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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

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“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4



Dear Parents and Carers,

Half-term work on ks2 yard: The work was carried out and we are now just waiting for the secure fence/ scaffolding to be collected. Mr Webb is on it!

KS1 yard: We are planning on developing our version of an OPAL style playground with different zones for the children to access at playtime. We are collecting donations of: dress up clothes, cars, dolls, construction, musical instruments, old pans, old spoons, prams, play teapot sets etc... anything that is in good condition and can be played with at school. If you have anything at all, please bring into the office.

Please support our book fair. It's a great opportunity to buy a book for your child and raise money for school funds - Tuesday and Wednesday in the school hall.

Have a great weekend, Mrs Burgess

Dates for your Diary



Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th March
Book Fair - EYFS/KS1 from 3pm
and KS2 from 3.30pm

Wednesday 5th March - Y6 Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Monday 24th - Easter Celebration - at St. Mary's Church - please join us from 9 for drinks.

Thursday 27th March - Y3 National Video Game trip

Friday 28th March - break up for Easter; return to school for Monday 14th April

Friday 18th April/ Monday 21st April - school closed for Good Friday and Easter Monday

Monday 5th May - school closed for May Day bank holiday

Friday 23rd May - school breaks up for half term - return Monday 2nd June

Year 4

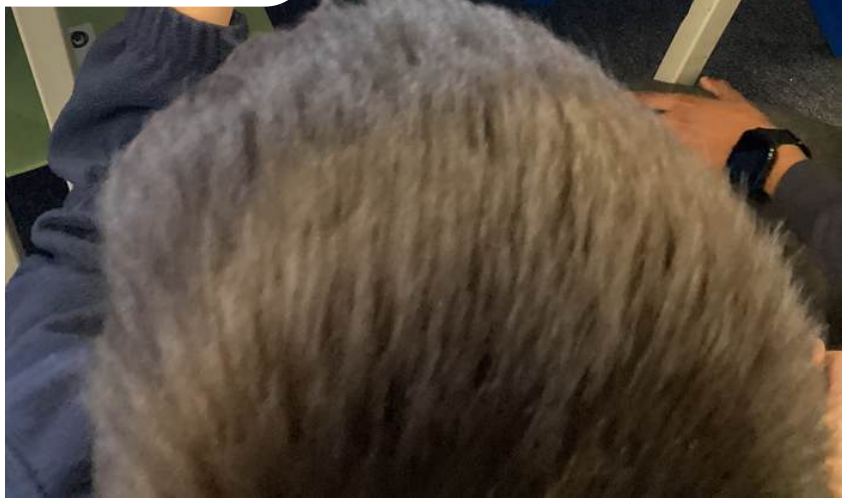
STUDYING MASS AND VOLUME

Year 4 have enjoyed the start of our new science unit, States of matter, and especially our recent investigation.

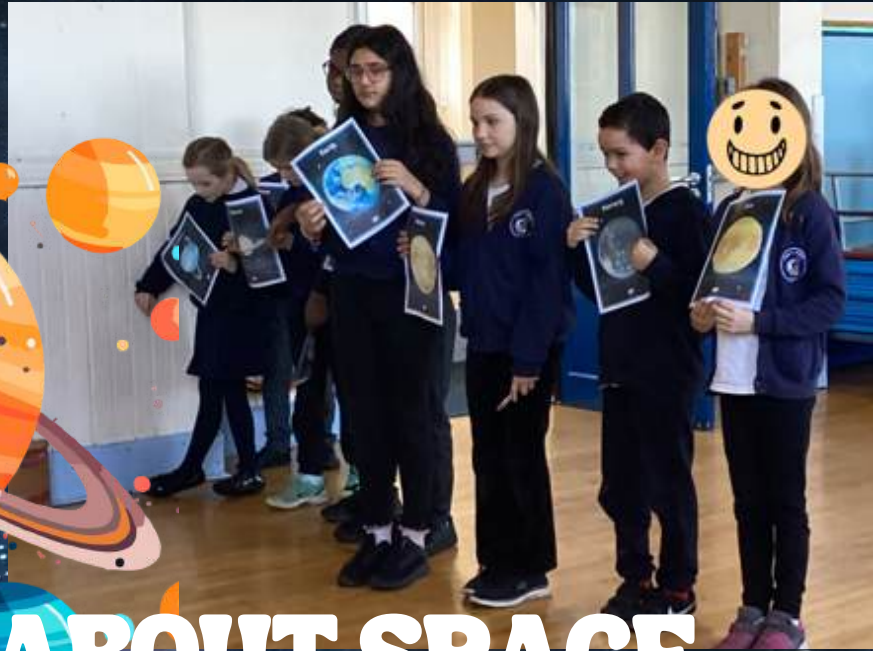
We were trying to find out if mass and volume are always the same in objects. We put two objects that had the same mass in water (cheese and metal) and we measured whether the volume also stayed the same.

