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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

20th September 2024

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4

Dear Parents and Carers,



We've had another brilliant week at St. Mary's with your fabulous children.

Please note the information again about attendance and the new guidelines that have been set by the Government and Local Authority especially around unauthorised absences and lates which will result in fines.

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Burgess x

## Dates for your diary



**Tuesday 24th September** - Year 3 Trip - Treak Cliff Cavern, Castleton

**Monday 30th September** - Harvest Festival - St Mary's Church from 9.15 - all families/friends welcome (*refreshments available from 9.00am*)

**INSET DAYS** - school closed to children: Friday October 25th and Monday November 4th

**Saturday 14th December** - Christmas celebration at St. Mary's Church - details to follow

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Year 3

# Rugby Skills

Y3 enjoyed the spell of good weather this week while out practising tag rugby skills in the sunshine as part of their P.E lesson.



# Year 5's first Tag Rugby session!

Year 5



Y5 absolutely loved their first Tag Rugby session with Stephen on Tuesday! They had a fantastic time learning how to dodge, twist and spin to avoid losing tags to the opposing team.





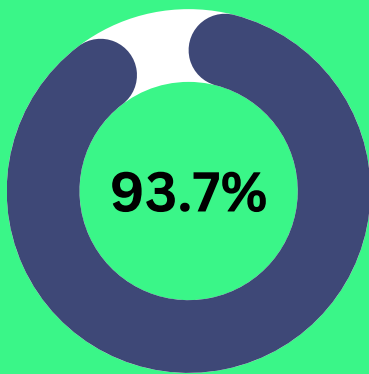
# Yorkshire Natural History Museum

Year 1



Y1 had a fantastic time at the Yorkshire Natural History Museum this week! We explored the world of fossils and even coloured in our own ammonite!

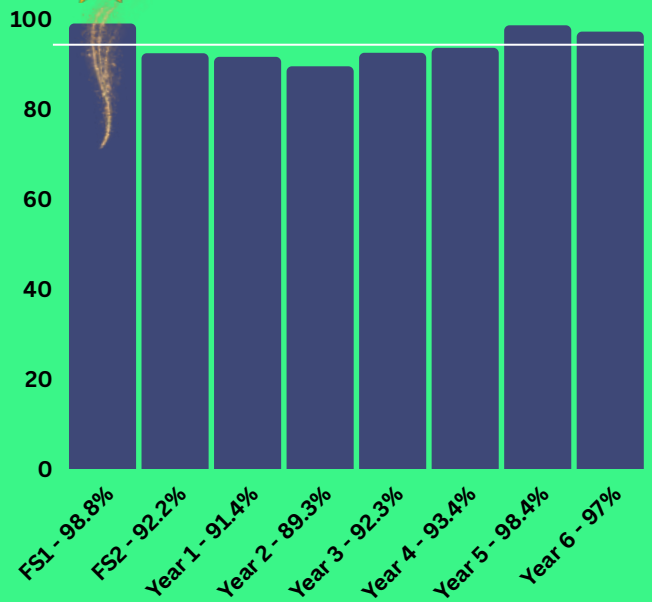
## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Our whole school reporting attendance for the week (4th - 11th Sept) is 93.7%. However, our winning classes this week are: FS1, Year 5 and Year 6 with over 96% and get an extra 10 minute play time.

**FS1** are our class winners with an amazing 98.8%! They have an extra break and can also choose an extra 10 minute attendance treat... **WOW! WELL DONE!**

WELL DONE FS1





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## Penalty Notice Fines for School Attendance are Changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for term time leave taken and irregular attendance.

### Per Parent, Per Child

Penalty Notice Fines will now be issued to each parent, for each child that was absent.

For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

### First Offence

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued (after 19<sup>th</sup> August) for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance this will be considered the first offence, and the amount will be:

£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

### 5 consecutive days of term time leave

Penalty Notice Fines will be issued for Term Time Leave of 5 or more consecutive days. Where there is 4 days of absence during a week where there is also a training day, a penalty notice may still be issued.

### 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period

Penalty Notice Fines can also be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a 10-week period.

