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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

9th May 2025

“Rise up, take courage and do it”

Ezra 10:4

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday it was the eightieth anniversary of V.E. day and it was lovely to see so many children wearing red, white and blue to celebrate. The whole school came together, into the hall, for a special history assembly led by Mrs. Mellow and watched special footage about V.E. day and listened to some music from the past. At 12 O'clock the children observed a two minute silence. They were absolutely amazing and very respectful.

Year 6 SATs are next week and Mrs Binney, Mrs Greig and Mrs Norris could not have prepared the children any better. A big thank you, especially to Mrs Binney, who has given her own time to leading revision clubs for the children and I know Mrs Binney is incredibly proud of them all. The tests will be on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and we wish them all the best. **SATs breakfast** will be served from 8.00 a.m.

Wishing you all a very happy weekend,

Many thanks, Mrs. Burgess



Dates for your Diary

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

Wednesday 4th June - Y4 Trip Moorland Discovery Centre

Tuesday 10th June - Y1 Trip Millennium Gallery

Wednesday 11th June - Yr 2 Trip Flamborough

Friday 13th June - Father's Day event

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We're delighted to be on the Grow Smart Pilot Program

We are delighted to have been accepted on the Grow Smart pilot program for Food Growing with Sheffield Schools, supported by Learn Sheffield and Food Works. We have collected our first plants for the school garden, and all the lovely new planters in the KS1 yard should soon be full of flowers, herbs and vegetables. Many thanks to Maddy and all the team at Food Works Norton for supporting nature-friendly food-growing in our city.

Year 5

**A special
visitor for
Y5**



Year 5 were really lucky this week as we had a special visit from a real-life scientist! Professor Aimee Ambrose, from Sheffield Hallam University, visited us to talk all about energy. The children were shocked to find out that 200 famous buildings in Sheffield (including the hospitals, museums and leisure centres) get their energy from burning the rubbish that we put in our black bins. We talked about the pros and cons of this and the children also learnt a lot about renewable and non-renewable energy. This is all part of a larger project in which the children study how we consume energy in schools and whether it would be beneficial for us to install solar panels at St.Mary's. Really interesting stuff!

Year 6

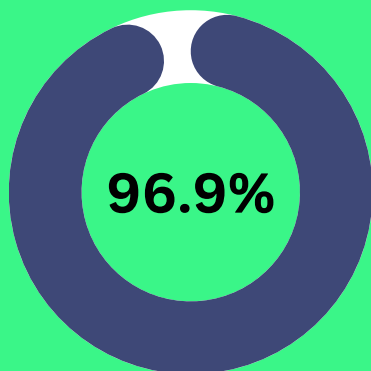
To our amazing Year 6. Believe in yourself as much as we believe in you!

Y6 have worked so hard this week with their revision. Next week, they will be completing their tests and we want to take this opportunity to wish them the very best! We could not have asked for more; they have worked so hard to improve.

Just remember, SATs only test you in maths, reading and writing. They do not measure your kindness or what a good friend you are; they do not measure your resilience or how much your confidence has grown; they do not measure your skill in PE or art or music; they do not measure how you make others feel.

When you sit down to the test, just remember how amazing you are and believe in yourself as much as we believe in you!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

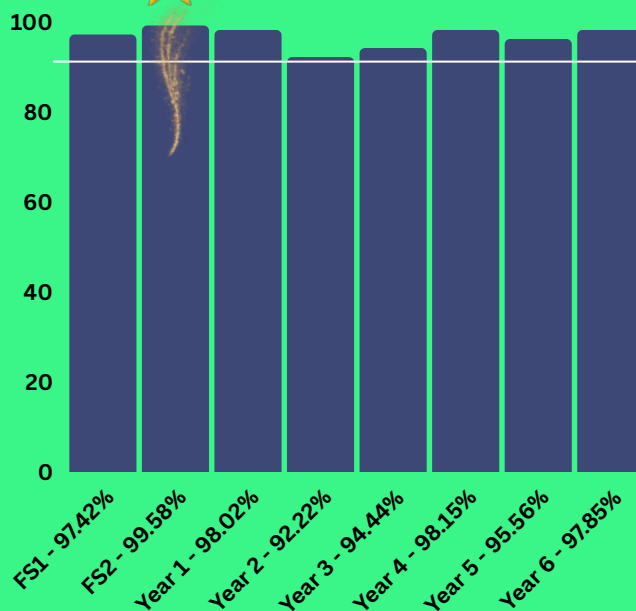


Our whole school attendance for the week 96.56%

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

FS2 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 FS2



Year 1



Building vocabulary and creativity with descriptive discussions

This week, Year 1 have been enjoying the class text *Toys in Space* by Mini Grey.