We worked very hard to measure and record our results to ensure it was a fair test.

They made some brilliant scientific observations.



Year 5



LEARNING ABOUT SPACE

Y5 have started a new unit of Science learning all about space.

This week, we reenacted our solar system. Each child was a different planet and they had to rotate on their axis whilst also orbiting the sun.

We counted how many times each planet orbited the sun in two minutes and found that Mercury had much shorter years than Neptune as its orbit is so much shorter. We also reenacted the moon's orbit around the Earth and talked about why we have day and night.

The children showed a great understanding and they were able to use scientific language to explain what they had learnt.

Great learning, Y5!

Year 6

PENPALS IN NORMANDY

The Y6 class prepared letters for their penpals in Normandy this week. They wrote about food and drink that they like/dislike. We also talked about the famous heart-shaped Neufchatel cheese that their French penpals enjoy eating (best served very ripe!)

Bonjour Tchou,
Comment ça va? En classe, nous parlons de nos nourritures.
Qu'est-ce que tu aimes manger? J'adore manger les glaces
parce que c'est délicieux et sucré. J'aime manger le fromage,
parce que c'est délicieux mais quelquefois ça sent. Je n'aime
pas manger les tomates parce que c'est gluant. J'aime boire
le coca parce que c'est gazeux. J'aime boire le coca avec de
la glace croquante. J'aime manger les champignons parce
qu'ils sont bon pour la santé. J'espère que tu as passé un
bon anniversaire.

A bientôt,
Corrie



Beurr!



Neufchâtel!

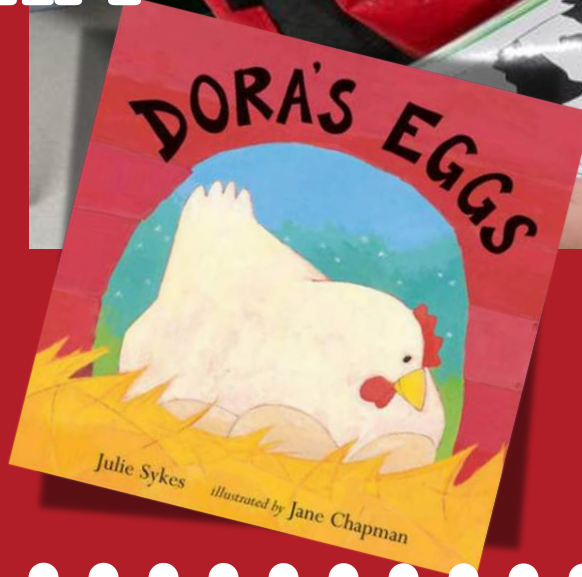


Nursery

LEARNING ABOUT FARM ANIMALS

This week we have been reading the story *Dora's Eggs* and learning about animals that live on farms.

This inspired us to paint pictures of farm animals.



Reception

Describing the height of objects

This week we have been learning how to describe the height of objects.

We have built towers and use mathematical vocabulary, short/shorter/shortest and tall/taller/tallest to describe them.





Year 6

THE EASTER STORY

Y6 started to investigate the Easter story and look at the account from Luke's gospel.

They each took a part and acted it out and found evidence for the resurrection of Jesus within the text.





WOW - the walk to school challenge



WALK with JOY

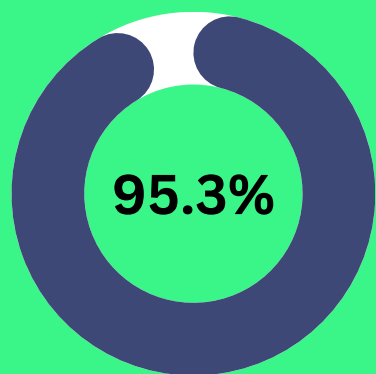


Well done to all the children who took part in the 2025 "Walk with Joy" badge design competition. There was a lovely range of designs and ideas. Fingers crossed one of them gets picked for next year's WoW badges!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

