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The St Mary's CE Academy School Newsletter

28th March 2025

“ Rise up, take courage and do it ”

Ezra 10:4



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of you who joined us at Walkley Church on Monday. It really was lovely to see so many of you there. A big thank you to Mrs. Binney for organising everything and to all the teaching staff for practising with the children. The children, as always, were absolutely amazing with their singing, readings and drama.

Thank you to all of you lovely ladies that joined us in the hall this morning for Mother's Day celebrations. A special thank you to Preet and Becky for the special biscuits! It was really lovely to see so many of you join us.

May we wish you a very happy holiday! We look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Monday 14th April.

Mrs. Burgess

Dates for your Diary



Friday 28th March - break up for Easter; return to school on **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

15th April - Y2 City Centre Geography Field Trip

16th April - Y2 Kelham Island - Steel City Workshop

23rd April - FS trip to the Butterfly House



KS2 GIRLS' RUGBY FESTIVAL

A group of Y5 children represented St Mary's at the KS2 Girls' Rugby Festival organised by Sheffield Hallam University. They took part in various rugby games and drills.



CHRIS SHARES HIS FILM ABOUT RE-INTRODUCING BEAVERS



Many thanks to Chris Hall from Sheffield Hallam University Film Department who came into school to share a documentary made by his film students about re-introducing beavers. The children learnt lots of facts about beavers and asked some very interesting questions.



WORTH A LOOK?...

Stay & Play Morning

Saturday 26th April, 10am-12noon

Pre-school and primary families!

Come and join us for our Stay & Play Morning.
We have a bouncy castle, crafts, activities and refreshments.

Drop-in throughout the morning for this FREE event!

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



A Joyful Easter Service

This week, St. Mary's Church hosted a joyful Easter service, attended by the entire school and Walkley community. Students sang vibrant songs and, class by class, beautifully retold the Easter Story, spreading early festive cheer and community spirit.



The Bole Hill Orienteering Event

Well done to all the children who attended the Bole Hills orienteering event on Saturday, it was lovely to see so many families.

Congratulations to Odin, who is officially the 6th fastest Y4 boy in the South Yorkshire Schools Orienteering League!!

And a big shout-out to Rory, for being one of the youngest competitors to complete the course.



WORTH A LOOK?...



Easter Family Fun Day

Saturday 12th April, 1-4pm
St Timothy's Church

Drop in and explore the Easter story with
activities, crafts and games for the
whole family

Brought to you by St Timothy's Church
and Wesley Hall Church, Crookes

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A FAB FINISH FOR Year 2 THANKS FOR JOINING US!

First of all, a huge thank you for joining us for our fab finish.

The children really enjoyed sharing this experience with you all. They did such an amazing job chopping their fruit and mixing their oats. **Well done Y2!**





Nursery &
Reception

An Easter/ Spring Fab Finish!

The children in Nursery and Reception had their Fab Finish this week.

They enjoyed taking part in a range of Easter/Spring time activities with their families. Thank you to everybody that joined us!





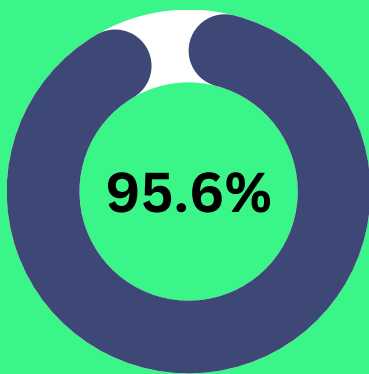
Year 1

Sharing 'good news'

In their recent lesson, Year 1 explored how Christians can show the life of Jesus and share 'good news' with others. The class discussed how acts of kindness, such as donating to food banks, helping the homeless, and making donations, reflect Jesus' teachings of love and care for others.

To help with their discussions, the children used sentence stems, which supported them in expressing their ideas clearly and confidently. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to think about ways they can spread kindness in their own communities. **Well done Y1!**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

