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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

2nd May 2025

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4

Dear Parents and Carers,



We hope you have been enjoying this lovely sunshine with your children and doing some lovely outdoor activities. The children have been so busy learning beyond the classroom, lots of trips and experinecs for them. They have all been fantastic!

Please remember school is closed this Monday - 5th May as it is May Day bank holiday. School returns as normal on Tuesday 6th May.

Many thanks,

Mrs. Burgess



Dates for your Diary

Monday 5th May - school closed for May Day bank holiday

Wednesday 7th May - Class Photos

Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May - SATs tests for Y6

Monday 19th May - Y5 Trip to Manor Lodge

Wednesday 21st May - Oakes Residential - Y4/5/6

Friday 23rd May - school breaks up for half term - return Monday 2nd June

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Big Thanks

Many thanks to Wickes Sheffield North for their generous donation of gardening equipment for school.



Minibeast under the Microscope and more!

Foundation

As part of our 'Minibeasts' topic, the children in Foundation Stage have been enjoying playing in the Bug Lab.

They have been using a variety of equipment, such as microscopes, magnifying glasses and syringes to examine different minibeasts.



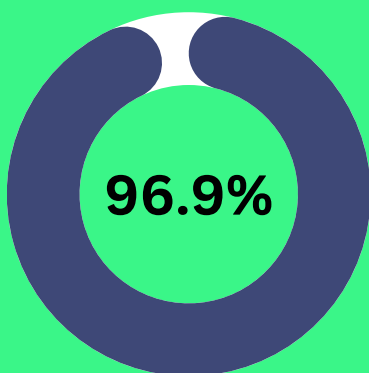
AFTER-SCHOOL CODE CLUB IS BACK!

After-school Code Club has restarted!

The first ten students kicked things off by participating in an Hour of Code, designing their own dance party complete with colourful characters, animated backgrounds, and upbeat music. Creativity and coding combined!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

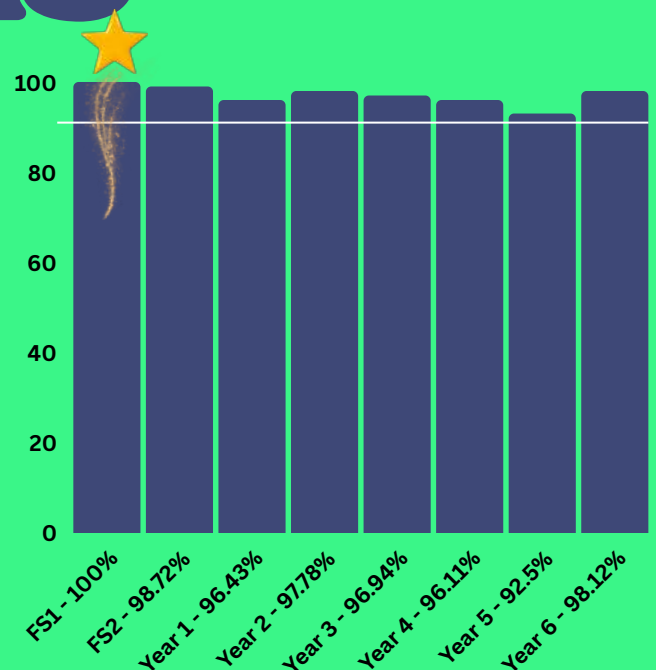


Our whole school attendance for the week 96.9%

All classes that achieved 97% and above will get an extra 10 minute break which are FS1, FS2, YR2 and YR6

FS1 are class winners again with an amazing 100%! They have an extra break and can also choose an extra attendance treat... **WELL DONE!**

WELL DONE FS1



Year 3



WESTON PARK MUSEUM TRIP BRINGS ANGLO-SAXON HISTORY TO LIFE!

Year 3 enjoyed a trip to Weston Park Museum to support their history learning.

They took part in a fascinating workshop about the Benty Grange Anglo-Saxon helmet and explored the museum's exhibits, bringing the past to life in exciting ways.



