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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

14th February 2025

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4



Dear Parents and Carers,

Please remember, after half-term, we will be asking your children to come to school dressed in their P.E. kits on their P.E. days to try and reduce the amount of lost property we get and ensure maximum time is spent on PE activity.

Half-term work: A big thank you to the amazing KS2 children who have been superb while the full astro turf has been out of action since the heavy snow and ice. Thank you to Mr Webb who secured the area safely so the children could still access the yard during this time. Repair work will be carried out on the neighbouring wall, during half-term, and we are hoping the playground will be fully back in action after the break!

Happy half-term, Mrs Burgess



Dates for your Diary

Friday 14th February - Half Term; return to school Monday 24th February

Monday 24th February - Uniform sale - 3.15 p.m.

Monday 24th February - Parent Evening - R, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6

Tuesday 25th February - Parent Evening for Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

Wednesday 26th February - Parent Evening - R only

Tuesday 25th February - Uniform sale - 3.15 p.m.

Every Wednesday - Reading in the hall - Ready Brek - from 8.15 a.m.



Nursery &
Reception

EXPERIMENTING WITH ICE

This week, Nursery and Reception have been learning all about ice and how it melts.

We put the ice on the radiator, outside and in the classroom. We observed which piece of ice melted the quickest.

We had lots of fun!

How fast will
the ice melt?

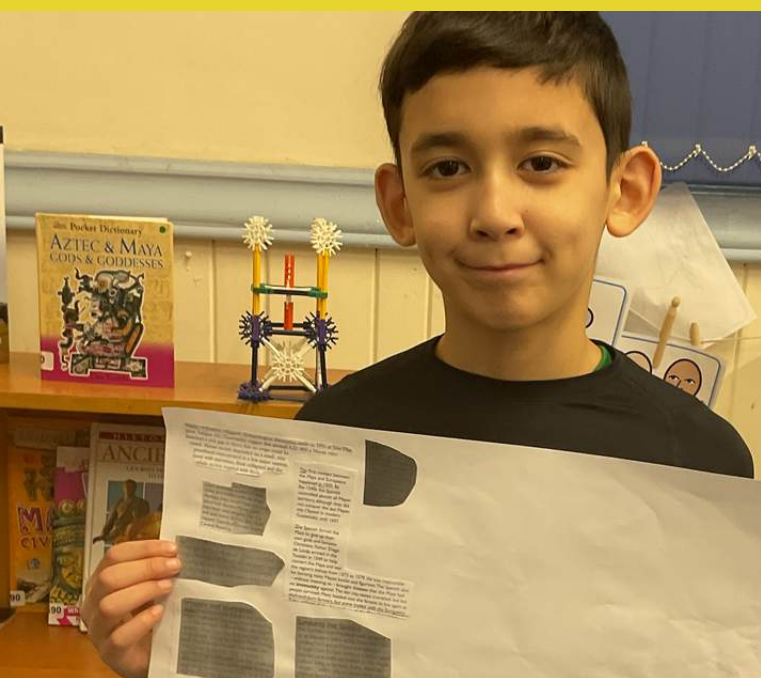
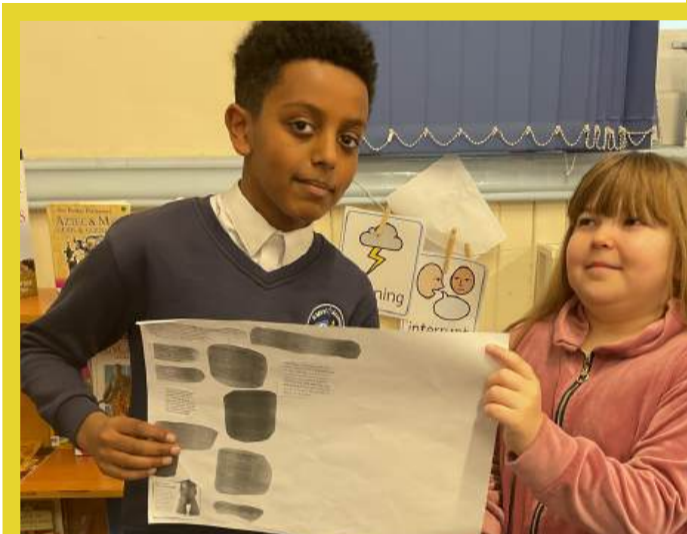
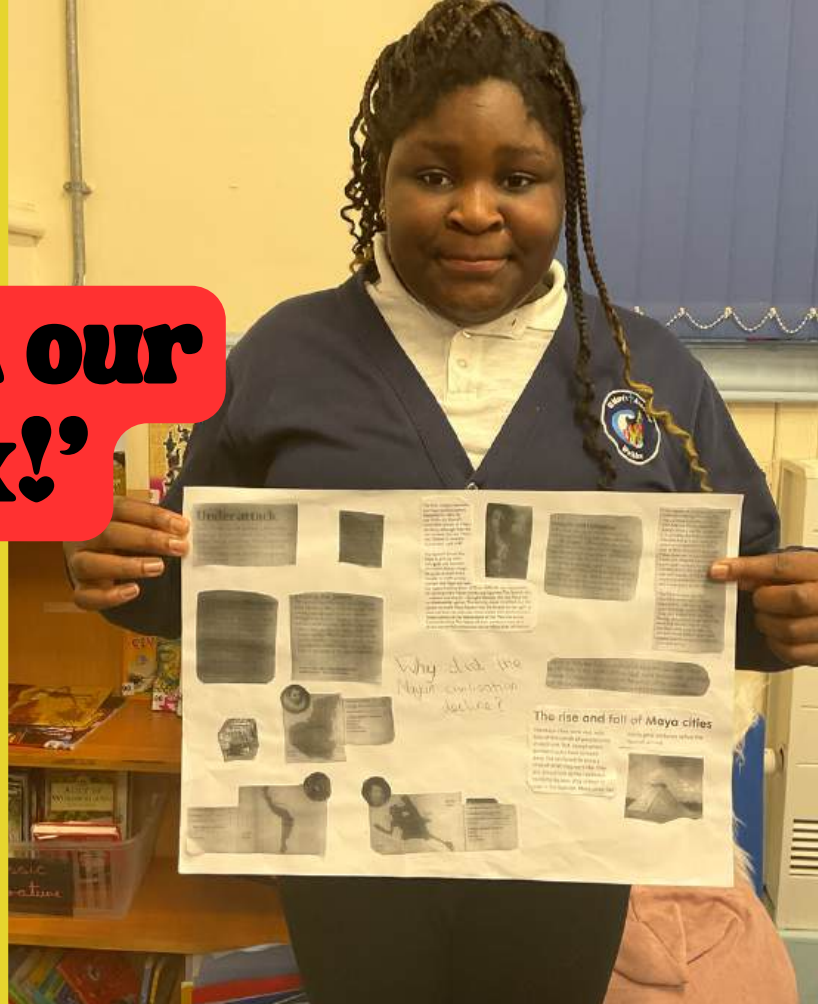


