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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

17th January 2025

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4

Dear Parents and Carers,

Back to a full newsletter again!

What an amazing week again! There is so much going on and so much is coming up soon.

Please try and support the NSPCC number day on the 7th February . Children and staff can wear clothes with numbers or dress up as a TT Rockstar...



See last page for more information.

I can't wait for this!

Happy Weekend, Mrs Burgess



Dates for your Diary

Monday 20th January - FS 2 NHS screening

Tuesday 21st January - Coffee am with Katie Hancock - parents of children with SEND

Wednesday 29th January - Emergency Museum Trip for Y1

Friday 7th February - NSPCC dress up day

Monday 10th February Anti-Bullying Week, Y4 walk to the Methodist Church and Bikeability

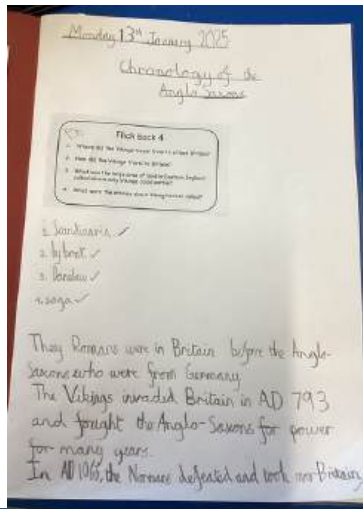
Tuesday 11th February - Internet Safety Day

Friday 14th February - Half Term

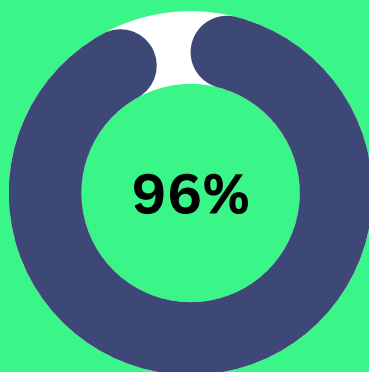
Year 4

Anglo-Saxons

Year 4 have had a brilliant start to their new history unit, the Anglo-Saxons. We worked in groups to put key events in chronological order without using dates and drew on our previous learning in our Viking unit to help us. Great teamwork and thinking skills, Year 4!



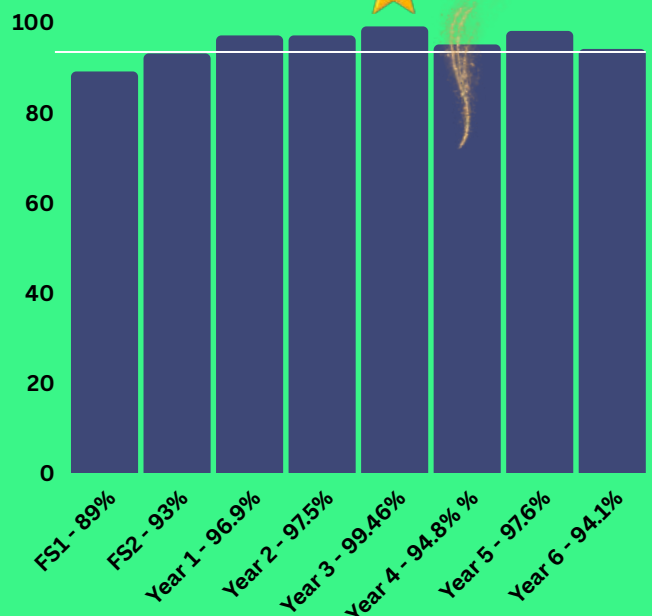
ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Our whole school attendance for the week (08.01.25 - 15.01.25) is 96.03%. Children were asked in December about attendance and rewards and they wanted to stay with the current system. All classes that achieved 96% and above will get an extra 10 minute break.

Year 3 are class winners with an amazing 99%! They have an extra break and can also choose an extra attendance treat... **WELL DONE!**

WELL DONE Year 3





42 children (and staff) braved the ice and managed to get to the Young Voices concert.

They had the best time singing along to the songs they had been learning all year and danced along to the special guests on stage: multi-award-winning teacher turned rapper and viral social media sensation, Jacob Mitchell, aka MC Grammar; lead singer of the BBC Strictly Come Dancing band for 20 incredible years, Tommy Blaize; BGT semi-finalist, Souparnika Nair; and the amazing dance company: Urban Strides.

What a night!



SHEFFIELD LEGEND - HELEN SHERMAN

Year 2

This week the children have started their new History topic based on the Sheffield legend- Helen Sherman.

The children have completed some fantastic timelines of the different milestones in space travel.

Good job Y2!





Year 6

YEAR 6 ART INVESTIGATIONS

Y6 began their new art topic where they will be looking, in particular, at the works of Patrick Hughes.

They looked at a range of his art and moved around to gain different perspectives of the same pieces. They recognised that he often includes books in his pictures that are relevant to the art they portray. They also recognised how he celebrated other artists by including their pieces within his images - Andy Warhol (who was studied in Y5) was repeated numerous times.

Nursery & Reception

WINTER - WHERE DOES THE SNOW GO?

This week Nursery and Reception have enjoyed learning all about our new topic 'Winter- Where does snow go?'

They have played in the small world area, role playing the story 'One Snowy Night'.

They have also practised their cutting skills by making snowflakes.



Year 5



Year 1



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A BRILLIANT START BACK!

Y1 have had a brilliant start back to school with understanding numbers to 20. **Well done Y1!**

Charity Catch-up!



We are delighted with our latest statistics from the Living Streets Charity: our active travel rate has gone from 61% to 71%, 51% of our children walk to school, and our driven rate has dropped from 38% to 28%. Many thanks to all the families who are using active travel on a regular basis (walking, scooting, park & stride) to and from school. Reducing traffic from around the school gates keeps our children safer, fitter and healthier.



For a limited period only, we are collecting (empty!) plastic tubs of chocolate, sweets and crackers. The tubs will be recycled, and money raised from recycling will be given directly to Macmillan Cancer Support. **Please bring any tubs to school by Friday 24th January.**



The collection of bakery bags and writing instruments for the Terracycle scheme is ongoing. Many thanks for all your contributions; we have recycled almost 70 kg of bags so far!



On the 7th February, we will be taking part in the NSPCC Number Day-a day of amazing Maths activities and problem solving.

As part of this, it would be amazing if as many people as possible could dress up in a number themed outfit: this could be a sports top that has a number on it; a homemade t-shirt; dressing as a TTRockstar; dressing as a Numberblock; the list is endless!

We will be collecting for the NSPCC throughout the day so any donations will be greatly appreciated.



Search NSPCC Number Day Costumes for more great ideas on what you could wear!

CODING WITH SCRATCH

Year 3

Year 3 students explored the online coding platform Scratch this week, discovering how objects have attributes like code, sound, and costumes.

By creating interactive projects, they learned to manipulate these elements to bring characters to life, adding to their understanding of programming concepts in a fun, hands-on way.