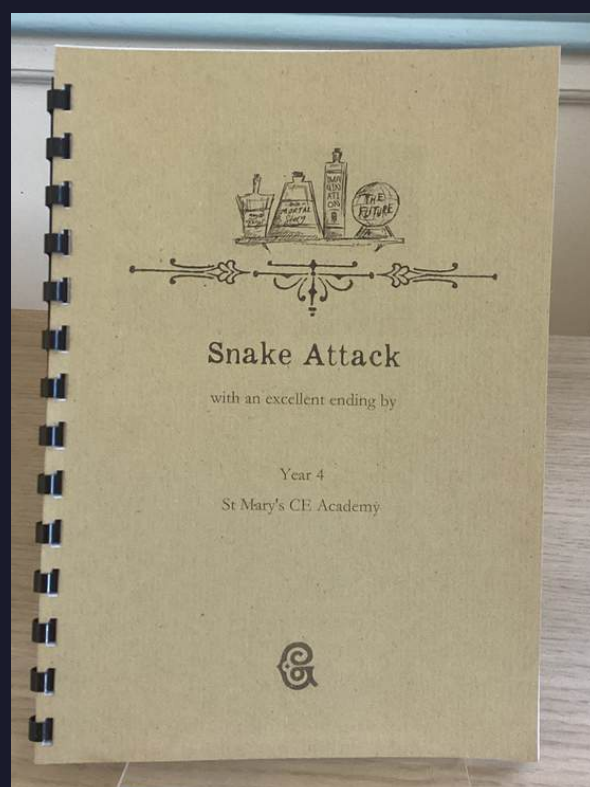


Year 4

A Brilliant Trip to Grimm&Co



Year 4 had a brilliant trip to Grimm & Co. The children took part in an amazing storytelling session. I was so impressed with their imaginative and creative ideas and I know the staff there were too! Through their brilliant descriptions, an illustrator brought their visions to life and they each received an illustrated, published story with their own exciting endings!





Year 2

Bringing History to Life in Ruskin Park

Year 2 visited Ruskin Park and stepped into the shoes of Anglo-Saxons, searching for a forest clearing to gather wood and build a new village called Walcas Leah.

The children collected sticks and began constructing their new wooden homes, bringing history to life through imaginative play and hands-on learning.