Year 5

Working on our 'Class Codex!'

At the beginning of the week, we researched why the Maya Civilisation fell apart. We cut out the relevant information from non-fiction texts and created an information bank. We're now using it to write our own Ancient Maya style book (a codex).

We can't wait to show you our "Class Codex!" when it is finished!



FREE FEBRUARY HALF TERM CYCLING TASTER SESSIONS ARE NOW OPEN TO BOOK!

From Balance Bikes to BMX skills and Learn to Ride it's all happening at Concord Park this February half term

We are pleased to announce Access Sport will be returning to Concord Park this February half term with some more taster sessions for the community. They are now launched on Eventbrite, don't miss out and get booked on.

Thursday 20th February 2025

Location: MUGA/ Basketball Court, Concord Leisure Centre, Shiregreen Lane, Sheffield S5 6AE - see link for details on parking and access.

Balance Bike Taster Session
11am - 11.45am

[CLICK HERE >](#)

These Balance Bike Sessions are for new and experienced balance bikers ages 2 years up. Balance bikes and protective equipment such as helmets, arm pads, knee pads and gloves will be provided if you don't have your own. Lots of fun, games, learning development on two wheels.

Learn to Ride Taster Session
12.15pm - 1.15pm

[CLICK HERE >](#)

Age: there is no minimum age or maximum age for this session it's all about the rider's ability. Our Access sport cycling coaches will be there to support riders to get pedalling. We focus on building confidence and skills such as pedalling unaided, breaking and cornering. For this session we ask you to bring your own bike if you can as we only have limited bikes of different sizes, so if you can bring your own and our coach will give it a quick safety check. We provided all safety wear if needed (helmet, arm pads, knee pads and gloves)

BMX Skills Session age 7+

[CLICK HERE >](#)

Aimed at ages 7+ and or very confident younger riders. Learn how ride the pump track, the sessions focus on building confidence, level pedal stood riding, freewheeling, cornering, pumping and jumping – BMX bikes and safety wear provided if needed – this session will be carried out on the flat and is for riders that can confidently ride a bike.