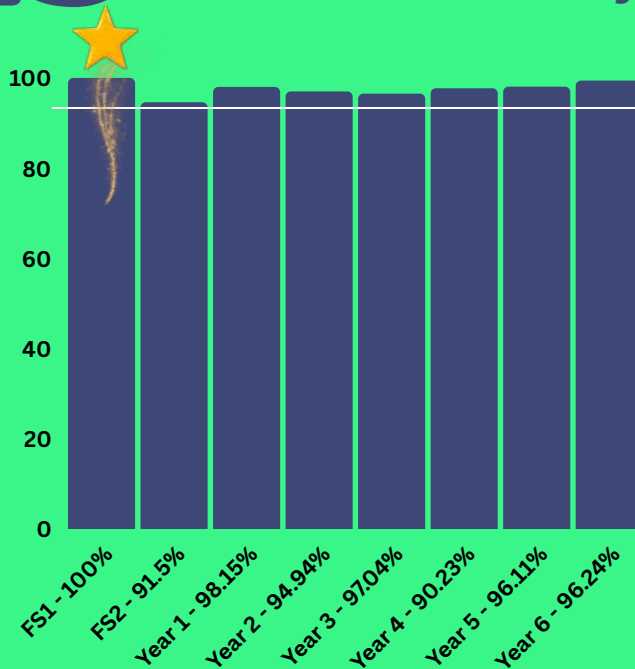
WELL DONE Nursery



Our whole school attendance for the week (12.02.25) - 26.02.25 is 95.3%

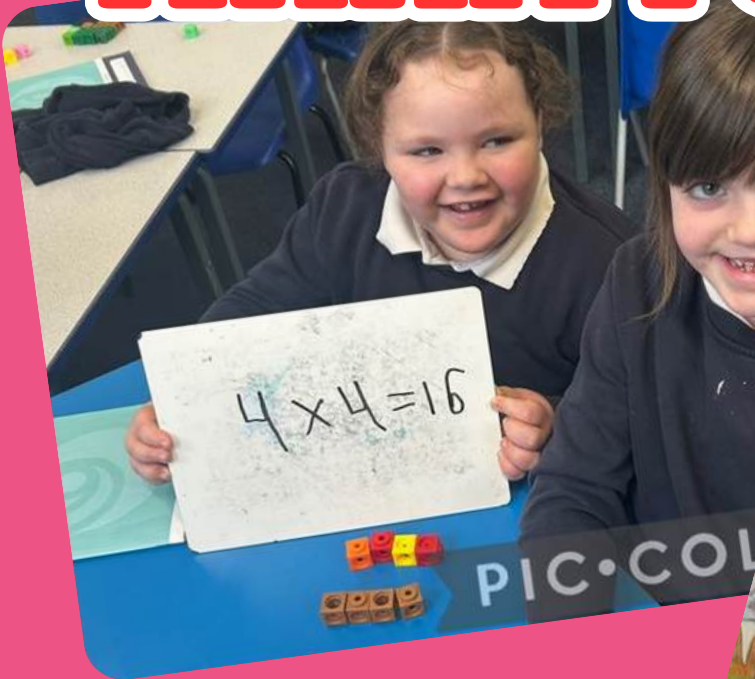
All classes that achieved 96% and above will get an extra 10 minute break.

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



Year 2

DISCOVERING ARRAYS

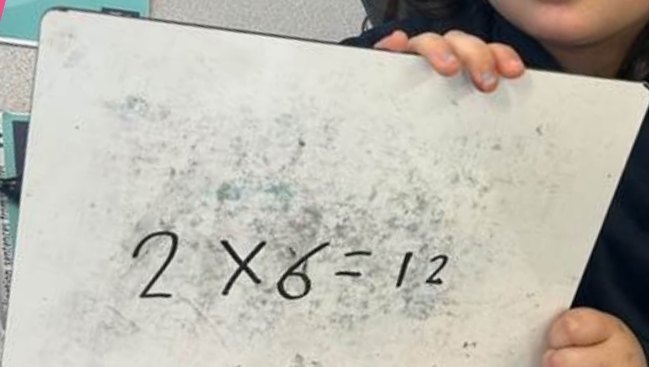


Our Year 2 students have been working hard on multiplication and division using arrays!

They've been exploring how to group and share numbers in different ways, using pictures and objects to build a strong foundation in maths.

Their problem-solving skills are growing every day.

Well done, Year 2!
Keep up the great work!



Year 1

Brave Science - Stick Insects

Y1 were discussing stick insects after reading about them in a book.

They linked this to our science topic and explained why they thought the stick insect was an animal rather than wood.

Well done, Y1 – you were very brave!



Congratulations Y4 Swimming Team

Congratulations to the Y4 swimming team who came 3rd in the Sheffield School Games Aqua Festival at Ponds Forge!

The children took part in various races (freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and relay) and were also able to enjoy some games in the pool.

A Message

from Reverend Rhodes

This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday when we begin the season of Lent when we remember Jesus fasting in the wilderness and start to prepare for Easter.

We may decide to give something up. Or perhaps take something up!