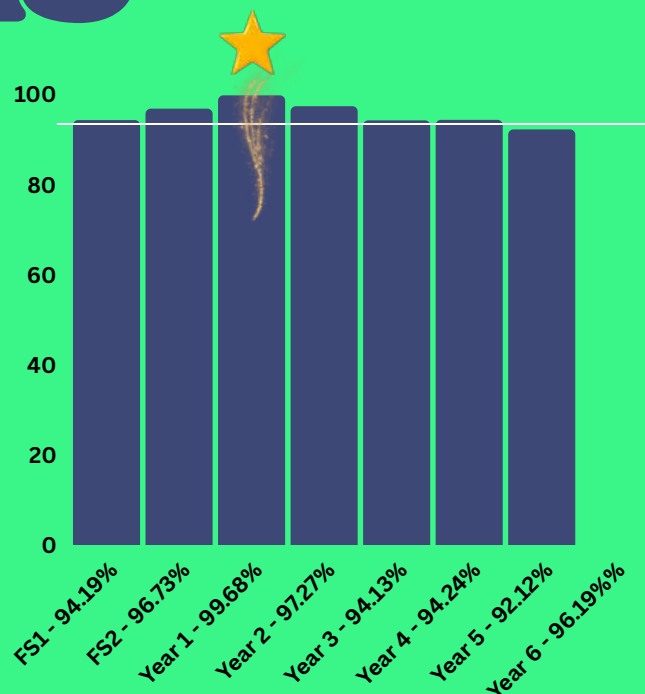


Our whole school attendance for the week (19.03.25 - 26.03.25) is 95.6%

All classes that achieved 96% and above will get an extra 10 minute break. After Easter, we will move this to 97%

Y1 are class winners with an amazing 99.68%! They have an extra break and can also choose an extra attendance treat... **WELL DONE!**

WELL DONE FS2





Year 5

Why do we have day and night?

In science, Y5 have been answering the question "Why do we have day and night?".

We learnt that even though it looks like the Sun is rising and falling in the sky, it is actually the Earth's rotation that causes day and night.

The children used a tennis ball and a torch to reenact the movements of the Earth and we thought carefully about how the Earth's position would be different at sunrise, midday, sunset and midnight. The children are now writing a voiceover for a BBC video clip explaining what they have learnt and they will perform it to each other in lesson.

Great learning, Y5! Well done!



Year 3

A Fun, Rare and Retro End to our Programming Unit

Year 3 students concluded their programming unit in Computing with a visit to the National Videogame Museum.

They explored the latest exhibition, had feedback on their Scratch projects with the Educational Officer, and played rare retro and modern games, enhancing their understanding of gaming history, coding, and technology.

