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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

14th November 2025

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic few weeks it's been in school!

From creative writing at Grimm & Co and science adventures at Magna to beautiful Remembrance art and our first Parent Forum fundraiser, there's been such a buzz of excitement and pride around St Mary's. The children have shown great curiosity, teamwork and kindness in everything they've done.

We were also thrilled to receive some wonderful news — St Mary's has been recognised as a higher-performing school for attendance compared to similar schools nationally. This means our attendance outcomes are among the strongest in our group, and other schools may even look to learn from our approach. A huge thank you to all our families for helping make this happen — your support really does make all the difference.

As always, we're so proud of our children and grateful for the partnership we share with you all.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Burgess x



Dates for your Diary

9th Dec FS2, Y1 and Y2 Theatre trip

15th Dec - Christmas Service at St. Mary's Church - 9.30 a.m.

15th Dec - FS singing at 9.00 a.m. followed by Christmas activities or, 2.00 p.m. followed by FS singing at 2.45 p.m.

16th Dec - KS1 Nativity 2 p.m.

17th Dec KS1 nativity 9.30 a.m.

18th Dec KS2 carols 9 -10 a.m.

18th Dec - Christmas Parties

19th Dec - Break up for Christmas holidays

20th - 4th Jan - Christmas holidays

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Year 2

Clean hands for a healthy life.

Year 2 had lots of fun this week investigating the importance of keeping our hands clean.

The children used glitter to represent germs and observed what happened when they washed with soap compared to when they didn't.

They were amazed to see the 'germs' disappear when soap was used!

Through this experiment, the children learned that washing hands properly is an essential part of living a healthy life.



WORTH A LOOK?...

FREE
LANTERN
MAKING
WORKSHOPS

3.30 - 5.30PM

Tuesday 25th November

Zest Centre, 18 Upperthorpe S6 3NA

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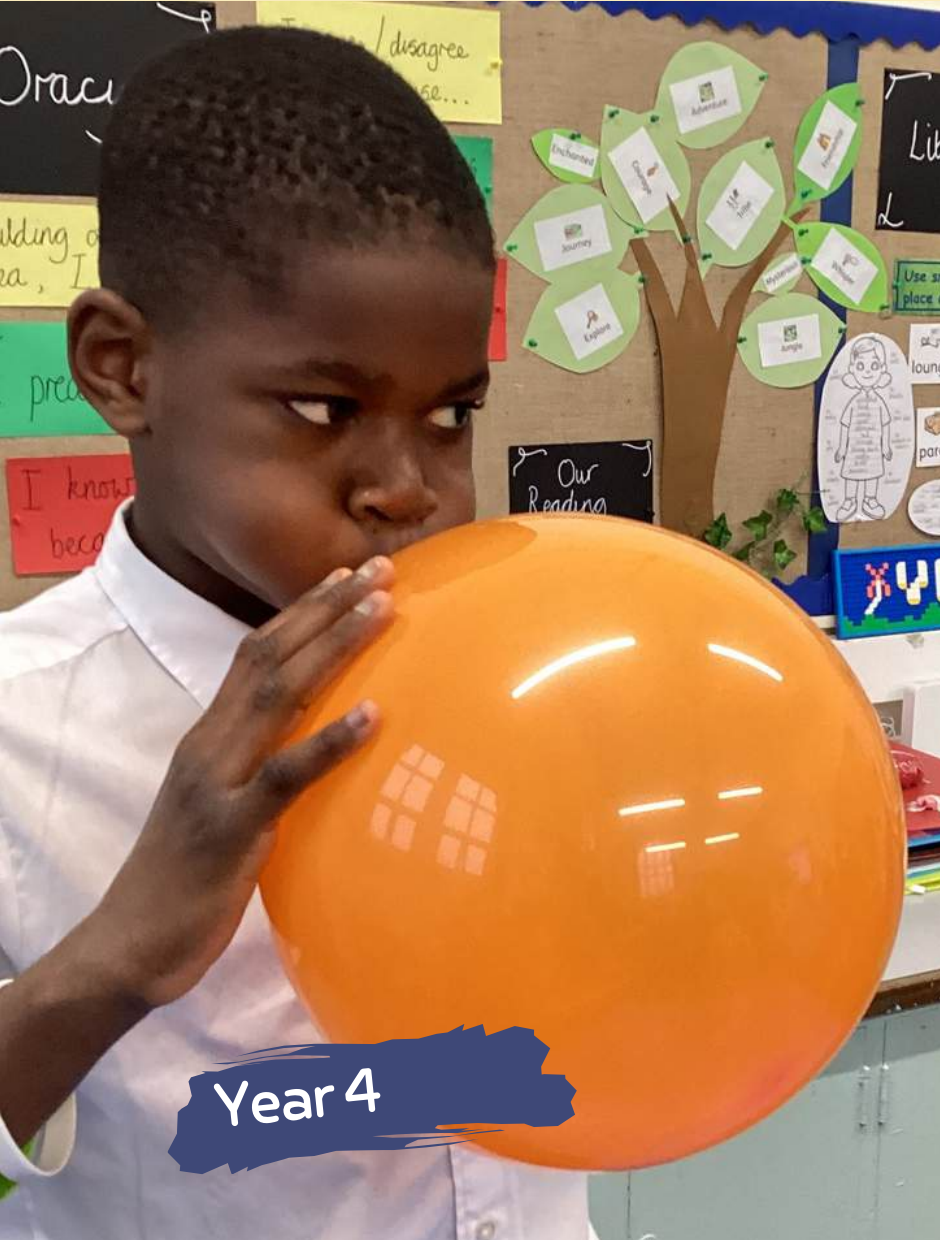
Wednesday 26th November