### Second Offence (within 3 years)

The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be:

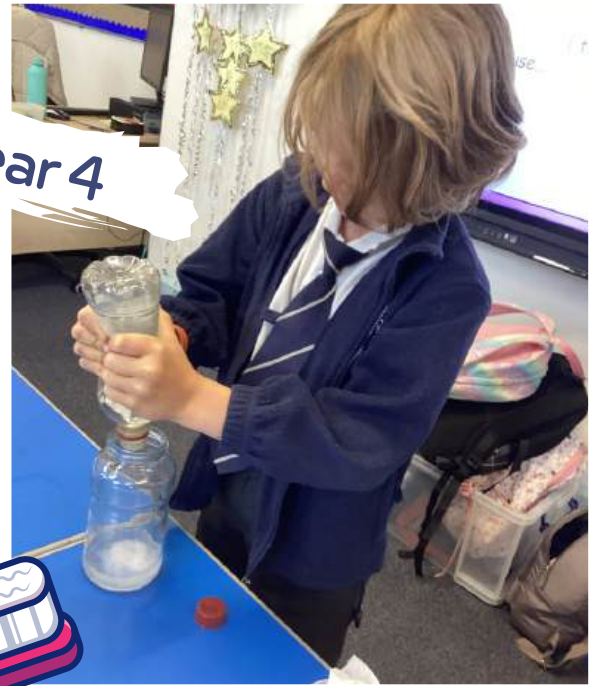
£160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

### Third Offence and Any Further Offences (within 3 years)

The third time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child.

Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on the parent's future DBS certificate.





# Healthy Teeth

Year 4 have been learning all about teeth and how to keep them healthy. We conducted an investigation with egg shells and we have predicted which liquid will cause the most decay.

We have also been testing different types of toothpaste and discussing how we can protect our enamel. All of the children had great enthusiasm for this topic and asked some amazing questions.

**Well done, Year 4!**





WALK WITH IMAGINATION

# WOW the WALK TO SCHOOL challenge

2024/25



## The WOW Walk to School Challenge

Many thanks to parents/carers for encouraging their children to use active travel (walking, scooting, park & stride) on their journey to and from school. Reducing traffic from around the school gates keeps our children safer, fitter and healthier.

As in previous years, we are taking part in the WoW Walk to School Challenge run by the Living Streets charity. Children earn badges for using active travel at least twice a week for a month - this year's badge theme is 'Walk with Imagination'. St Mary's is currently 5th in the local area, 31st in the country!

## Self-portraits

Nursery & Reception

The children in Nursery and Reception have enjoyed creating their own self-portraits.

We used a pencil or chalk to create our drawings.





# Congratulations to our two first prize Winners



Congratulations to Matthew and Elizabeth Pinnock for winning 1st prizes in the Junior Section at the Walkley Horticultural Show!

## All the fun of the **BOOK FAIR**

A big thank you to Miss Esmes for organising our book fair.

Thank you to all of you that came and supported us in the school hall this week.

Happy reading!

We will let you know how much money was raised soon.





Year 6

# Moorlands Discovery Centre Trip

Y6 had a fantastic day at Moorlands Discovery Centre and the Longshaw Estate learning all about mountains and valleys, the effect of climate change in the Peak District and rock formation.



## Breakfast Reading Club

Breakfast Reading Club...Come and join Mrs Twedde in the school hall, every Wednesday at 8.30am to share a reading book and eat some breakfast.



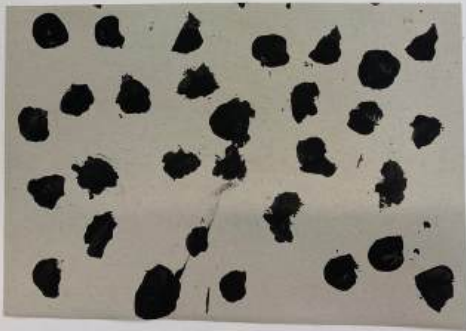
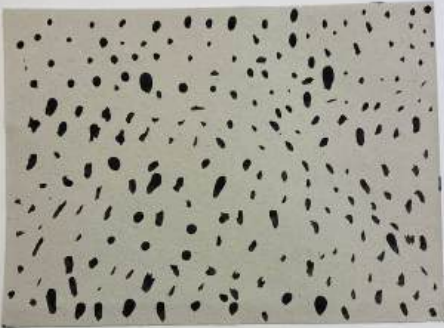


Year 2

# Movement, mood and texture



Exploring mark making



Year 2 have been enjoying work in art. We have taken inspiration from the work of Beth Krommes and have been mark making in paint, representing movement, mood and texture.