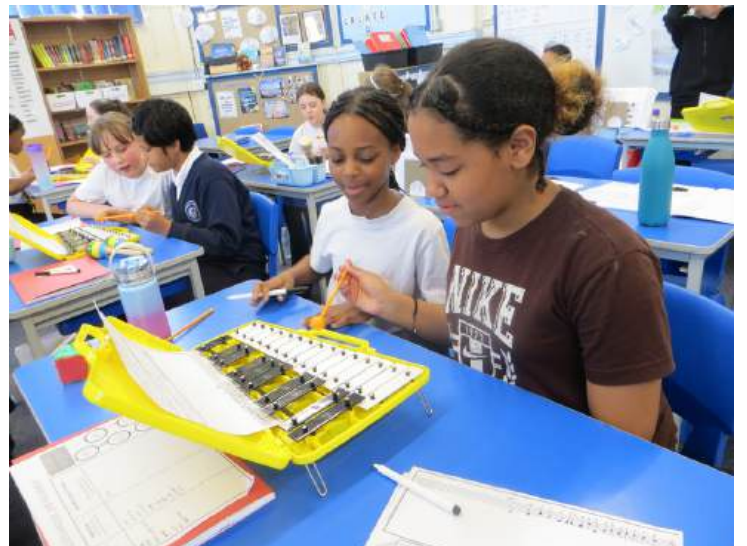
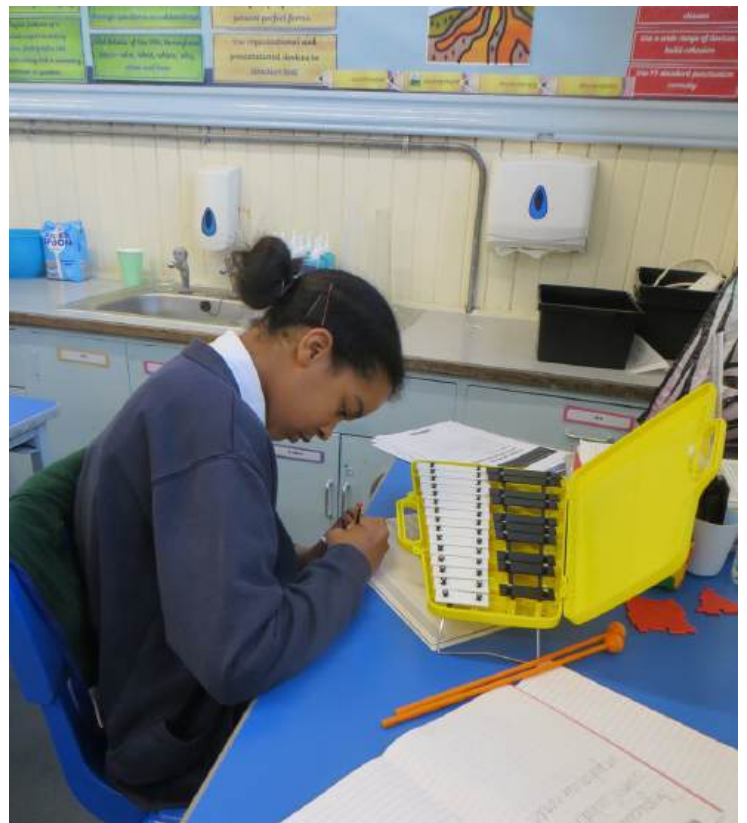
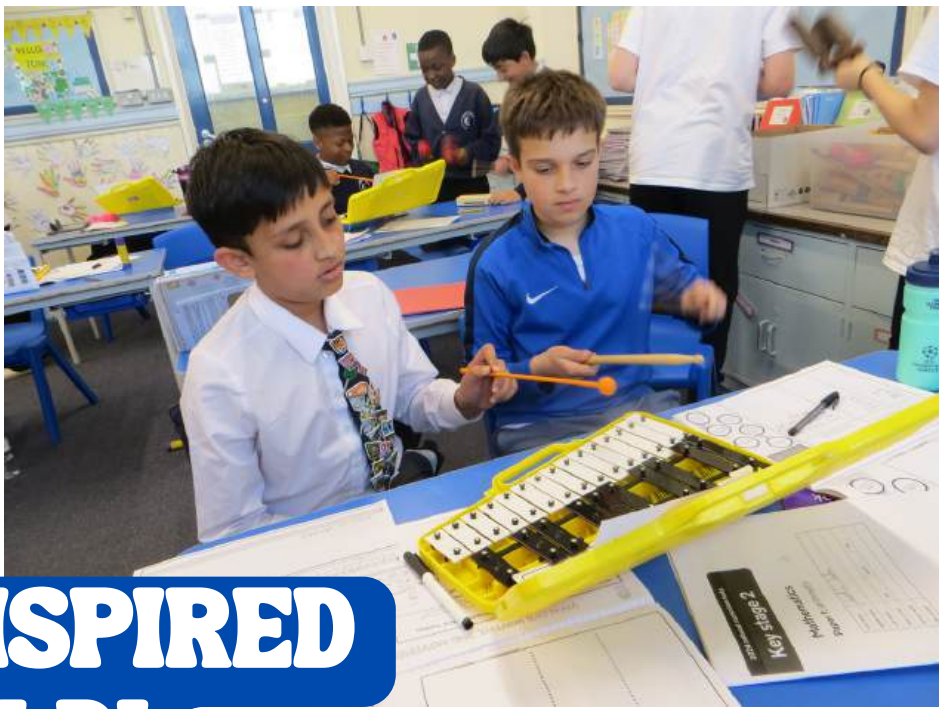




Year 6

MUSIC INSPIRED BY VIVALDI

The Y6 class did a wonderful job at composing and performing melodies inspired by Vivaldi's Winter, 2nd Movement.



WORTH A LOOK?...



HILLSBOROUGH PARK FREE APRIL HALF TERM SESSIONS ARE NOW OPEN TO BOOK

From Balance Bikes to BMX skills and Learn to Ride it's all happening at Hillsborough Pump track this Spring half-term.

We are pleased to announce Access Sport April half term sessions here at Hillsborough Pump Track are now launched on Eventbrite.

Tuesday 1st April & Tuesday 8th April -
To find out more, [CLICK HERE](#)



COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

GIRLS SOCCER CAMP

Our Girls Soccer Camp for ages **5-11** offers an exciting & educational football experience for players of all skill levels!

To book a place, please visit:
www.swfccp.co.uk

Or scan the QR Code below using your phone camera:



[Twitter](#) [LinkedIn](#) [Instagram](#) [Facebook](#) @swfccp

£20 day or £60 all 3
10am - 4pm
7th to 9th April

Address
Hillsborough College
Outdoor Astro pitch,
Livesey Street
S6 2ET



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FUN AND INCLUSIVE GIRLS-ONLY WEEKLY RUGBY SESSIONS

SCHOOL YEARS 3 TO 6

THURSDAY EVENINGS FROM 27TH MARCH

6PM-7PM

PARSON CROSS PARK
6 BUCHANAN ROAD
S5 8AL

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RUGBY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

HATTERS EASTER HOOPS

SUNDAY 13TH APRIL
VS. NEWCASTLE EAGLES
CANON MEDICAL ARENA | 1:00PM

EASTER PRIZES UP FOR GRABS!

CLAIM YOUR FREE TICKET
USE CODE: **SECONDARY**