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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

12th September 2025

“Rise up, take courage and do it”

Ezra 10:4

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to our first term in school.

The children are all settling beautifully into their new classes and starting to get to know their new teachers.

We had an amazing History Day on Monday and I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs. Mellow (Y5) for organising this day. Well done to the children who engaged with all of the activities and had a great learning day.

Safer Streets are working with school, and some children have volunteered to stop dangerous parking around school. Please park safely, and legally, around school so that all of our children are safe when they are walking near school.

Staffing up-date - We welcome Mrs. El Korrimé who will be supporting learning across school and Mrs. Mohamad who will be supporting us in the Nursery until we recruit a replacement Teaching Assistant. The children know Mrs. Mohamad as she is a midday in school and Mrs. El Korrimé has also worked in the school before. On Wednesday we said thank you and goodbye to Miss Waggott (Nursery) and we wish her well with her exciting travel plans.

Happy weekend, Mrs Burgess x



Dates for your Diary

Monday 15th September - National Holocaust Centre Trip

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

Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th September - Book Fair is in the hall from 3.00 for EYFS and R, Y1 and 2 and from 3.15 for KS2.

A DOJO will be sent out by Miss Esmes with further information about the book fair.



Year 6

WHAT AN AMAZING HISTORY DAY

We were transported to Victorian Britain and experienced the day as a Victorian school child.

We had a look around our school at all the Victorian features and looked at key events and artefacts from the time!



Year 4

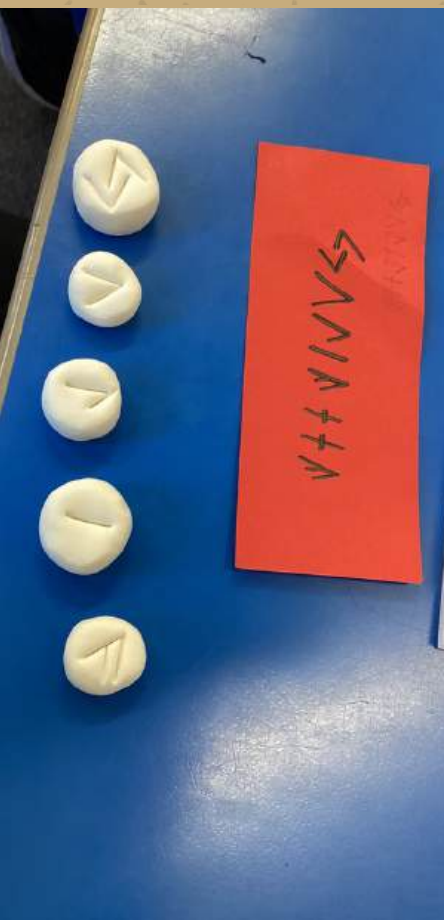
The Vikings

Year 4 had a fantastic time on History Day, diving into the Viking period!

The children dressed up as Vikings, crafted Trollden bracelets, handled fascinating artefacts, and created their very own runes.

The day kicked off with a lively assembly, where children contributed to a real-life timeline.

It was a memorable experience!





Year 2

Year 2 had a fantastic time on History Day!

The children dressed up in medieval Britain costumes and looked amazing.

They learned all about castles and their timeline, exploring how they changed over the years.

Everyone enjoyed handling fascinating artefacts, including shields, chain mail, and helmets. The children showed brilliant effort and shared their excellent knowledge throughout the day.

Well done, Year 2 – a truly memorable day of history learning and fun!

Year 1

Year 1's Fantastic History Day

We are delighted to share that Year 1 had an absolutely brilliant History Day this week!

The children were fully immersed in the exciting world of the past as they learned all about **Mary Anning**, the pioneering fossil hunter and paleontologist.

From the moment the day began, Year 1 were buzzing with curiosity and enthusiasm. They listened attentively to the incredible story of Mary Anning's life and discoveries, asking thoughtful questions and sharing their ideas. The children showed real interest in her work and were fascinated by how her work helped scientists understand the prehistoric world.

In the afternoon, the budding paleontologists turned into **expert fossil hunters** themselves! With brushes, tools, and lots of excitement, they carefully searched for hidden "fossils" and showed great teamwork, patience, and observation skills. It was wonderful to see them so engaged and proud of their discoveries.

We would like to say a huge **thank you** to everyone for your support and positivity around the day – from the creative costumes to the encouraging words at the school gates, it all helped make the day extra special. The children had a fantastic time and we're so proud of their enthusiasm and brilliant behaviour throughout.

Well done, Year 1 - you're all history stars in the making!



