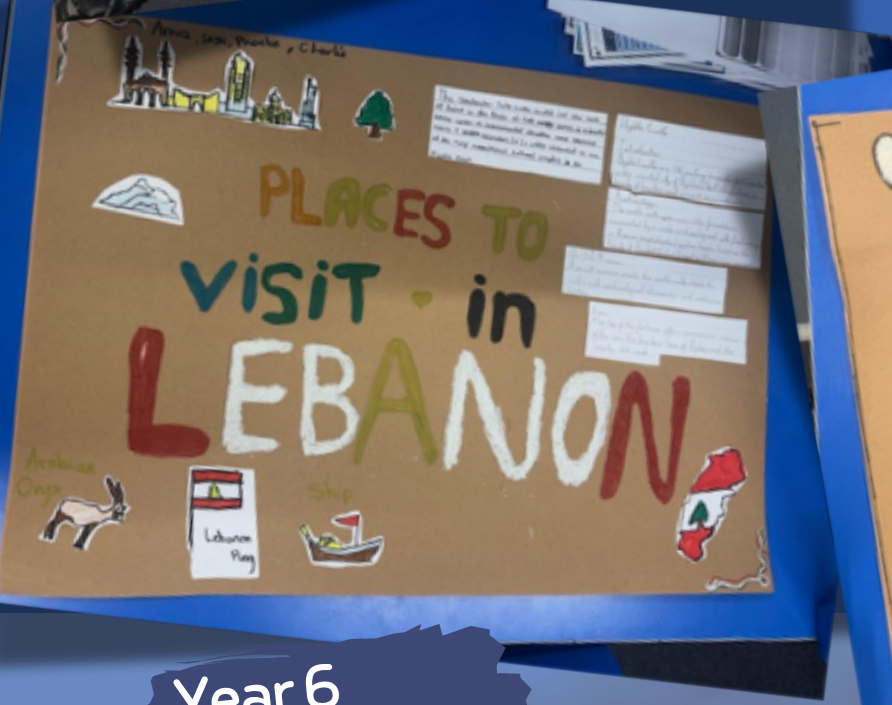
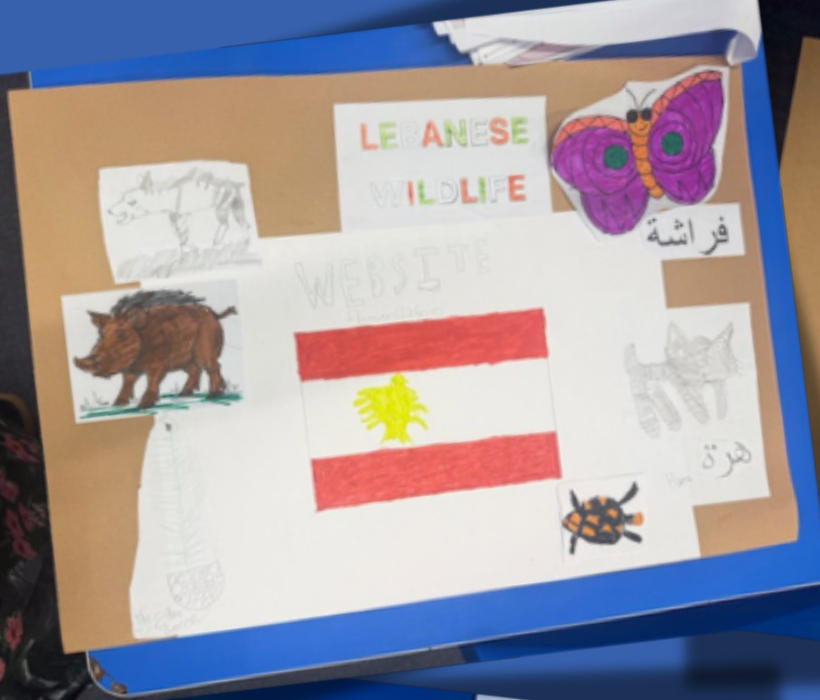
Cultural Day - Saudi Arabia

For Cultural Day, Year 3 were learning about Saudi Arabia.

For one of our tasks, we learnt about Arabic and had a go at writing our names in Arabic.

After, we looked at some beautiful Saudi Arabian artwork and used it to inspire our beautiful backgrounds.





Year 6

Cultural Day - Lebanon

Y6 learned about Lebanon as part of our multicultural day.

They learned songs in their language, took part in a traditional dance and researched different aspects of the country including the geography and the wildlife.



Year 1

The Millennium Galleries

Year 1 had a fantastic time during their recent visit to the Millennium Galleries, where they took part in an exciting clay modelling workshop.

The children were eager to explore their creativity and learn new artistic skills. During the workshop, they discovered different techniques for shaping and moulding clay, using their hands and special tools to create unique sculptures. The workshop leader showed the children how to carefully manipulate the clay and encouraged them to experiment with a variety of textures and patterns.

Everyone worked hard on their creations and showed excellent concentration and imagination throughout the session. It was wonderful to see the children's confidence grow as they developed their ideas and transformed them into impressive pieces of artwork.

As well as enjoying the practical activities, the children also had the opportunity to explore some of the galleries and learn more about art and design. They were inspired by the exhibits and asked thoughtful questions about the artwork they saw.

The visit was a memorable experience that brought learning to life and supported the children's creative development.

Year 1 represented the school brilliantly with their enthusiasm, excellent behaviour, and positive attitudes.





Year 4

Celebrating Multicultural Day

This week, Year 4 had a fantastic time taking part in Multicultural Day!

Our country of focus was India, and the children loved learning about the gorgeous patterns of Rangoli and the Diwali Festival of Light.

They also had a go at a lively Bhangra dance, which was brilliant fun.

It was a wonderful opportunity for everyone to immerse themselves in Indian culture and celebrate the richness of traditions from around the world.



African Drumming Brings Our School Together



This week, our school was filled with the fantastic sounds of African drumming as part of our Multicultural Day celebrations. Children from Nursery, Year 3 and Year 4 took part in a lively workshop together, where they learnt how to drum and make music together. There was lots of excitement as pupils listened carefully, kept the rhythm and worked as a team to create wonderful beats.

Children across the school had the chance to experience the workshop, and everyone really enjoyed joining in. The day ended with a special assembly, where children proudly showcased what they had been doing throughout the day. We were also treated to a brilliant performance from the African drumming trainer, which left everyone clapping along and smiling. It was a memorable day that helped us celebrate different cultures through music.