As part of their learning, the children designed their own imaginative aliens and explored a range of adjectives to describe them – from "slimy" and "sparkly" to "friendly" and "fierce"!

These descriptive discussions are helping to build their vocabulary and creativity, and will lead into writing their very own character descriptions of their aliens.

We can't wait to see their ideas come to life in writing!



Year 5

3D ART FORMS

This week, Year 5 have started a new unit of learning all about 3D art forms.

In our first lesson, we looked at the work of the famous sculptor, Barbara Hepworth.

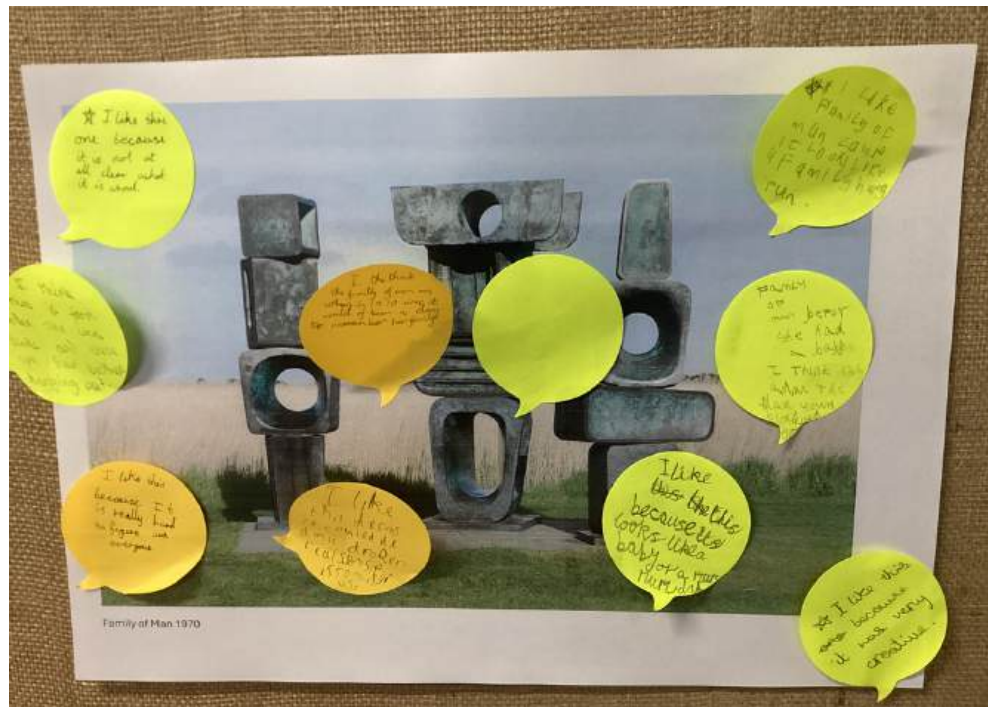
We tried to interpret who the subject of each piece was and what might have been happening in her life at the time that she made it.

The children had some really interesting insights.

Willow said she thought a piece called Motherhood was about "how love is infinite" which I thought was really lovely.

In our second lesson, we learnt that sometimes sculptors use something called an armature which strengthens their sculptures. We used plastic bowls as our own armature and built a papier mâché bowls around them.

I was really impressed by how carefully the children constructed their bowls. A massive well done, Year 5!





Year 2

Getting hands-on with imaginative art

Year 2 students have been getting hands-on with a fun and imaginative art project — potato printing! Using carved potatoes and a variety of vibrant paints, the children explored printmaking techniques to create bold and colourful patterns.

This creative activity not only sparked their artistic flair but also helped develop their fine motor skills and understanding of shapes and repetition. The classroom was filled with excitement, laughter, and lots of beautiful, messy fun!