All sessions are fully funded by Access Sport, supported by Sheffield City Council and run by qualified fully insured Access Sport Coaches



CLICK THE LINKS TO FIND OUT MORE!

Year 4

A TRIP TO WESLEY HALL

Year 4 had a great time on Monday on their visit to Wesley Hall. We learnt all about the Methodist way of life and their 12 practices.

To help us understand what those were, we had lots of different stations and activities to complete. I was so proud of how the children represented our school.

The staff at Wesley Hall were extremely impressed.

Well done, Year 4!



Year 2

Working on

Multiplication

This week, Year 2 have been working on multiplication.

They have used cubes to develop their understanding of equal groups. This has helped the children carry out repeated addition to find their answers.

Great job Y2!



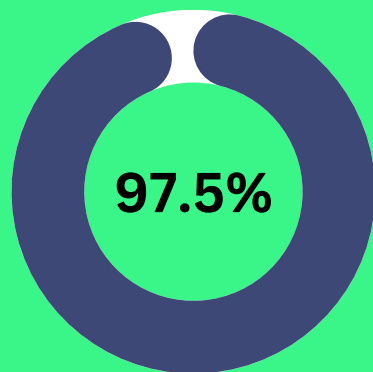
Adding equal groups



ATTENDANCE



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

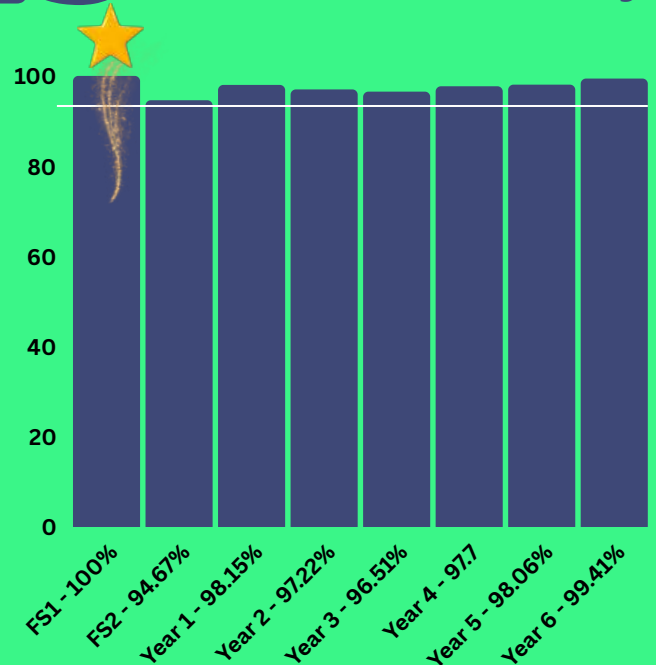


Our whole school attendance for the week (05.02.25 - 12.02.25) is 97.57%

All classes that achieved 96% and above will get an extra 10 minute break.

