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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

17th October 2025

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we run into the last week before half term, school is feeling wonderfully busy and full of life. The children have been showing great enthusiasm across all areas of learning - from creative projects and hands-on investigations to music, art and outdoor fun. It's been lovely to see their confidence growing and so much teamwork on display.

A big well done for our fantastic attendance too! It's great to see so many children here every day, ready to learn and giving their best.

Looking forward to seeing you all at parents evening this week. If you would like to book a slot to see your child's teacher, please contact the school office. Please remember the photographer will be at school from 8:15AM on Wednesday 22nd October, for individual and sibling groups.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, it really does make such a difference.

Have a brilliant week!

Mrs Burgess x



Dates for your Diary

22nd October - Photographs - individual/sibling groups from 8.15 a.m.

12th Nov Y3 Grimm & Co

13th Nov Y5 Magna

9th Dec FS2, Y1 and Y2 Theatre trip





Year 4

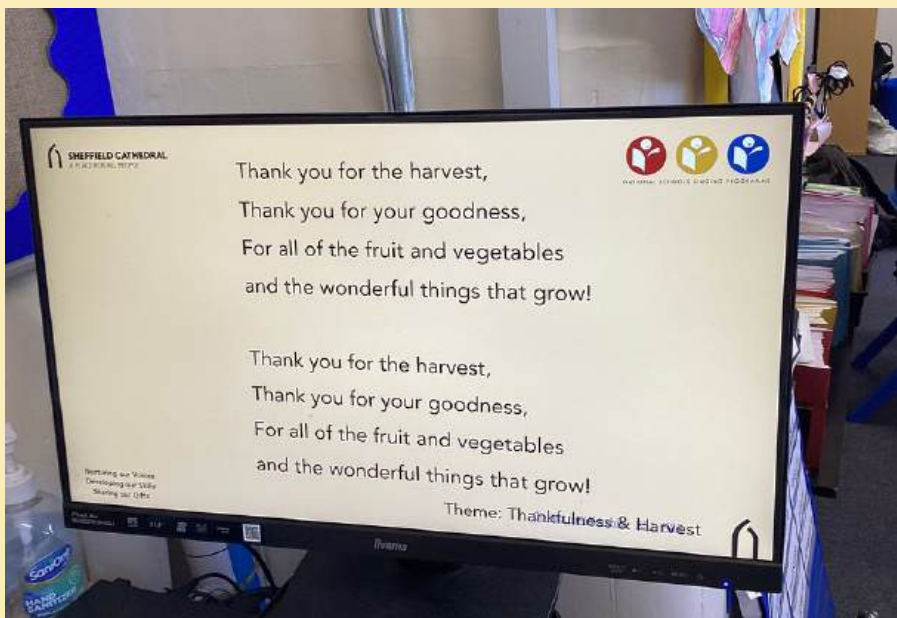
Y4 Children Shine with Songs

This week, our wonderful Y4 children had the pleasure of practising their singing in their classroom with Jonathan Pinto, Choral Director of The Cathedral Church of St Peter and St Paul.

They belted out some melodic tunes, all in preparation for their exciting performance at St. Mary's Church scheduled for December.

The atmosphere was vibrant, and we can't wait to see them showcase their talents!

Keep up the fantastic work, Y4!



Year 2

Exploring how materials can change shape!

This week in science, we explored how materials can change shape!

Using plasticine, we experimented with **squashing, twisting, stretching, and bending** to see how its form could be altered. The children loved getting hands-on and discovering the effects of different forces.

Afterwards, they applied their new knowledge to an investigation around the classroom—testing which everyday materials could be **stretched, bent, or twisted**. From rubber bands to paperclips, there were some surprising results!

The children worked scientifically, making predictions and recording their observations carefully.

A fantastic, practical lesson full of curiosity, creativity, and scientific thinking!



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Well done!

Well done to the children who took part in the orienteering event at EIS on Saturday.

