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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

23rd July 2025

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to our Year 6 class who put on an amazing show - Cinderella Rockafella! The singing was out of this world and the children were fabulous. Thank you so much to all of you who supported them by sharing this with us.



Thank you to Year 5 who did an amazing ECO uniform swap shop to help save the planet and to make sure we don't add to unnecessary landfill. They are so passionate about this and are making such a difference. Mrs Mellow told me they were amazing during their university trip - what role models!

We had a beautiful church service on Monday, led by Huw Thomas. It was a lovely way to say thank you to our lovely Year 6 group and to wish them well. We look forward to hearing their success stories in the future.

Year 4 did an amazing History performance too - it was so lovely to see so many of you join us for this!

I would like to say thank you for my amazing first year here with you all. We really do appreciate your support and I love the children we have here at St. Mary's - we are very lucky!. My thanks also go to the staff team here at St Mary's, who make the school as special as it is!

May I wish you all a very lovely holiday and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Thursday 4th September at 8.40 a.m.

Many thanks, Mrs Burgess. Happy Holidays!



Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st, 2nd, 3rd September -
INSET days for staff

Thursday 4th September -
Children return to school.

Monday 8th September - History
Dress Up Day

Monday 15th September -
National Holocaust Centre Trip

Wednesday 1st October - SEN
coffee p.m. with Katie Hancock

For the yearly planned overview
- please see your class DOJO/
email.





Next, the West End!!

What an amazing production, Y6! You were all incredible.

First, St Mary's; next, the West End!





Foundation

Working together

The children in Foundation Stage have been showing us how well they can work together this week. Some of our Reception children have been reading to the Nursery children. We are so proud of how well you can use your phonics skills to read aloud to others! They have also been working together to complete jigsaws. **Well done everyone!**





Year 1

A Fantastic Fab Finisher

We had a fantastic Fab Finisher exploring map symbols and putting our geography skills to the test! A big thank you to all the parents who joined us - it was wonderful to have you there to celebrate the children's learning!





Year 5

Challenging gender stereotypes

On Friday, Y5 took part in a workshop on challenging gender stereotypes run by the Sheffield Wednesday Community Programme.

This was followed by a KS2 assembly about the Euros and female empowerment.

We also had a very special visit from footballer Barry Bannan!



Year 4

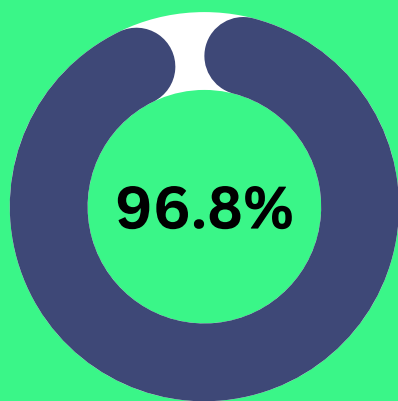
Beautiful voices. Fantastic attitude.

Year 4 had an excellent singing workshop.

They impressed our visitors with their beautiful voices and fantastic attitudes!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS



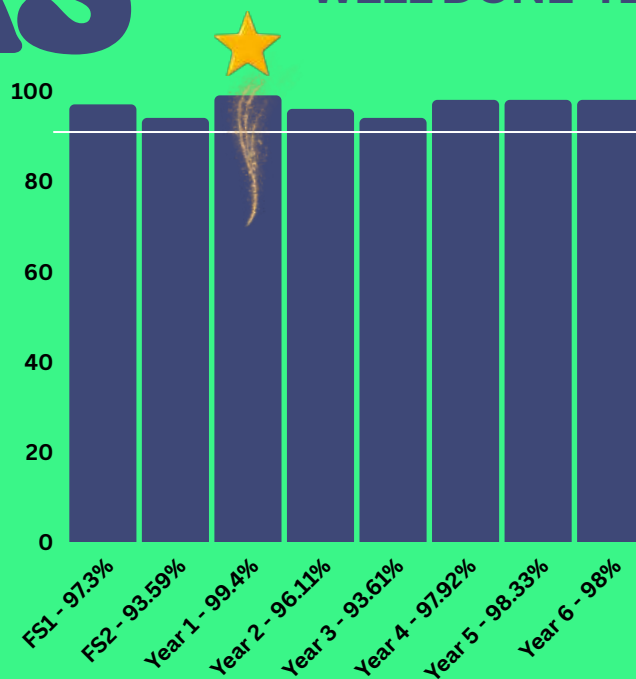
Our whole school attendance for the week 96.83%

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

Y1 are class winners this week with 99.4%!

WELL DONE!

WELL DONE Y1



GREAT NEWS!

We have been RAG rated as GREEN for our attendance work this year because of the hard work of Miss MacMahon and the attendance ambassadors this year. We thank all of you for supporting this work to ensure our school attendance is above national average. We have been told by the LA that we are close to achieving purple standard which is incredible. This would mean we will be asked to showcase the good practice as a school and as an academy.



