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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

21st November 2025

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another brilliant week at St Mary's, full of creativity, curiosity and community spirit!

Across school, the children have been exploring so many exciting things, from learning about fire and road safety, creating vibrant Matisse-inspired art and diving into new technology, to celebrating sporting success and showing off their science and writing skills.

It's also been lovely to see families getting involved in our Parent Forum Coffee Mornings. Thank you to everyone who's joined in and shared ideas to support school life.

A special well done to our children for their fantastic effort and teamwork in the Indoor Athletics Competition and to everyone who continues to show our RISE values every day.

As always, a huge thank you for your continued support, it makes such a difference to everything we do.

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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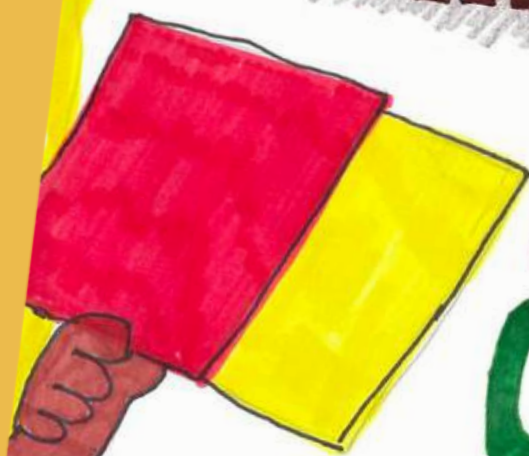


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OUR Football Rules!

- Listen to the ref and teachers.
- Be kind to everyone
- If you're arguing you will have 5 minutes out.
- NO Fouling
- Be a good sportsman
- Everybody is allowed to play! / Fair teams!

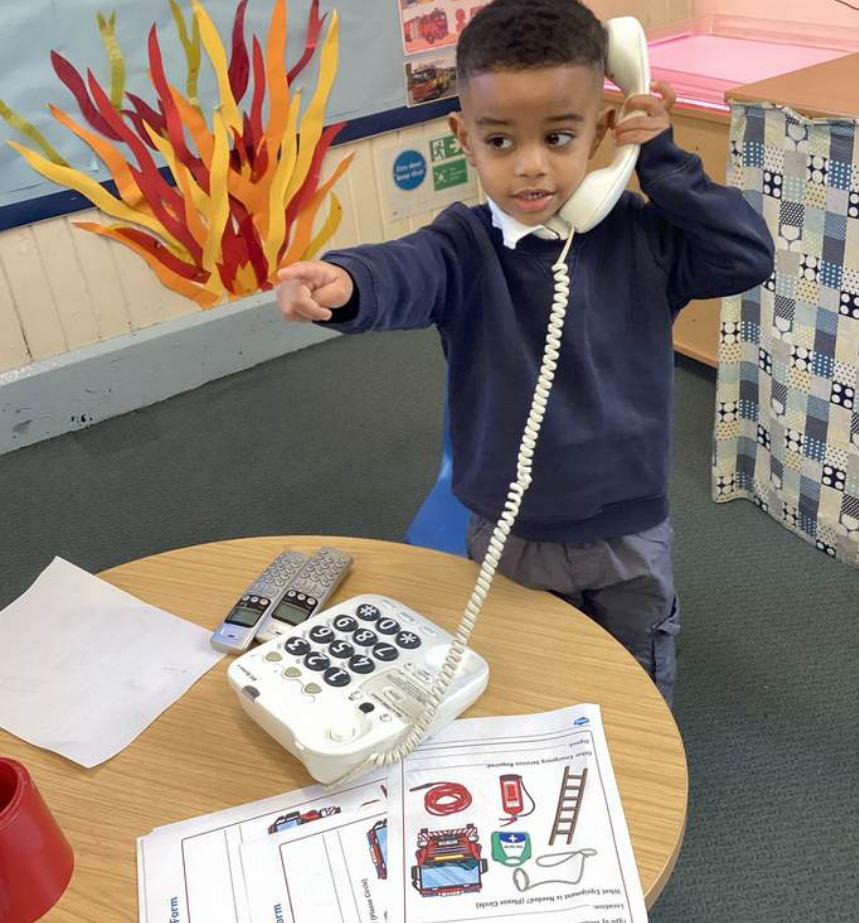
HAVE FUN



**GOOD
GAME**



Football Friendships SWFCCP @ St Mary's



Foundation

Learning about Fire and Road Safety

Over the past few weeks, the children have been learning about fire safety (linked to Bonfire Night) and road safety.