The Bungalow, 196 Whitehouse Lane S6 2UZ



Everyone
Welcome!

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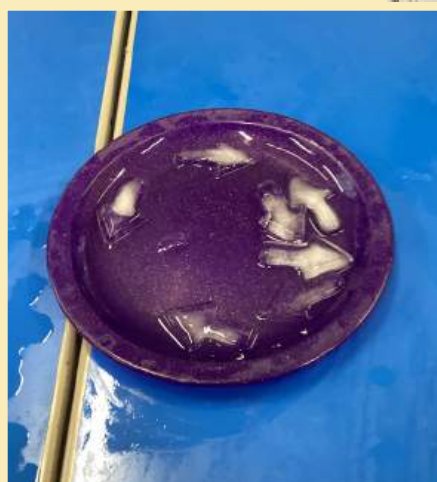
Year 4

Exploring states of matter

This week, our class had a lively science lesson where they explored the various states of matter.

The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, engaging in hands-on activities that brought the concepts to life.

It was fantastic to see their curiosity spark and their enthusiasm grow throughout the lesson!



WORTH A LOOK?...

LANGSETT LANTERN PARADE

WITH SAMBA BAND

Friday 28th November

5.30pm - 7.30pm

More info and
map



**Starting in Grammar Street Car Park
and ending at Walkley Primary School
with FREE SOUP
& Refreshments at the LWCA Bungalow**





Foundation

Remembrance Day Activities

This week, the children in Foundation Stage have been taking part in Remembrance Day activities.

They have enjoyed creating poppy collages and paintings.

On Tuesday, we took part in a 2 minute silence.

We were really proud of how sensible the children were.

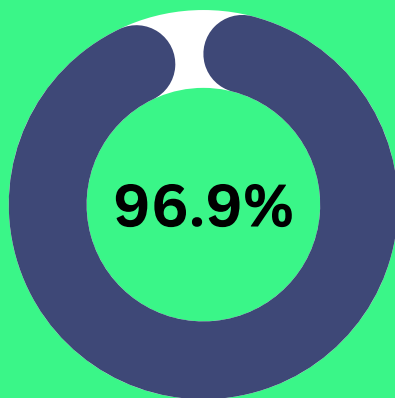
Well done!