Year 1

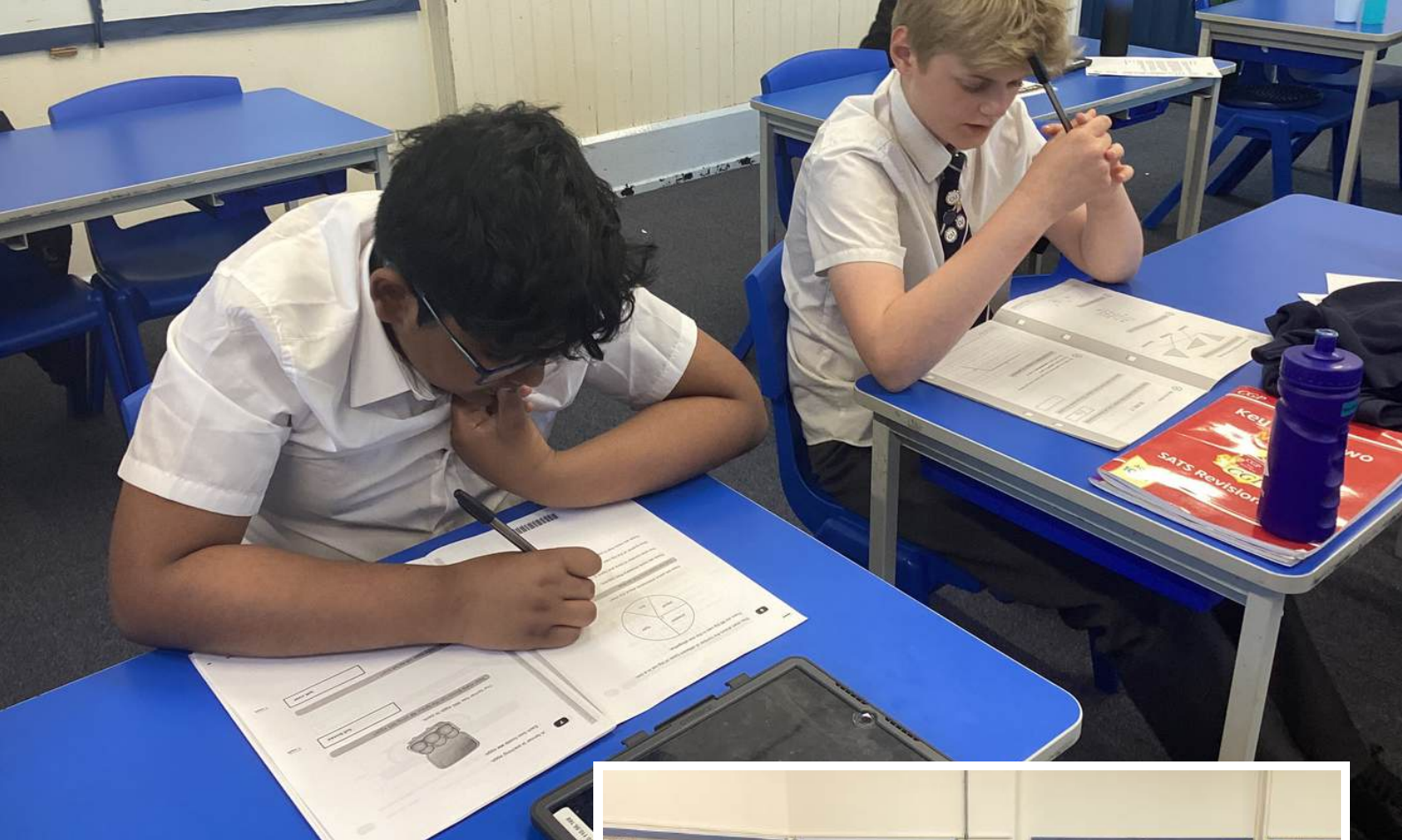
USING CLAY WHILE LEARNING ABOUT INUIT CULTURE

Year 1 had an amazing time learning about Inuit culture this week!

The children thoroughly enjoyed discussing Inuit traditions and lifestyles, and they were especially excited to model and pinch their own pebbles using clay, inspired by the Inuit practice of creating small sculptures. It was a wonderful hands-on experience that sparked their creativity and curiosity.

We're so proud of their enthusiasm and effort!





Year 6

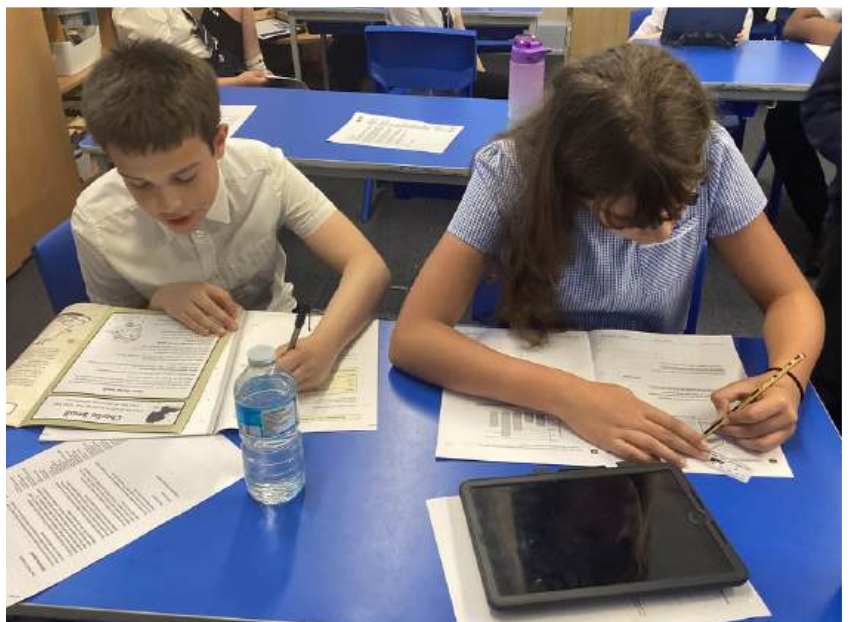
Working to **EXCEED** their targets

Y6 have been working so hard with their SATs preparation.

They have been doing lots of revision in class as well as revision club every morning from 8.15am and after school on a Thursday.

They are definitely working towards **EXCEEDING** their targets.

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Meet Rio, the therapy dog

This week, Year 3 welcomed Rio, a therapy dog from Pets As Therapy. The children enjoyed stroking and grooming Rio, while also asking the trainer lots of fascinating questions about the dog's role and how therapy animals help others.

