



St Mary's CE Primary School

"Nurturing Success"

25th September 2026



This week marked the beginning of Fairtrade Fortnight and children had a visitor (John Turner) in worship on Monday to explain more about Fairtrade. Children are also focusing on this in their class and year group Global Citizenship worships. We hope that many of you were able to visit the Fairtrade stall after school on Thursday.

Children have continued to enjoy sporting activities in PE lessons and through extra-curricular opportunities. On Tuesday night, our Year 6 boys football team attended the large schools final for our local area and won this football tournament. We are proud to celebrate this achievement and of the way the boys showed the school values of friendship, respect and perseverance in the way they played.

On Thursday afternoon, children in Years 5 and 6 attended a brass concert at St. Mary's Church by Connaught Brass (one of the country's leading brass ensembles). During the course of this term, we will also be visiting St Mary's Church on three occasions as a whole school. All members of our school community are very welcome to join us for these services. Our Harvest Service is on Friday 2nd October, our Service of Peace and Remembrance is on Wednesday 11th November and our Christmas Service will be held on the last day of the Autumn Term (Friday 18th December). All of the services will begin at 9am. Children need to be taken straight to church on these mornings, arriving at church between 8:40 and 8:50 am. Children who are attending Breakfast Club will walk to church with school staff. As always, we are very grateful to Becky, our vicar, for working with Mrs Nixon and our pupil worship committee to prepare such enjoyable and memorable services for us all.

We will be working hard as a school again this year to support our three chosen charities– the East Riding Foodbank, Young Minds and Christian Aid. On the morning of our Harvest Service (Friday 2nd October), we are inviting all children to bring donations of food for the food bank to church.

Further events have been added to the 'Diary Dates' so please check this section of the newsletter and make a note of these dates.

Thank you for your continued support and best wishes for the weekend,

Chris Frankish and Leah Carrick





We would like to wish the children in KS1 who had a birthday recently a very happy birthday!

Mrs little

Oscar f

Hudson D

Iris Wilson

Mrs Johnson

Edith M

Mrs Smith

Freyja M

Mrs Coombs

Matilda M

Mr Coe

Amelia S

Miss Hughes

Zara C

Birthday pencils will be given to the children in their celebration worship.

Bronze Award Certificates

Mrs McIntosh

Harvey B



Our Harvest Service

We are looking forward to our Harvest Service at St Mary's Church next Friday (2nd October). Please take your child straight to church for 8:40am on this morning. Children going to Breakfast Cub will walk to church with school staff. All parents and family members are very welcome to come to the service.

We are inviting all children to bring a donation of food to the church for the East Yorkshire Foodbank. Tinned and dried goods are welcomed. Baked beans, soup, pasta, jam, coffee and tea are items that the foodbank would be particularly grateful to receive .

Many thanks for your support



Individual pupil photographs

Wrates photographers will be in school on **Tuesday 6th October** to take individual pupil photographs. If time allows, they will also be taking sibling photographs of those pupils with siblings in school.

Thank you



This half term, the value we are focusing on in school is **'friendship'**. We will be busy looking for children showing friendship in all aspects of school life. Attached to this newsletter is some information about how you can explore the value of friendship at home.

The Values Ambassadors

FRIENDSHIP

HOME SCHOOL VALUES

This term we will be focussing in school on the value FRIENDSHIP. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

TALK ABOUT FRIENDSHIP TOGETHER...

Learning to be a good **friend**, someone who can be trusted and is loyal, takes a lifetime.

Talk together about how **friends** come in all shapes and sizes. Some are young, some are old. Some are always there, some we see only occasionally.

- How do we choose our **friends**?
- What makes a good **friend**?
- Are we a good **friend** to others?

THINK TOGETHER Words of Wisdom

"A good **friend** is worth their weight in gold."

