



St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School



NEWSLETTER

“A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love”

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As we approach half term, we like to celebrate how much has been going on for our pupils at St Mary's. The Reading Shack is open and KS2 children are reading at break and lunchtimes; class celebration assemblies are up and running, allowing our children speaking and listening opportunities to parents; the residential at Marchant's Hill for Y6 took place; Year 3 went to Bignor Roman Villa and were able to experience Roman life first hand; we welcomed the parents of new reception children for this September as they join our St Mary's family; KS1 and KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests took place; The Lions gave away books to every child; the school swim team made the Sussex Finals at The Spectrum; Year 5 went to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard to gain first hand experiences of life on a boat and the history behind Lord Nelson; we have had sports events out and about as well and there have been curriculum improvements and professional development opportunities for our staff.

Working party – Thank you to all the families who came to the working party, the school just comes alive and looks so smart and ordered for our learners. Thank you to the Lewis family, the Dudai family, the Gascoyne family, the Ogden family, the Worley family, the Seal family, the Swyer family, the Cargill family, the Moran family, the Eifion-Wynne family, the Rix family, the Burry family, the Heathcote family and Mrs Batchelor.

First celebration assembly – Well done to Italy who led the first celebration assembly today. It was lovely to have parents back in the hall being able to watch their children and celebrate the learning with them. Next week it is China class at 9am.

Jubilee celebrations – **We will be celebrating the Queen's Jubilee next Friday.** We will be having a street party (weather permitting). We would like the children to dress in red/white and blue and they may come with accessories e.g. Crown etc. Each class will be having an art exhibition based around the Queen and artistic styles, as well as learning about the monarchy and other British values. We are running a 'Bake off', with a Jubilee theme, as a competition, if your child would like to bring in cakes or biscuits.



Walk to school week – Thank you to everyone that has walked to school this week. It is great that we can reduce the traffic outside school and walking is great for the mind, as well as our bodies. A reminder that you can park at the social club and then walk across the recreation ground to the school.

Portaloo – A huge thank you to Mr Sheppard for his kind donation that has allowed the school to buy a toilet for the Forest School site. This means that we can use the Hurston Warren site more and allow the children to explore the world around them.

Bottle tops – We are looking to make a stunning piece of artwork to commemorate the Queen’s Jubilee – please could you collect green, red and blue bottle tops and the children can give them to me at the gate or drop off at the side gate for the office. Thank you in anticipation.



The Vineyard, Nutbourne run – Well done to the children who ran the Vineyard race last weekend. Charlie, Molly, Ella, Max and Noah in year 6, Leo, Endre and Aaron year 4. William K, year 5 and Rex year 3. They all did incredibly well, completing a hilly cross-country 2.5km run. And some did a few more laps!!



The KidstriUK Billingshurst Charity Duathlon 2022



Several of our children will be taking part in this event on Sunday 22nd May at The Weald School, Billingshurst from 10am. Please do come along and support if you are able.



Reading Shack – this week KS2 have been using the reading shack and it is great to see children spending time captivated by the text of the day. Thank you to Mrs Benson for setting this up and we look forward to children reading daily.



Our reflection time – This week’s reflection – [\(30\) Reflection 9 - Rubbish Choices! - YouTube](#)

School Development – This week we focussed on our curriculum and scaffolds within our classrooms for all children.

New Atlases for Geography – We are so lucky to have had new atlases arrive this week at school. It is great to have new resources for the children to have in their Geography lessons.



Sports Days – Due to the trim trail going in we are going to be short of space for sports days so we are arranging smaller events.

EYFS will be on Tuesday 14th June at 10am.

Thailand, Italy and India will be on Tuesday 14th June at 1pm.

Mexico, China, SA and Japan on Thursday 16th June at 1pm.

NZ, Ireland, USA and SL on Friday 17th June at 1pm.



We are allowing two adults to come and support the children on their sports day. Please bring your own refreshments. The children will need a coloured T-shirt for their team colour and a water bottle. If you are not sure about the colour team then please contact their class teacher.

Vine leaf – Felicity (USA) for her perseverance and focus with her learning. She always puts 100% in to all that she does.

Anais B (USA) for her thoughtfulness and wisdom and always able to be trusted.

Tommy W (SA) in Y6 for being an amazing peer mentor to a younger child.

Vine leaf – Courage - Ethan - For overcoming his reservations about swimming and therefore, making good progress. Friendship - Isla - For supporting her friends in everything they do and always encouraging others. Olivia (Ita) for her determination this week.

Vine leaf - Louis M (Ita) and Aimee R (Ita) for working to support each other during phonics. Such a delightful display of putting others before oneself through sharing resources and helping one another to be ready for learning. Lennie (Ita) for trying his best to encourage and guide his friends towards positive choices. Freddie (Ita) resilience and a positive attitude!

Learning - Bignor Roman Villa – Year 3 were lucky to head to the bottom of the South Downs National Park to visit Bignor Roman Villa. They had a ‘hands-on’ experience by looking at the Roman villa, making their own mosaics after looking at them and they were able to find out about life as a Roman. It is great to go and see these things ‘first-hand’.

Year 6 hike and River Arun study – Some of Year 6 went off to explore the tributaries and meanders of the River Arun and we were so fortunate to see the seal. It was great to be out on a hike for PE, talking about the diet of a seal so thinking about fish and the teeth needed for this so linking with Science and we were able to improve our map skills with giving coordinates, following a route and identifying symbols on a map.



Year 6 Residential - Thank you to Miss Turner, Miss Calender, Mrs Gabriel, Mrs Hayes and Mrs Sherlock-Fudge for taking the Year 6 children to Marchants Hill, Hindhead this week. The children have taken part in survivor, problem solving, Jacob's ladder, Trapeze, Archery, Robot Wars and a hike across the Devils Punchbowl. Lots of memories created, which we know the children will keep forever.



Things coming up

- **Friday 27th May** – Street Party for the Jubilee – red, white and blue and accessories on this day please. Do have a go at the 'Bake Off' Reminder of no nuts please. Bake off entries to go to the child's classroom on the day.
- **Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June** – HALF TERM
- Week commencing 6th June – Phonics screening in Y1 and Y4 Multiplication Check
- 9th June – Whole Class photographs – please
- **Friday 10th June to Sunday 12th June** – Cobnor Year 5 Residential
- **13th June** – Parents evening slots open
- **Tuesday 14th June** – 9.30am EYFS Sports Day
- **Tuesday 14th June** – 1.00pm Sports Day
- **Thursday 16th June** – Sussex Day
- **Thursday 16th June** – Year 5/6 Sports Day at 1.15pm – coloured T shirt needed
- **Friday 17th June** – Year 3/4 Sports Day at 1.15pm – coloured T shirt needed

Achievements

Lily (SL) got her red belt in karate.

Jaxon (Tha) gained his Level 3 in swimming

Fred (Tha) gained a medal for the most tries at rugby

Marcus (Mex) won a hardball cricket match.

Caleb (Mex) gained his Adventure Badge in cubs.
Kealan (Chi) for his swimming as he is 'most improved' in KS2 at the moment.

Annabelle (Tha) completed a colour run

Enjoy half term and we look forward to the rest of the summer term and the exciting challenges we have ahead. Thank you for your ongoing support as we work together for the children at St Mary's.

Jubilee Coffee Morning



BILLINGSHURST CENTRE

Saturday 4th June 10am – 12 noon

**Join us for a drink & a slice of cake
We will also be selling Homemade
crafts, cards, cakes, preserves
Tombola & Raffles**



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