



St Mary's CE Primary School

"Nurturing Success"

6th March 2026



One of the great highlights of this week has been 'World Book Day' with pupils and staff from across the school taking part in a whole range of activities to celebrate reading for enjoyment. Everyone looked fantastic in their chosen book character costumes or their comfy clothes which are perfect to wear when reading. The children had a lot of fun, spotting characters from favourite books as well as finding out more about those characters they didn't recognise and learning about the books they were from. Thank you for your support in making this day enjoyable and meaningful for the children.

The whole month of March is a special time for reading at St Mary's and we hope that lots of children are enjoying the extra attention we are giving to reading this month. As you are aware, we are encouraging all children to take part in our 'Book Recommendation Bingo' as well as asking families to participate in our Family Reading Activity which will help us to put together a new reading manifesto for the school.

This year, we have introduced weekly 'Book Club' sessions across the school which take place in every year group on Friday afternoons. These sessions provide a great opportunity for the children to talk about the books they have enjoyed and to receive recommendations from others which helps to broaden children's understanding of the types of texts available. Reading for enjoyment is a wonderful activity for primary children to engage in with a whole range of benefits for children academically, personally and socially.

Thank you for your continuing support and have a lovely weekend.

Laura Wallis

Parent/Carer Consultation Meetings

We are pleased to be able to offer all parents and carers the opportunity to have a Parent/Carer Consultation Meeting with class teachers on either Monday 16th March or Thursday 19th March with appointments available between 3:40 and 7pm on these days.

Thank you to all parents/carers who accessed our google form to indicate their preferences for the appointment date and time. You should receive a paper slip through your child's home school diary or school bag confirming your appointment date and time with your child's class teacher by the end of the day on Monday 9th March.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions about this process.

Class teachers are looking forward to meeting with all parents and carers and we hope you will find the appointments useful.

Pupil of the Week!



Bronze Award Certificates

Mrs Coombs

Archer H



Silver Award Certificates

Mrs Little.Mrs Johnson

Tommy S

Francis C

Oscar T

Henry H

Theo C

Nathaniel N

Oscar S

Miss Hart

Arlo D

Eve W

Elliot W

Lilly C

Frankie W

Harriet D

Mrs Coombs

George W

Rae W

Arthur T

Aiden B

Mrs Smith

Ronnie G

Jonah M

Matilda H

Lola E

Nellie R

Arabella O

Winnie F

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Miss Townend

Oliver C

Isaac C

Zain D

Ivy K

Violet K

Darwin S

Herbert H

Benjamin W

Honey G

Miss Hughes

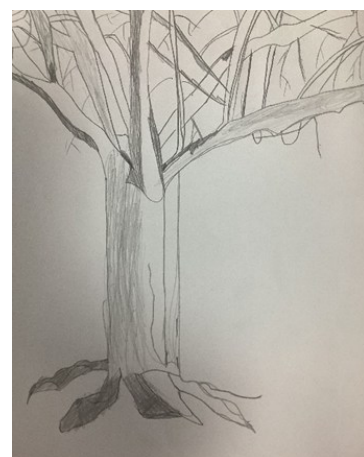
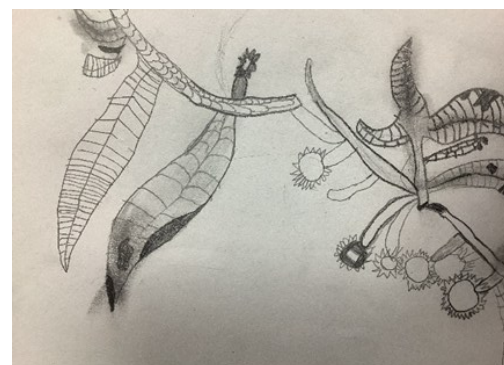
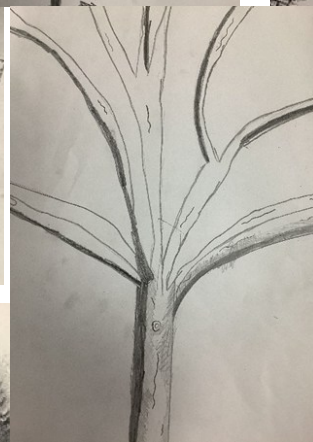
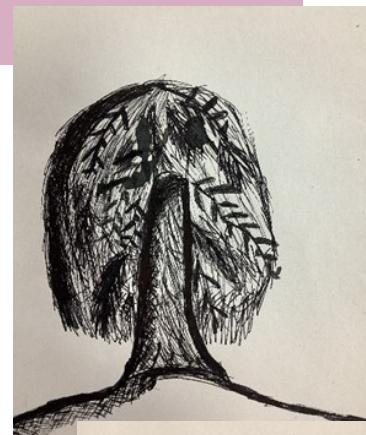
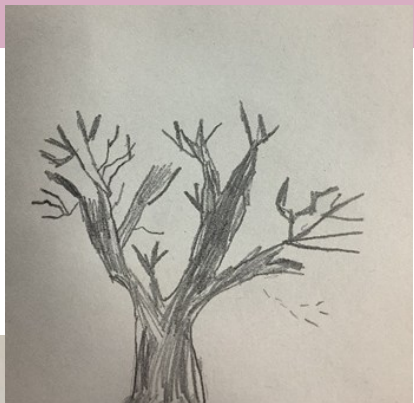
Sophie B