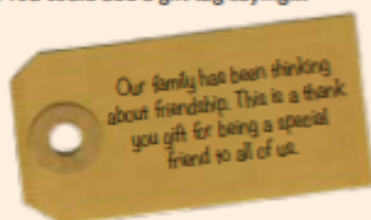
Anon

That's a lot of gold!
Why do you think that this is such a popular proverb?



FAMILY FOCUS Friends of the Family

This term's family challenge is to make a card or present for someone who is a **friend** to your whole family. You could add a gift tag saying...



READ TOGETHER... Through the roof

Jesus reached a town called Capernaum and made his way to a house near the town gate. The crowd had gathered quickly and now even more people were pushing and squeezing into the small house, wanting to see him, hear him and touch him.

The excitement was infectious and four **friends** who lived in a street nearby soon heard the news. They met together and decided that they absolutely *had* to take their **friend** Joshua to Jesus. Joshua was paralysed and couldn't walk. They'd heard that Jesus performed miracles and could heal the sick. This was a chance they couldn't miss.

Wasting no time they carried their **friend** on his bed mat to the house, but jostling crowds blocked the doorway. They couldn't give up now. Their **friend** must meet Jesus. There was only one way. They carried him on to the flat roof of the house and carefully removed part of the roof to make a large hole.

Knotting ropes to the corners of the bed mat they gently lowered Joshua down right in front of Jesus. Imagine the surprise of all the people looking on. But Jesus smiled kindly at Joshua. "Take up your bed, and walk" he said. Slowly, falteringly and hardly daring to believe it was happening, Joshua stood and took a step forward. He could walk. He could actually walk! Thanks to Jesus and his **friends**, Joshua's life was changed forever!

Bible story based on Mark 2:1-12



QUIZ Picture puzzle

Take the first letter of each object to discover who helped the paralysed man.



and



FASCINATING FACTS

Friendship Bands

Friendship bracelets are usually handmade and given to a special **friend**. According to American tradition you must wear the bracelet until the cords break and it falls off naturally. In this way you honour the love and hard work your **friend** put in to making it.



Raksha Bandhan

One special type of **friendship** bracelet is a Rakhi. Each year, normally in August, many Hindus mark Raksha Bandhan. The festival is a celebration of family life and in particular the relationship between brothers and sisters. They remember and talk about special times together, and think about loyalty, closeness, trust and their everlasting **friendship**.

- Traditionally sisters tie a sacred thread, a Rakhi, on to their brothers' wrists.
- In response the brothers give their sisters a gift promising to help them whenever the need arises and to always protect them.
- Celebrations continue throughout the day with gifts of sweets and special food as families enjoy the time they share together.



HALL OF FAME



A dog is a man's best Friend

Near the village of Beddgelert in North Wales is a beautiful sculpture of a very special **friend**.

According to legend, the monument marks the resting place of the faithful dog, Gelert, who once belonged to the medieval Welsh Prince, Llewelyn the Great. A tombstone tells the story of a fateful day when Llewelyn went out hunting leaving the faithful hound, Gelert, to guard his young son. On his return Gelert sprang to greet his master, but Llewelyn noticed some blood on his fur. He rushed inside his house. To his horror the first thing he saw was his son's cot. It was empty!

The frantic father turned on the dog, thinking he must have harmed the boy. He killed Gelert there and then with his sword. At that moment a child's cry rang out through the house. Llewelyn searched and discovered his boy unharmed, but nearby lay the body of a mighty wolf which Gelert had killed before it attacked the small child.

Prince Llewelyn is said never to have smiled again and with tears of sadness he buried Gelert in this place, which became known as "the grave of Gelert", or in Welsh, Beddgelert.



HOME-SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Use your imagination to make the best **friendship** bracelet ever – using knotting, threading beads, twisting ribbon, whatever you can think of. The more original the better!

or, if you prefer...

make your own large version of the picture puzzle (over the page), joining 5 or 6 words about **friendship**. Either draw pictures or cut them out of magazines.