They have enjoyed playing in our Fire Station role play area and taking part in creative activities, such as colouring, cutting and sticking.



Year 1

Henri Matisse and the Paintz App

Y1 have had a fantastic week discussing Henri Matisse this week.

We have put our computing skills to the test and applied our knowledge of how to use a trackpad in the Paintz app.

This has led to use making our own artwork in the style of Henri.

Well done Y1!



Indoor Athletics Competition

Well done to the Y5/6 children who took part in the Indoors Athletics Competition. There were some great performances and we came 5th in our heat.

All the children competed well and supported each other in the different events.

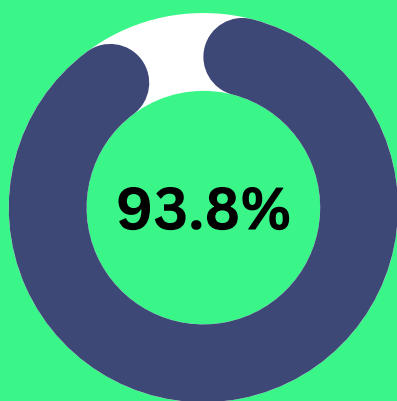
Special shout out to Adimchinobi who came 1st in the individual hurdles, and to Maisie and Reuben who came 2nd in their individual sprints.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

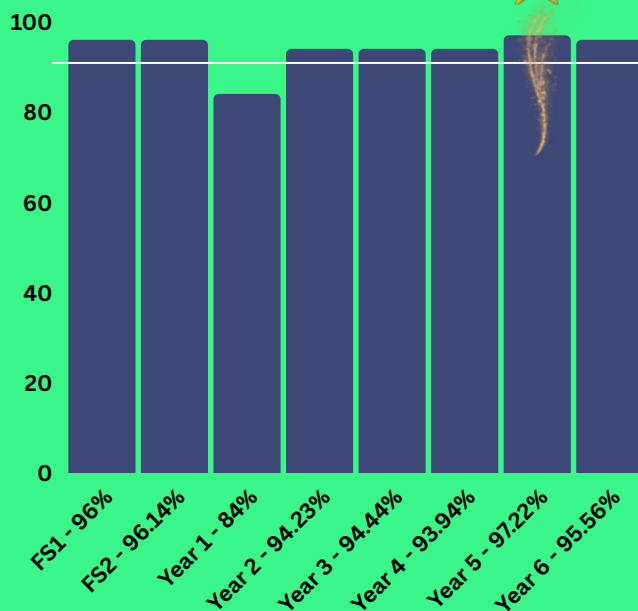


WELL DONE Y5



Our whole school attendance for the week 93.82%

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



Y5 are class winners this week with 97.22%
WELL DONE!



Year 3

A lovely Fab Finish learning about bones

Year 3 had a lovely Fab Finish this week. We used different shapes and sizes of pasta to represent the different bones we have in our body.

The children were then able to name the bones the pasta represented and why they had chosen that shape.

Thank you to all the parents that came!



Year 2

We've been busy feature finding about owls

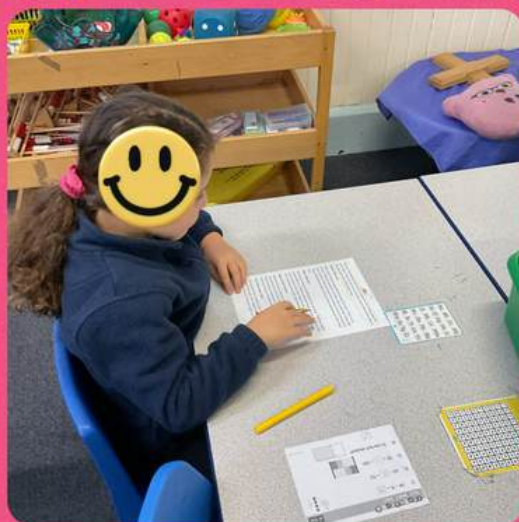
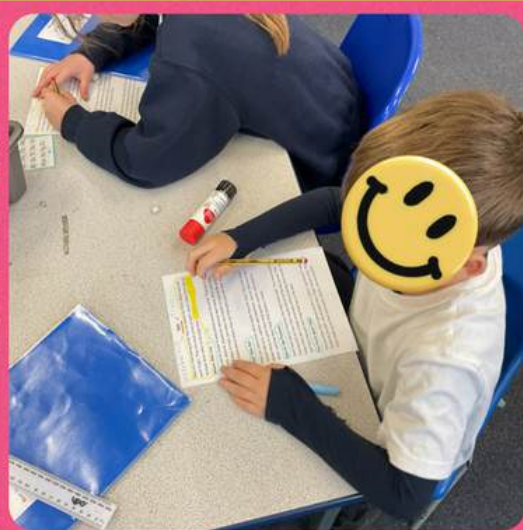
Y2 have been busy feature finding this week!

