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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

24th January 2025

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4



Dear Parents and Carers,

Miss Esmes has had a very good chat to her reading champions about 'Ready Brek Reading' and how they think this group can be improved. We have also had a very kind offer of help from Jennifer Crabtree (Y1 parent) who will now support Mrs Tweddle with this special weekly event in the hall.

Starting on Wednesday, and then every following Wednesday, the hall will open for 'Reading' with your child from the earlier time of 8.15 a.m. - 8.40 a.m. for any of you that want to join. This will hopefully give you a longer time with your child to share a book and a breakfast snack.

Any child attending this will earn a merit for their team.

We hope to see many more of you on Wednesdays to share this special time.

Happy Weekend, Mrs Burgess



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 29th January -
Emergency Museum Trip for Y1

Friday 7th February - NSPCC dress up day -
numbers or a rockstar

Monday 10th February Anti-Bullying Week, Y4
walk to the Methodist Church and Bikeability

Tuesday 11th February -
Internet Safety Day

Friday 14th February - Half Term

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Year 5

STUDYING THE ANCIENT MAYA TIMELINE

Y5 took part in a fabulous chronology lesson last week.

We used blue roll to create a giant, scaled timeline of the Ancient Maya period.

Every 1m was equal to 1000 years and we measured it out by ourselves.

We then had a go at matching a historical artefact to each event on our timeline.

Well done, Y5!



Year 5/6

THE ONLY WAY IS UP... AND OF COURSE, BACK DOWN AGAIN!

Well done to the Y5/6 team who represented St Mary's at The Climbing Works Schools Bouldering Competition.

The children were set different boulder problems with points awarded on the number of tops by each climber.

We will find out shortly whether we made it through to the finals...



Yr6 Girls

Top-of-the-League!

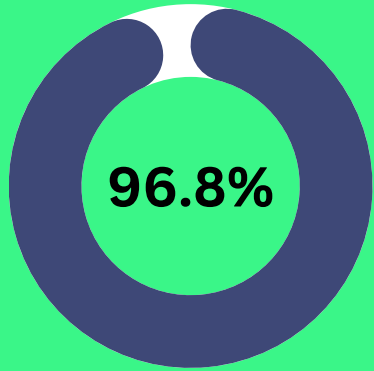
Massive congratulations to the Y6 girls who came top of their league, and will progress to the SFSS Girls Football tournament finals later in the year!!

They displayed amazing football skills and team spirit. Many thanks to the families who braved the rainy weather to support the girls.



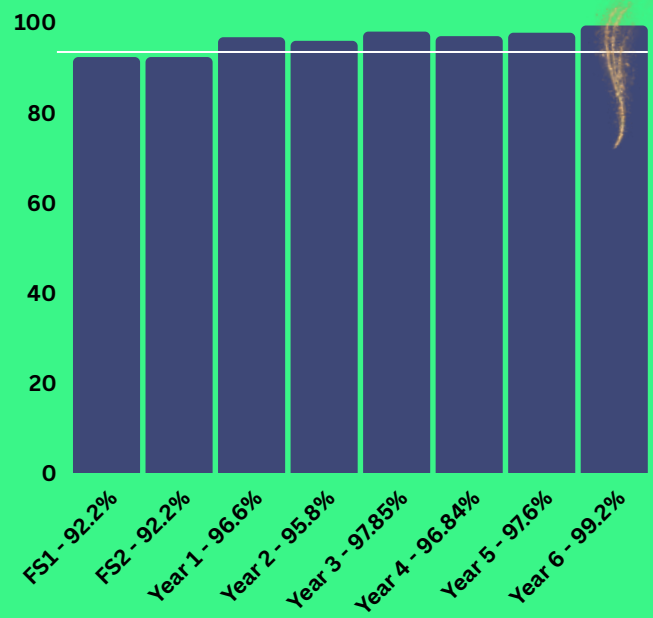
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WELL DONE Year 6



Our whole school attendance for the week (15-17th Jan) is 96.8% .

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



Year 6 are class winners with an amazing 99.2%! They have an extra break and can also choose an extra attendance treat... **WELL DONE!**

Year 2



WHO DO YOU THINK THEY ARE?

In Science lessons this week, we explored what happens to us as we get older.

We had a very exciting game of 'Guess Who' using baby pictures of all the children in Year 2—it was so much fun!

We observed changes over time and took a moment to appreciate all the things we have learned.

Great job, Year 2!

A Message

from Reverend Rhodes

This week is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We value the many different expressions of faith in our school community and pray that we can continue to grow together.

Year 1



TO ME.. TO YOU!

Y1 have been learning about sending and receiving objects in P.E this week.

They have been rolling balls using the underarm technique and then kicking them back.

Great effort Y1!



Nursery &
Reception

Art Skills

The children in Foundation Stage have been developing their art skills this week.

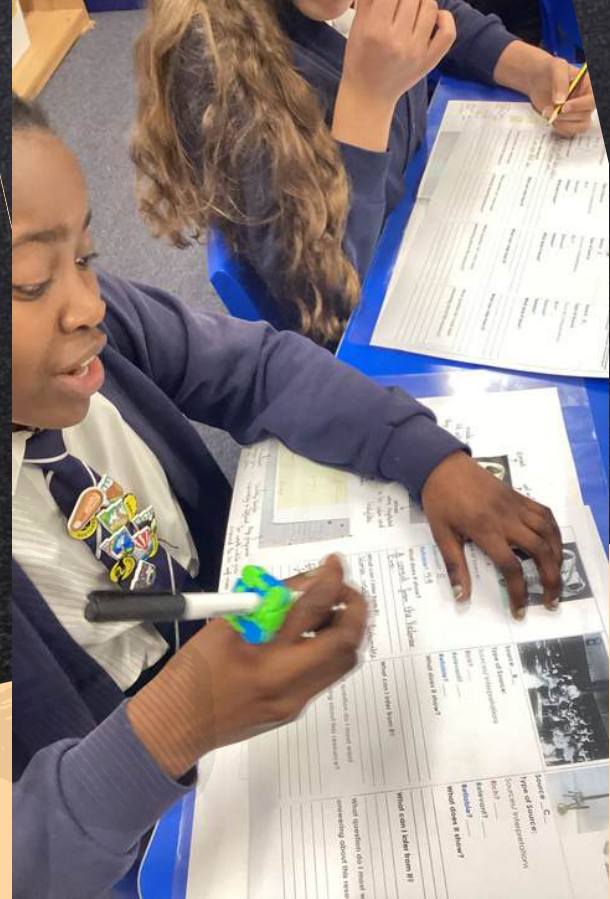
In Nursery, the children have been using different materials to create a collage of a snowman.

In Reception, the children have been drawing 'zentangles'. They have drawn different lines and shapes just like Rick Roberts and Maria Thomas.



Year 6

THEN
& NOW



Y6 have looked what gender norms were during the Victorian period.

We looked at a range of sources and thought about what they showed us about the time period: a corset, a dolly and washboard, school timetables and excerpts from books of the time.

They then debated whether Victorian gender norms are still present in today's society.

