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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

7th November 2025

“Rise up, take courage and do it”

Ezra 10:4



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been such a lovely start to the new half term. The children have come back full of energy, smiles and enthusiasm for learning.

Next week, we'll be taking time to reflect and remember those who have lost their lives in war, as well as thinking about all the brave people who continue to serve and protect us today.



We'll also be marking **Anti-Bullying Week** by celebrating how we are all unique and special - children are welcome to wear **odd socks** throughout the week to help share that message.

On **Friday**, we'll be joining in with **Children in Need** and raising money for this brilliant charity. Children can come to school in **yellow, spots or pyjamas**, and if possible, bring along a **£1 donation** to support the cause.

Finally, a very warm welcome to Mrs Payne, who has joined our wonderful Nursery team - we're so pleased to have her with us!

Mrs Burgess x



Dates for your Diary

12th Nov Y3 Grimm & Co

13th Nov Y5 Magna

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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Foundation

Developing fine motor skills

This week in Foundation Stage, the children have been developing their fine motor skills.

They have used counters to place on the superheroes and have rescued the evil peas from the jelly.

The children in Reception have been practising forming letters.

We are really proud.

Well done!



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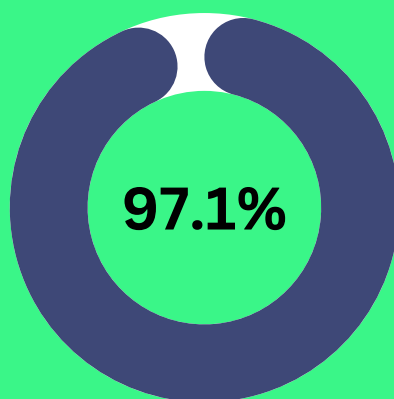


This week in Foundation Stage, we have been learning all about Bonfire Night. We have taken part in lots of creative activities and have had lots of fun!



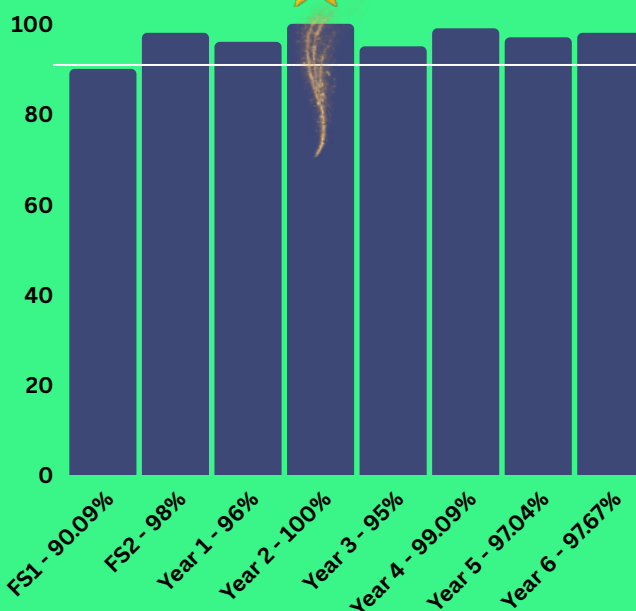
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WELL DONE YEAR 2



Our whole school attendance for the week 97.08%

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



Year 2 are class winners this week with an amazing 100%

AMAZING! WELL DONE!



Year 6

Comparing Populations

Y6 used 100 counters to represent the population of the world and thought about how many people lived in each continent.

We then looked at the different languages spoken and the different religions.

We compared this data to UK data and then the Sheffield data before comparing this to our class data.

Year 4

VIKINGS. RAIDERS OR TRADERS?

Last Friday, Year 4 held an exciting Fab Finish lesson, culminating our history topic on the Vikings.

The handwritten work is on a piece of paper with a blue background. It features a central question: "In what ways do you think the Vikings changed British culture?". To the left, a flowchart lists arguments for Vikings being traders: "The Vikings created a trade network that spanned the globe as far east as the river Volga and Byzantium." and "The Vikings settled and started trading." To the right, a flowchart lists arguments for Vikings being raiders: "The Vikings invaded the centre of long boats!" and "The Vikings stole gold and silver." At the bottom, it says "Vikings didn't use horses." There are also some small drawings, including a Viking longship and a Viking helmet.

The children passionately debated whether the Vikings were Raiders or Traders, using evidence from previous lessons.

Families joined in, making it a lively exploration of this fascinating historical issue!

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Join Our New Parent Forum

Parent Forum Coffee Morning

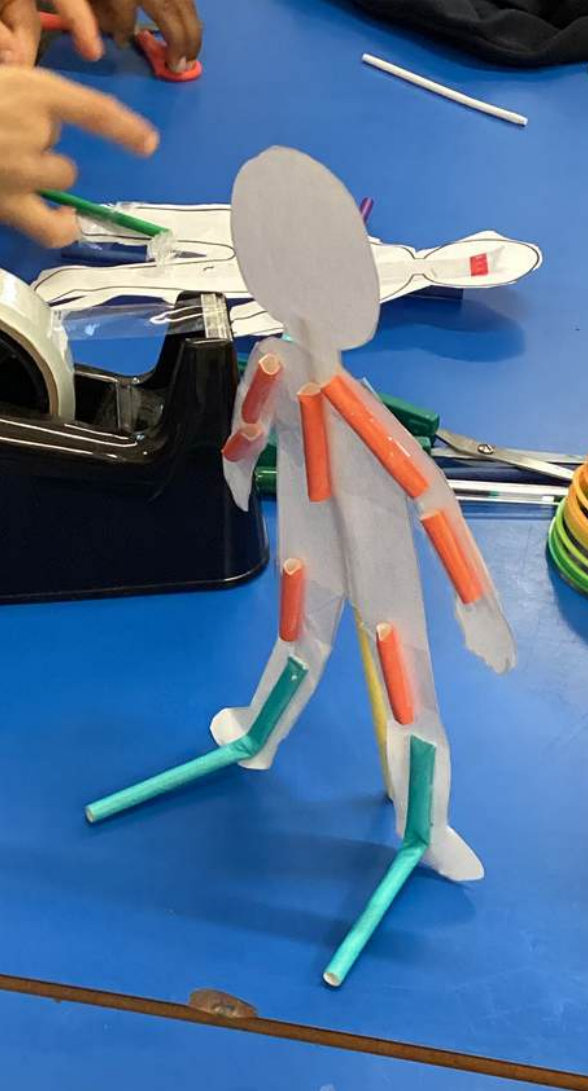
Be part of shaping fundraising
for our school community.



♥ Tuesday, 11th November ♥

9 – 9:45 AM

♥ After School Club ♥



Year 3

Learning about the skeleton

Year 3 are learning about the Skeleton in Science.

For our first lesson, we spoke about which bones we have in our body and the children tried to represent their different shapes and sizes using masking tape.

We also created a model using paper and straws to show how our bones support us to stand up and move and how without them, we would be floppy!



Congratulations



Congratulations to the Y4 basketball team who came fifth in their tournament and were just one point away from qualifying for the next round!