This week saw the first Parent Forum fundraising meeting at the After School Club. Parents enjoyed tea and coffee, munched on biscuits, and brainstormed exciting activities to raise funds for the school. Meetings will be held every Tuesday morning. We hope to see you there!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



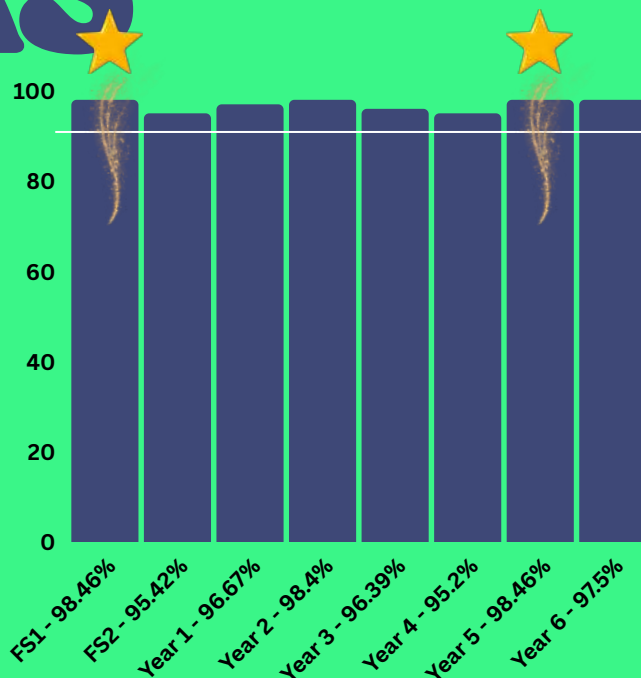
Our whole school attendance for the week 96.94%

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

FS1 and Y5 are class winners this week with an amazing 98.46%

AMAZING! WELL DONE!

WELL DONE FS1 AND Y5



**COME AND
JOIN US...**

Come along to...

**Parent Forum
Coffee Morning**

Be part of shaping fundraising for our school community every Tuesday morning.



Next meeting:

Tuesday, 18th November
9 – 9:30 AM
After School Club





LET'S
WALK TO
SCHOOL



SHEFFIELD LEADERBOARD

1. FOX HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
2. HOLT HOUSE INFANT SCHOOL
3. LYDGATE JUNIOR SCHOOL
4. DEEPCAR ST JOHN'S CofE JUNIOR SCHOOL
5. BIRLEY PRIMARY ACADEMY
6. MARLCLIFFE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL
7. CARTERKNOWLE JUNIOR SCHOOL
8. MOSBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL
9. ST MARY'S CofE PRIMARY SCHOOL
10. DOBCROFT JUNIOR SCHOOL

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#WOWTopTen



Year 3

Year 3 Trip to Grimm & Co



Year 3 had a wonderful trip to Grimm & Co. All of the adults were extremely impressed by the creativity and amazing ideas that the children came up with.

Together, Year 3 wrote their own amazing stories and everyone left with their own illustrated, published copy.

Well done, Year 3! It's clear that we have some very talented authors in our class!



Bake Sale Success!

Congratulations to our Global Citizens for organizing their very first Bake Sale! Each student was given a budget of £1 (a total of £8) to purchase baking ingredients. Mrs. Mellow challenged them to grow their investment, and they certainly rose to the occasion!

The children baked delicious chocolate chip cookies and a classic Victoria sponge, earning a remarkable total of £19.10! This achievement resulted in an impressive profit of £11.10.

With their success, they plan to reinvest the profits into more baking ingredients to make the next bake sale an even bigger triumph!



Using patterns to create designs

Y6 used their patterns to cut out the templates for their designs. They used a range of old clothes to create their designs as being sustainable was high on their list of priorities.





Year 5

Science Adventure Alert!

Our Y5s had a blast at Magna Science Centre this week!

The day began with Tom's mind-blowing Forces Show featuring rockets powered by air, water, and fire and a floating hot air balloon demonstration.

The kiddos then explored hands-on exhibits about Air, Water, Fire and Earth.

They were absolutely brilliant throughout - curious scientists in the making!





Year 1 Explore the Geography of our School!

Our Year 1 pupils have been having a fantastic time learning all about the geography of our school and its surroundings!

This topic has sparked lots of curiosity and excitement as the children become little geographers—observing, investigating, and mapping the world right outside their classroom doors.

The children began by exploring what geography means and talking about the different features of our school environment.

They enjoyed going on school grounds walks, identifying human and physical features such as buildings, the playground, grassy areas, trees, and pathways.

This topic has helped Year 1 develop a greater sense of place and belonging while building key geography skills in a fun, hands-on way.

We're so proud of their enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the project!