Year 3

THE CLASS WAS BUZZING WITH EXCITEMENT

In our recent Year 3 Design Technology lesson, the children culminated their unit on systems and power by creating their final projects.

Each student designed and built wind-powered products after conducting thorough research. The classroom was buzzing with excitement as they showcased their innovative designs of flower pin wheels and spiral spinners.

It was fantastic to see their ideas come to life, demonstrating their understanding of renewable energy in a fun and engaging way!





Swim England National Summer Meet

Social impact community sessions

Ponds Forge International Sports Centre
29th July – 3rd August



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Tuesday 29th July 8:45-9:45
Water safety session – 'Promoting the importance of safety in and around water'

Wednesday 30th July 3:05-3:35
Aquatic Sports Skills – 'developing water confidence in shallow water through introductory aquatic sports skills'

Thursday 31st July 3:05-3:50
Water wellbeing inspired session – 'in partnership with level water, supporting the growth and development of those with additional needs.'

Friday 1st August 10:00-10:45
Water safety session – 'Promoting the importance of safety in and around water'

Saturday 2nd August Time 17:00-18:00
General Family swim session –
'open session for all families to attend'

Only £1 per session!



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Big shout out for Michelle Grant St Mary's CE Academy Swimming Lead...

We're incredibly proud of Michelle, whose passion for swimming and dedication to our pupils truly shines. Always first in the water to support less confident swimmers, Michelle recently completed CPD on supporting children with SEND and has already begun sharing her insights with the team. She's even training to become a qualified swimming assistant in her own time! A wonderful example of going above and beyond for our children.



**Look what we've
been awarded...**



St Mary's CE Primary School

has achieved the Gold School Games Mark
award for their commitment, engagement
in the School Games for 2024/25.



SWIFT REASSURANCE

As you will have noticed, scaffolding has been put up in school so that builders can add fall arrest measures should any roof tiles move in the future due to extreme weather conditions.

The builders have been made aware of the swift community that nests in the roof of St. Mary's and they will not be working on the front of the building until they make sure the swifts have gone and their habitat is safe.

Chris Webb (site manager) has also spoken to the building team to ensure the swifts can come back again in April and access the space as they usually do for nesting. Please be assured necessary staff will be on site to ensure the project runs smoothly.

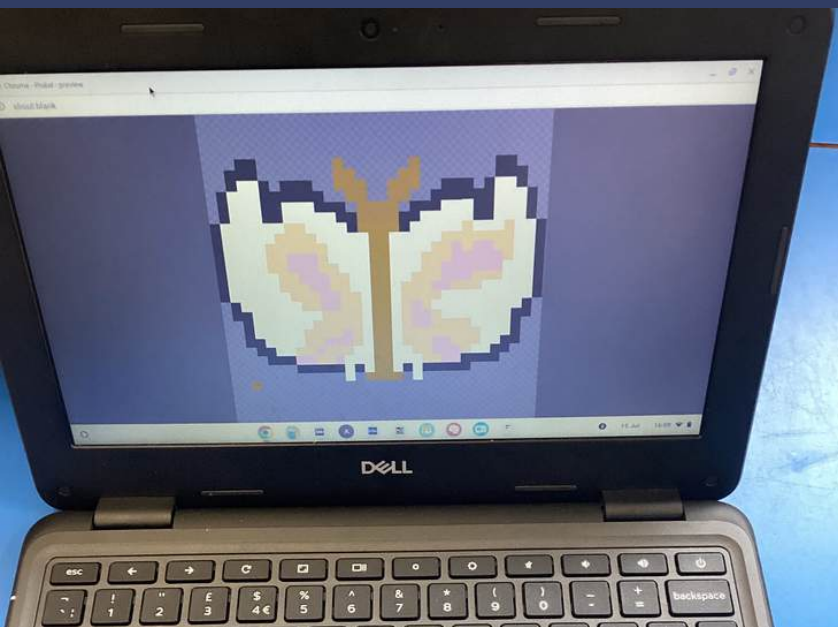


A FANTASTIC FINALE TO AFTER-SCHOOL CODE CLUB

What a fantastic finale for our after-school Code Club!

In our final session, the children dived into the world of pixel art using the brilliant online website, PiskelApp. They had a blast creating their own artwork and watching it come to life through animation. It was heartwarming to see their creativity grow.

A huge thank you to everyone who participated this year - Code Club will be back next year for more coding adventures!





Year 2

Crafting a Yanomami house

The Year 2 children had lots of fun creatively crafting their own Yanomami house.

They used card, wooden sticks, and plenty of imagination to build a round structure, similar to the ones the Yanomami people live in within the Amazon rainforest.

Well Fantastic effort and teamwork - great job, Year 2! Everyone!

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