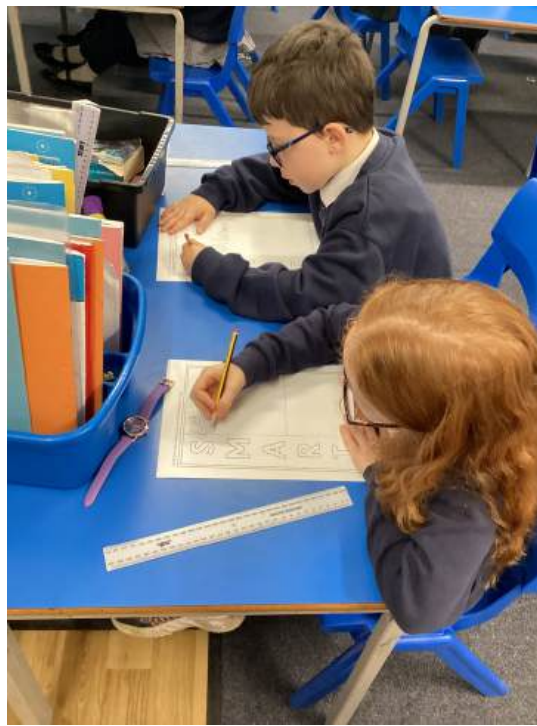
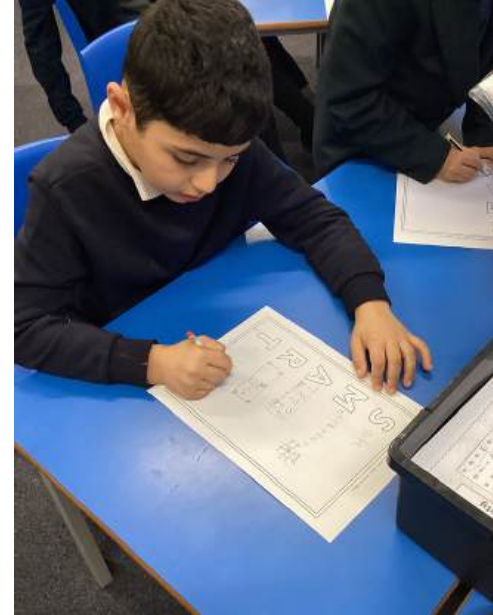
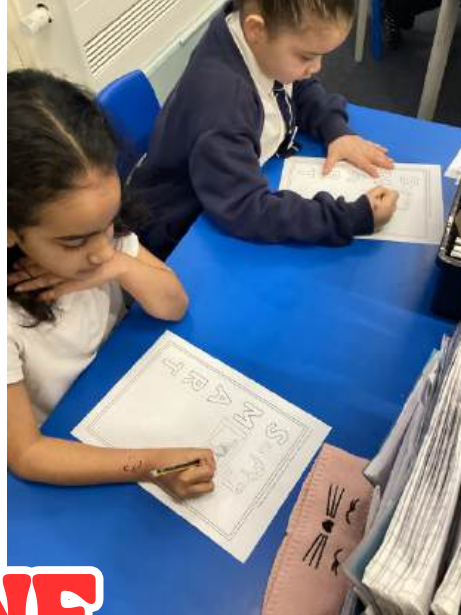
Nursery are class winners with an amazing 100%! They have an extra break and can also choose an extra attendance treat... and get a PRIZE !!! **WELL DONE!**

WELL DONE Nursery



Year 3

A LIVE LESSON ON ONLINE SAFETY



Year 3 celebrated Safer Internet Day by joining a live lesson, reading online safety stories, creating informative posters, and engaging in interactive games, all focused on promoting safe and responsible internet use.

Year 1

The Great Fire of London

Y1 has been busy rebuilding London after the Great Fire. We learned that, instead of wood, they used bricks and stopped the houses from being too tall.

Good job, Y1!

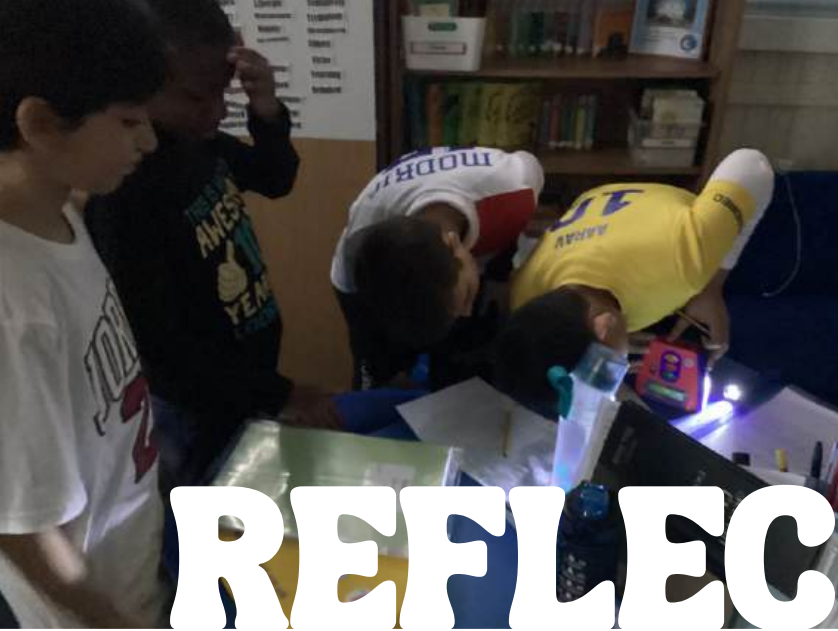


Year 5

BIKEABILITY

Y5 have been learning lots of new skills as part of their Bikeability Cycle training. The instructors have been impressed by the children's positive attitude and resilience.