Year 3

LEARNING ABOUT SHADOWS

Last week, Year 3 explored how shadows are formed during their science lesson.

Luckily, the sun was shining, giving them plenty of chances to experiment.

In the KS2 playground, they observed how light is blocked, creating fun and fascinating shadow shapes.





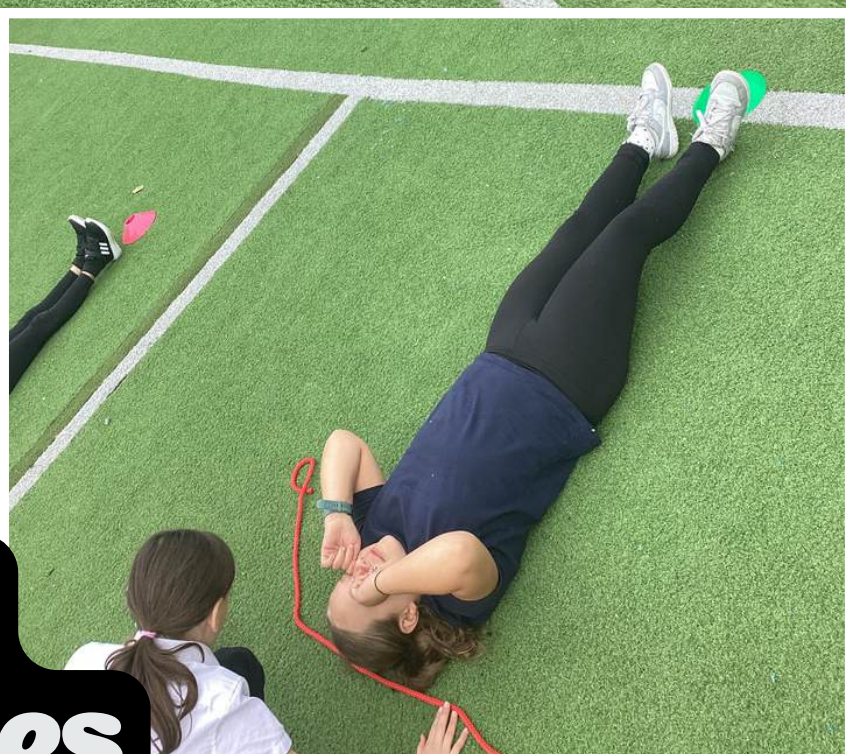
Year 4

Jumping techniques

Year 4 had a great athletics lesson.

We practised jumping with control and balance and developed great technique for long jump.

We even managed to measure and jump the distance of our own body heights!





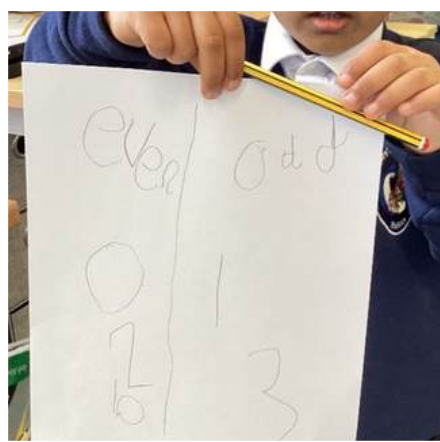
Foundation

Learning about numbers

The children in Foundation Stage have been learning all about numbers this week.

In Nursery, the children have been counting the minibeasts and practising writing numbers.

The children in Reception have been learning all about odd and even numbers.





Walkley Wombles Litter Pick

On Sunday, some of the Y5 staff, children and parents joined the amazing Walkley Wombles on their monthly litter pick.

All of the Y5 children designed and created a hi-vis arm band to keep the Wombles safe whilst they are working. The Wombles were absolutely delighted with their arm bands and couldn't believe that the Y5 children had made them themselves.

The next Walkley Wombles litter pick will be on Sunday June 1st at 11am. The location will be announced on their Facebook page closer to the time. Litter pickers and bags are provided.



VE Day

8th May



On 8th May, the whole school celebrated VE Day with a special assembly. Pupils dressed in red, white and blue, and the school was decorated with colourful bunting. At 12pm, everyone joined together to observe a respectful two-minute silence.