Year 6

Trying out the brand new activity hub

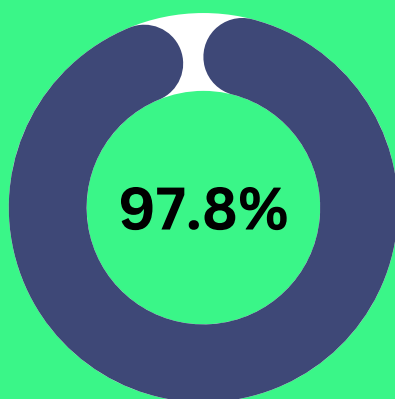
The Y6 class had a lovely time trying out different sports at the brand new activity hub run by Courtside in Hillsborough Park.

Courtside are hosting an open day on Sunday 14th September from 12pm to 4pm. Families will be able to take part in lots of free activities such as padel, basketball, tennis, football with Sheffield Wednesday, and many more.

Refreshments are available at the cafe.



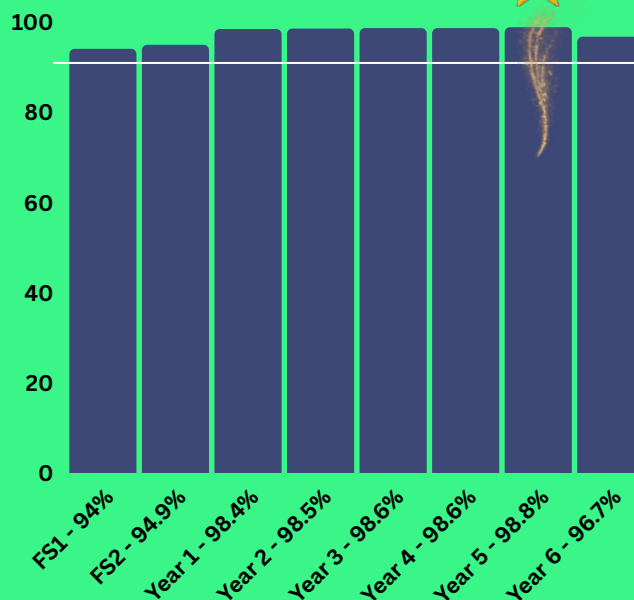
ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Our whole school attendance for the week 97.82%

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

WELL DONE Y5



Y5 are class winners this week with 98.8%!

WELL DONE!



The Palaeolithic period of the Stone Age

Year 3

Year 3 had a wonderful history day.

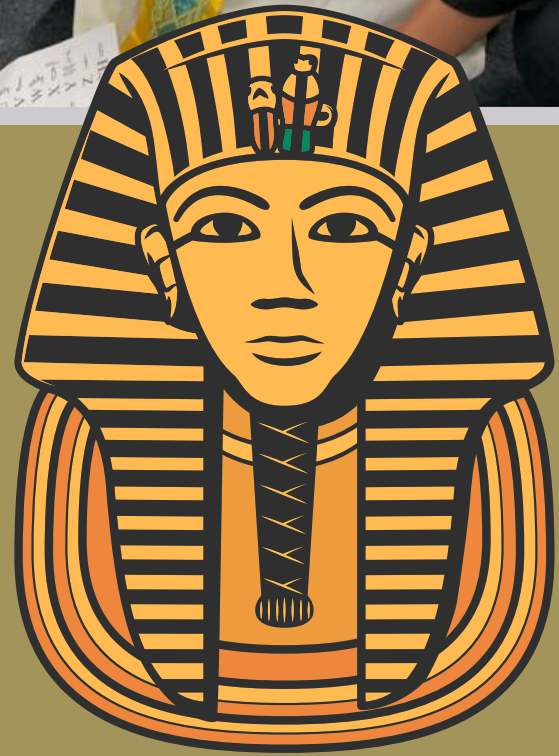
We learnt all about the Palaeolithic period of the Stone Age and how they lived during that time.

We even created some of our own cave paintings and used natural resources like berries to create paint.

They turned out amazing!



Year 5



Ancient Egypt

In Year 5, we had a fantastic time learning about Ancient Egypt.

We made a scaled timeline, 'discovered' the Rosetta stone, and examined some ancient artefacts in order to find out the role of scribes and what equipment they would have needed. We then attended 'Scribe School'.

We sat cross-legged on the floor with our wooden board, red and black ink and a reed to write with. If we made an error in our inscription, our scribe master would strike us with a rod!

We all graduated 'Scribe School' and moved on to decorating the pharaoh's tomb!

We inscribed it with good wishes to help him reach the afterlife safely.