Alice R



Drawing Fortnight

Children across the school produced some beautiful drawings during our Drawing Fortnight recently, focussing on the lovely trees in our school grounds. Different year groups have been mastering using hard and soft pencils, pen and ink and charcoal to produce drawings from real life observation.





MOTHER'S DAY SECRET SHOP

Children are invited to our secret shop to
choose gifts for the people they love.

Gifts £2 each to be purchased on Gateway by
Tues 10th March.

Children will choose gifts on Wednesday 11th to
bring home in time for Mother's day.



Play dates

Please see the dates below for all of our year group productions:

Y3 - Thursday 26th March at 6pm

Y5 - Thursday 21st May at 6pm

Y6 - Thursday 9th July at 6pm

“TAKE YOURSELF FUNNY FOR MONEY!”
RED NOSE DAY AND READING MONTH FUN!



Children should come to school in their **school uniform**. As we are unable to accept cash donations in school, any donations can be made online: <https://donation.comicrelief.com/?cartId=rnd26>. Thank you for your support!

A string of colorful triangular bunting flags in blue, green, pink, and yellow, hanging from a thin black line.

RED NOSE DAY COMIC RELIEF

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2026



This year, to celebrate Red Nose Day, we are inviting children to think of an **appropriate joke** and bring it into school to share with their class on the day.

As it is the National Year of Reading, and alongside our March reading events, we would like to invite children to **bring in a funny story they enjoy reading** or retell their own funny story. The children will have the opportunity to share these during their weekly Book Club on Friday 20th March, to mark Red Nose Day and the "Funny for Money" theme.

We can't wait to hear and share lots of wonderful jokes and stories!