Spelling Shed



Top Class Spellers



6H



4G



5B

Top individual spellers in the whole school this week

1 6H Harper HB

2 4G Emily R

3 5B Jacob C

4 4B Harriet A

5 2H Grace B



Diary Dates

Thursday 1st October	Back-up date for Fairtrade Stall
Friday 2nd October	Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church - 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. We are asking for children to bring a donation of food for the East Yorkshire Foodbank. Donations should be taken straight to church.
Monday 5th October	Year 6 parent Information Evening 4:30pm
Tuesday 6th October	Pupil individual photographs Year 6 - Group 1 Cycle Training
Wednesday 7th October	Year 6 - Group 1 Cycle Training
Thursday 8th October	Year 6 - Group 2 Cycle Training
Friday 9th October	Year 6 - Group 2 Cycle Training Hello Yellow Day
Monday 12th October	Year 6 - Group 3 Cycle Training Parent and carers consultation evening
Tuesday 13th October	Year 6 - Group 3 Cycle Training
Wednesday 14th October	Year 6 - Group 4 Cycle Training
Thursday 15th October	Year 6 - Group 4 Cycle Training Parent and carers consultation evening
Wednesday 21st October	Year 6 Residential begins
Friday 23rd October	Year 6 Residential returns
Monday 26th October—Friday 30th	October half term
Wednesday 4th November	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 11th November	Service of Peace and Remembrance at St. Mary's Church. 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.
Friday 13th November	Children in Need

Tuesday 17th November	Flu Vaccinations catch up session
Friday 4th December	FOSM Christmas Fair
Wednesday 9th December	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 11th December	'It's Tinsel Time' performances by She Productions
Friday 18th December	Christmas Service at St. Mary's Church. 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.
Thursday 4th March	World Book Day
Monday 15th March	Shakespeare Week
Monday 10th May	Y6 SATs
Tuesday 11th May	Y6 SATs
Wednesday 12th May	Y6 SATs
Thursday 13th May	Y6 SATs

PE days

EYFS	Friday
Year 1	Monday
Year 2	Thursday
Year 3	Friday
Year 4	Monday
Year 5	Wednesday
Year 6	Friday



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPRING / SUMMER 26 (WEEK 2 MENU)

Week 2: 20 th Apr, 11 th May, 8 th Jun, 29 th Jun, 7 th Sept, 28 th Sept, 19 th Oct	
Monday	Italian Style Bolognese Pasta (v/ve/GF options) K Or Italian Style Vegetable Bolognese Pasta (v/ve/GF options) K Crusty Bread and Mixed Vegetables (v/ve/GF options) Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/ve options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Chocolate Cake (v/ve/ GF options) K
Tuesday	Beef Quesadilla (ve/ GF options) K Or Quorn Quesadilla (v/ve options) Rice and Sweetcorn Or Cheese or ham sandwich (v/ve/GF Options) K Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Vanilla or Chocolate Ice Cream Roll (v/ve/GF Options)
Wednesday	Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding (v/ve/GF options) K Or Quorn Sausage and Yorkshire Pudding (v/ve options) Mashed Potato / Gravy (v/ve options) Broccoli, cauliflower, carrots (v/ve) Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/ve options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Lemon Cookie (v/ve/ GF options) K
Theme Day Thursday	Cheese and Tomato Pizza (GF options) Potato Wedges, Baked Beans (v/ve) Or Cheese or ham sandwich (v/ve/GF options) K Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Chocolate Crunch and Custard (v/ve/ GF options) K
Friday	Fish Bites (G/F Options) Or Quorn Nuggets (v/ve/GF Options) Chips, peas, Tomato ketchup (v/ve) Or Jacket Potato with beans or cheese (v/ve options) Fresh Fruit/Yoghurt Or Strawberry Jelly and Fruit Cocktail (v/ve/ GF options) K

HEALTHY EXTRAS: FRESH SALAD BAR SELECTION DAILY

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

K: dishes made in the kitchen