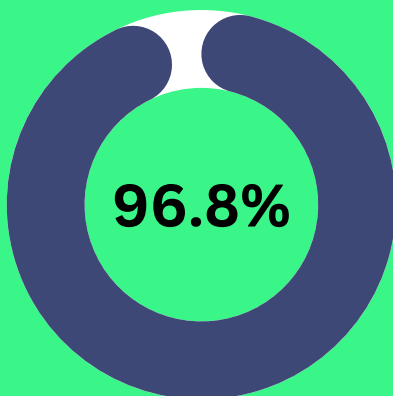
The event included a sprint finish in the athletics stadium. Special shout-out to the younger children taking part (and the parents chasing behind!).

The next event will be at Bolehills park on Saturday 22nd November.



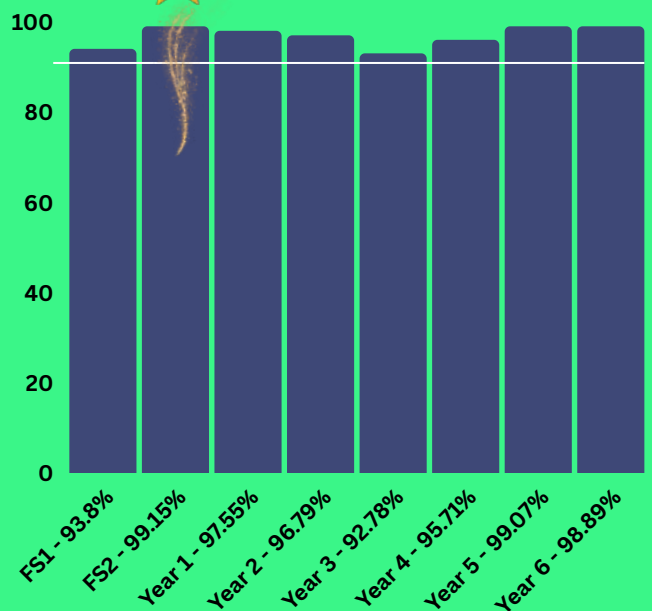
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WELL DONE FS2



Our whole school attendance for the week 96.79%

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



FS2 are class winners this week with 99.15%!

AMAZING! WELL DONE!



★ SUPER HERO Topic ★

Foundation

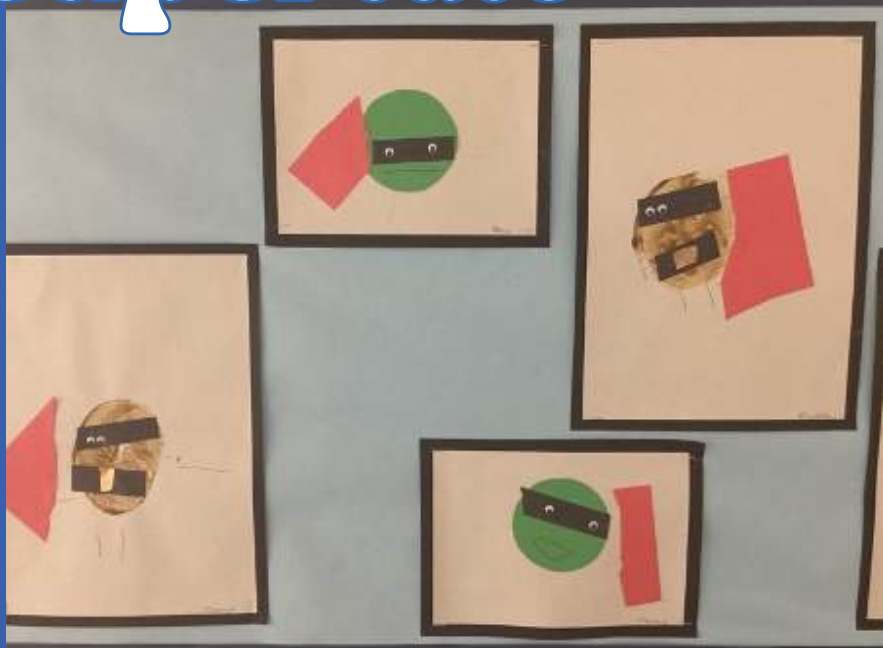


We've been reading Supertato

As part of our Superheroes topic, the children in Foundation Stage have been reading 'Supertato.'