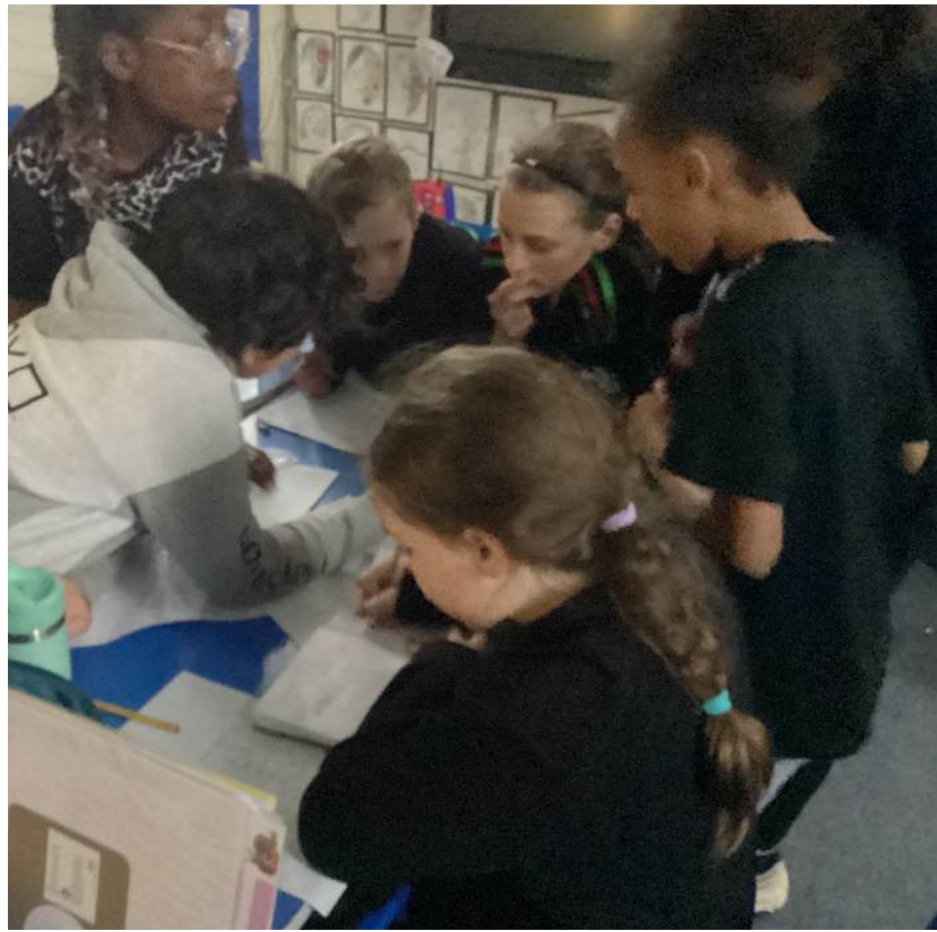
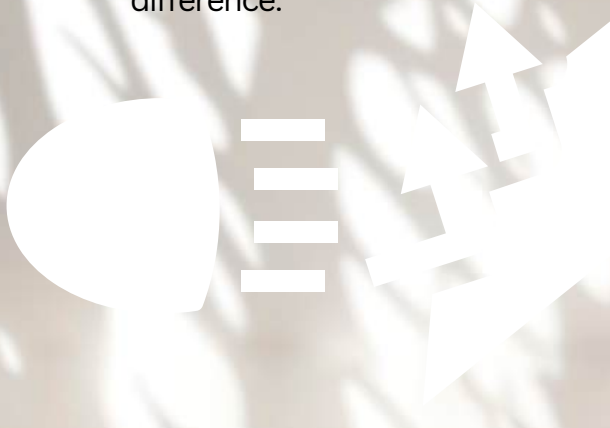




REFLECTIVITY

Y6 had a fantastic science session where we tested the reflectivity of a range of materials.

They used the Log Boxes to measure the starting lux, the lux of the reflected light and then found the difference.



WORTH A LOOK?...



The Lost Coin

Saturday 15th February, 10am - 12pm

Crafts, activities, singing,
story & refreshments

All families welcome for this free event



Contact Jacque: families@wesleyhall.org.uk or 07412 124 310 for more information



Come & Craft

Friday 21st February, 10am-12noon

Join us for an all age intergenerational craft morning!
Bring your craft of choice and come and enjoy a community
morning of creating alongside other people

Some craft options will be available, so you'd be welcome
with or without craft

Drop-in throughout the morning for this FREE event
Please email Jacque (families@wesleyhall.org.uk) if you need
a plug socket or have any questions