Spelling Shed



Top Class Spellers



6H



2T

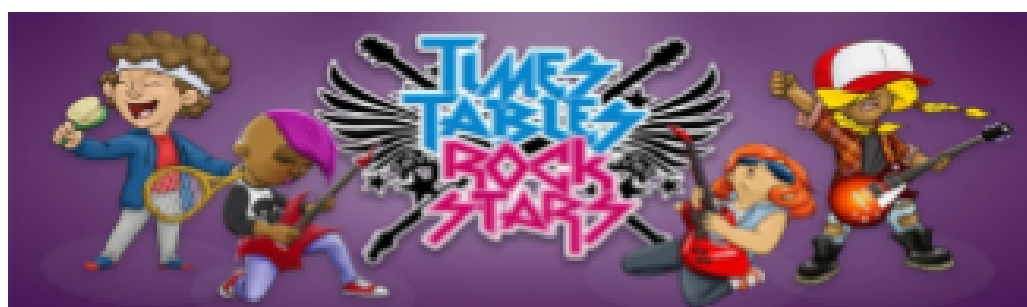


4B

Top individual spellers in the whole school this week

- 1 2T Keita I
- 2 6H Jessica B
- 3 6H Martha P
- 4 1C Jacob C
- 5 6H Megan E





Class Leaders

2T

Emily R

2H

Thomas C

3AC

Harriet A

3NN

Elsie S

4G

Georgia H

4B

Jacob C

5BC

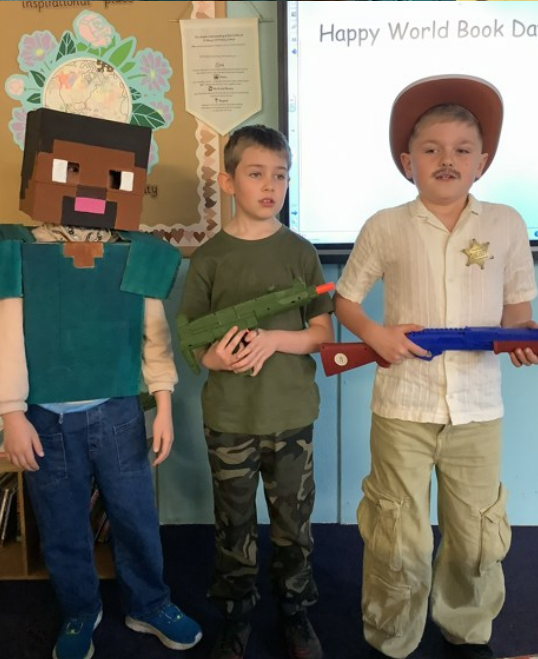
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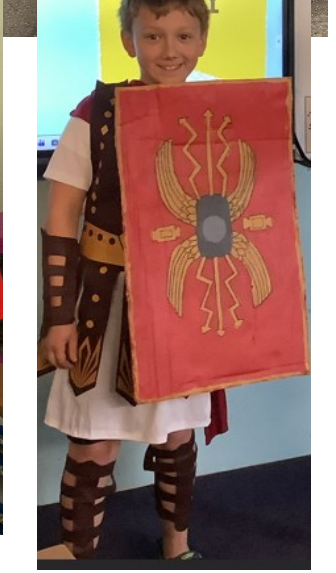
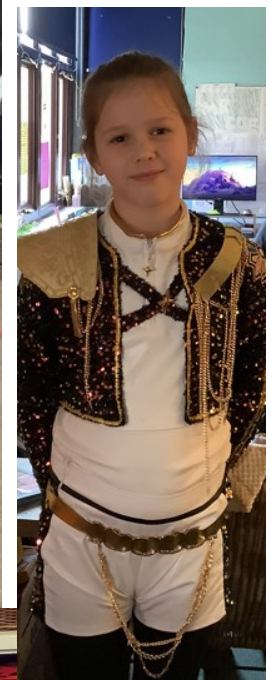
5E

6CM

6H

Daise U





Diary Dates

Monday 16th March	Parent and Carer Consultation Meetings 3:40—7:00pm
Thursday 19th March	Parent and Carer Consultation Meetings 3:40—7:00pm
Friday 27th March	Easter service at St Mary's church at 9:00am. Children to be taken straight to church for 8:40 on this morning. Children at breakfast club will walk to church with school staff. All parents/carers and family members are welcome to join us for the service. Children break for the Easter Holiday
Tuesday 14th April	Children return to school
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday—Children not in school
Friday 22nd May	Children break for May/June half-term
Tuesday 2nd June	Children return to school
Monday 22nd June	Year 1 visit to Little Big Sing
Thursday 25th June	KS2 Sports Day (PM)
Monday 29th June	Sports Activity morning EYFS/KS1 Sports Day (PM)
Tuesday 30th June	Moving Up Morning
Thursday 9th July	Moving Up Morning 2
Monday 13th July	Open Evening (3:30—5:00pm)
Friday 17th July	Leavers' service at St Mary's church at 9:00am. Children to be taken straight to church for 8:40 on this morning. Children at breakfast club will walk to church with school staff. All parents/carers and family members are welcome to join us for the service. Leavers' Worship at 11:00am. Parents/carers of Y6 children and newly elected House and Vice Captains are invited to attend End of Year family picnic 12:00—1:00pm on the school field Children break for the Summer holidays

Sport Calendar

Tuesday 28th April	Y3/4 Golf at Longcroft School
Tuesday 12th May	KS2 Quad Kids at Longcroft School

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
AUTUMN/WINTER 25/26 (WEEK 1 MENU)

Week 1: 3 rd Nov, 24 th Nov, 15 th Dec, 19 th Jan, 9 th Feb, 9 th Mar.	
Monday	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce (GF option) K Or Protein Power Balls in Tomato Sauce (v/vg option) K Pasta (GF option) Mixed Vegetables (vg) Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/vg/GF Options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Lemon Drizzle Sponge (v/vg/GF options) K
Tuesday	Cheese Pizza (GF/vg options) Potato Wedges, Beans Or Cheese or ham sandwich (v/vg/GF options) K Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Chocolate Crunch with Custard (v/vg/GF options) K
Wednesday	Roast Dinner with stuffing (v/vg/GF options) K Chicken or quorn fillet (v/vg/GF options) Mashed potatoes, Gravy (v/vg/GF options) Broccoli, Baby carrots (vg) Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/vg/GF options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Frozen Yoghurt or Strawberry Smoothie and Fruit (v/vg options)
Thursday* Theme Day	Italian Style Chicken with cheese and tomato (GF option) K Or Italian Style Quorn with cheese and tomato (v/vg options) K Steamed Rice, Mixed vegetables (v/vg/GF options) Or Cheese or ham sandwich (v/vg/GF options) K Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/vg options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Vanilla Cheesecake and Fruit (v/vg/GF options) K
Friday	Fish Star (GF options) Or Ocean Friendly Fingers (v/vg) Chips (v/vg/GF options) Peas (v/vg) Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/vg/GF options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Chocolate Sponge with Custard (v/vg/GF) K

HEALTHY EXTRAS: FRESH SALAD BAR SELECTION DAILY

(e.g. sweetcorn, bread, cucumber, pineapple, carrot batons, apple)

K: dishes made in the kitchen *_subject to change for special themes