We explored the key features of a non-chronological report, using owls as our focus.

The children looked closely at titles, subheadings and introductions, discussing why each one is important and how they help the reader understand information clearly.

We spotted these features in real reports and talked about how writers organise facts so they are easy to follow. The class showed great enthusiasm and worked brilliantly together.

We're now excited to use what we've learned to begin planning and writing our very own non-chronological reports soon!





Year 5

Creative toymaking design and skills

Year 5 students have been given an exciting assignment to create toys for our Foundation Stage children!

The design criteria requires that the toys be appealing to young children, incorporate cogs and gears, and help develop fine motor skills.

Last Friday, our Year 5 students visited the Foundation Stage to gather ideas on what designs would resonate with the little ones.

They received some intriguing requests from the children! Additionally, Year 5 practiced creating working cogs out of cardboard, enhancing their hands-on skills in the process.

Stay tuned for more updates on their creative journey!



Come along to...

Parent Forum

Coffee Morning

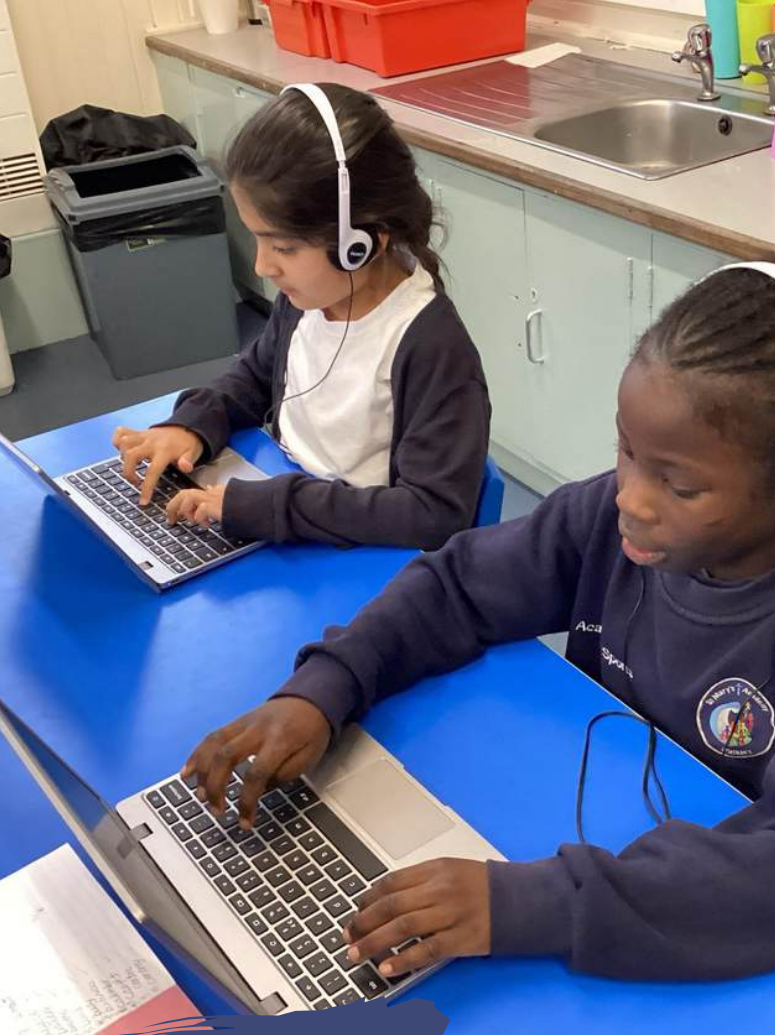
Be part of shaping fundraising for our school community on Tuesday mornings.



EVERY WEEK!

9 – 9:30 AM

After School Club



Year 4

Keyboard skills

This week, Year 4 have been diving into the world of technology! They've been learning how to log onto their Chromebooks with individual logins. It's been fantastic to see them practising their typing skills using an online typing tool. We're so proud of their progress and can't wait to see them continue to improve!