They have enjoyed mashing potatoes and creating printings and collages of 'Evil Pea' and 'Supertato' himself.

Some children have even decided to paint their own 'Supertato'. **Well done!**



Well done!



Well done to the Y6 team who represented St Mary's in a tag rugby tournament. They played really well and showed excellent team spirit.

Year 1

Fabulous Writing Alert!

We're so excited to share some wonderful news from our classroom – the children have been busy writing, and their work has been absolutely brilliant!

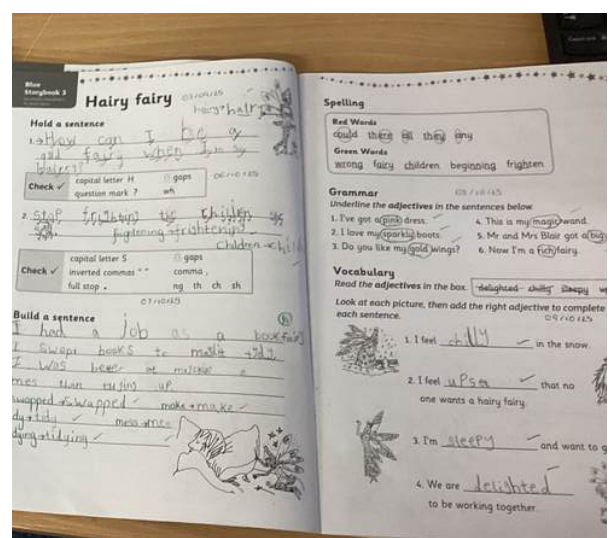
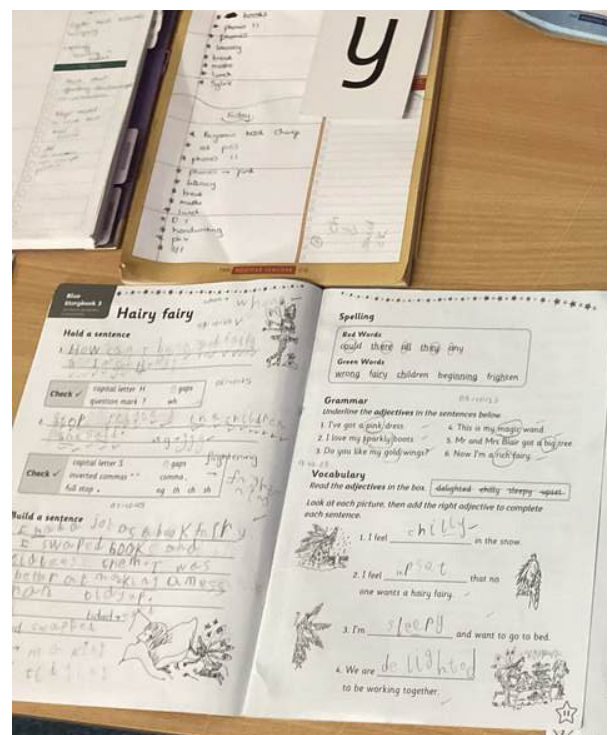
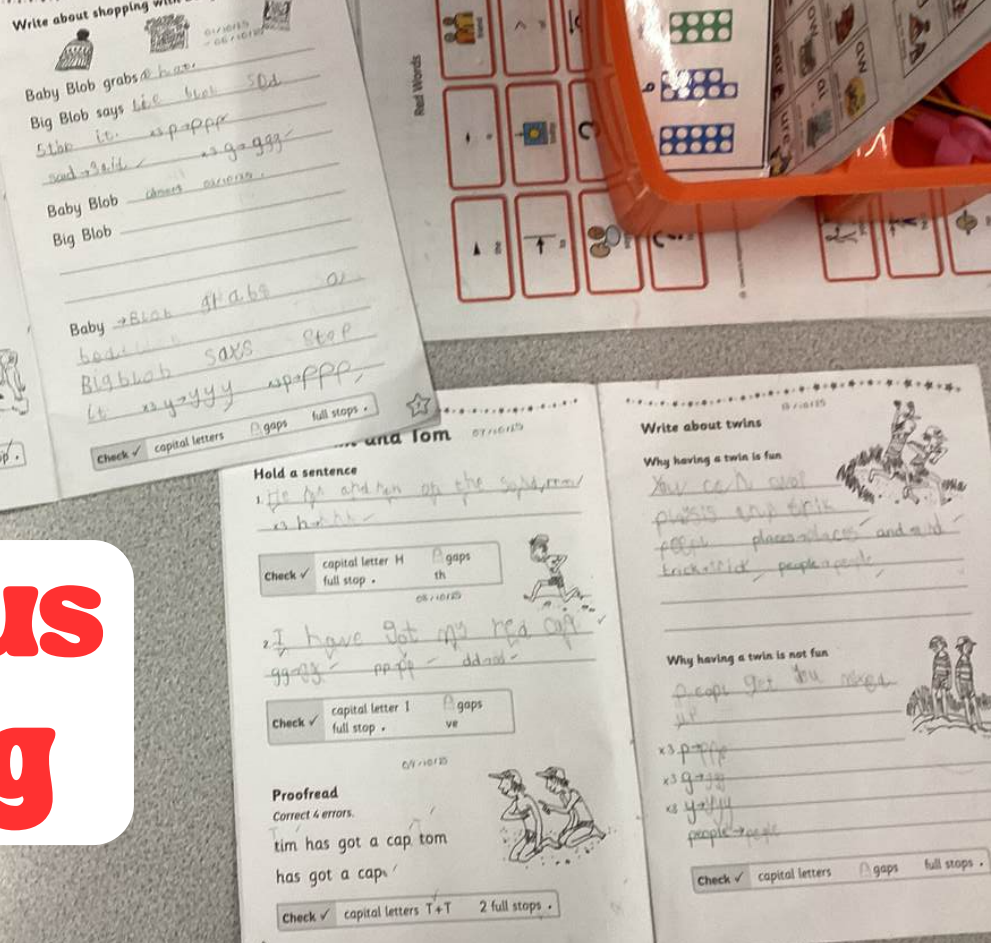
Over the past few weeks, we've been exploring dictated sentences, and the progress your children have made has been incredible. It's been a joy to see their creativity and confidence grow with every piece they've written.

Some highlights include:

- Children using ambitious language and punctuation like pros and taking real pride in their work.
- Fantastic peer editing and sharing – it's so lovely to see how supportive they are of each other!

We've displayed many of their wonderful pieces around the classroom, and they're already impressing visitors with their hard work. If your child hasn't already shown you their writing at home, be sure to ask them about it – you'll be amazed at what they've accomplished!

A huge well done to all our young authors – we're so proud of you! Keep up the great work.





Year 3

Exploring Fossils

Year 3 have been exploring fossils as part of their rock unit in Science.

This week we have been representing the fossilisation process. We used different materials to represent the animal and what happens as it decays in the sea. We used candy floss to show how the soft material decays in the water and leaves behind the skeleton/ hard parts (dog biscuit).

Over time, the sediment layers build up and harden until it eventually becomes a rock and a fossil! We used layers of paper towel to represent this.

Year 3 showed great enthusiasm and curiosity when learning about this topic.