

# St Mary's Newsletter

Summer Term – Friday 2nd July 2021

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**Attendance Year - 97.8%**

*Let Your Light Shine... as You Grow Matthew 5: 15-16*

Dear parents, carers and friends of the school,

## Head's Lines

### Summer Term Reports:

Over the course of the last few days, all parents and carers will have received their child/ren's end of year Summer term report, which will have been emailed to you by the school office. If you have any questions about the contents of this report please speak to your class teacher. Next week, the school will be holding our last Parent/Carers Consultations of the term, which will be a good opportunity to discuss your child's progress this year, the areas of their learning which will be targeted next year and how you can best support your child at home.

Please note that pupil's in Year 6 will be receiving their reports – by hand – next week, when they return to school after the Year 6 residential to Mersea.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school on [info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk)

### Next year's classes! New Class teachers and members of staff for September:

In this week's newsletter I am going to share the class teachers for each of our classes for the next academic year 2021 to 2022. Please have a look at the table below to see which members of staff will be teaching and supporting your child/ren from September.

Name of class:	New Year Group:	Class staff members:
Butterfly class	Reception	Mrs Jeewan, Mrs Hunter
Ladybird class	Year 1	Mrs Potter, Miss Nicholson,
Caterpillar class	Year 2	Mr Pike, Mrs Boyce, Miss Driscoll, Miss Flack
Grasshopper class	Year 3	Miss Allin, Mrs Wulfse, Mrs Slade, Ms Murnane
Firefly class	Year 4	Mr Brown, Mrs Trust,
Busybee class	Year 5	Mrs McInnes, Mrs Robinson, Mrs Norman, Mrs Tickle
Dragonfly class	Year 6	Mr Clarke, Mrs Smith

Everyone is very excited about the upcoming academic year and I know that each class teacher (and their accompanying Teaching Assistant and Learning Support Assistant) is excited to be working with their new class and welcoming them back to school in September. I think that everyone would agree that it is going to be another very busy, fun and productive year!

### **Move-Up Day and Meet the Teacher events!**

As a part of our end-of-term arrangements each class will experience a Move-Up Day with their new class teacher which will take place on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July**.

The Meet the Teacher events (which will be delivered remotely and are aimed at class teachers meeting their new cohort of parents/carers) will be on the following dates and times:

- **Meet the Teacher event - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** Year 1 (3.30pm)
- **Meet the Teacher event - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July** Year 2 (4pm)
- **Meet the Teacher event - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July** Year 3 (3.30pm)
- **Meet the Teacher event - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July** Year 4 (4pm)
- **Meet the Teacher event- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July** Year 5 (3.30pm)
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### **PE kit and school uniform:**

Just a quick reminder that if you are buying sports kit or school uniform ready for the next academic year in September to check out our School Uniform Policy, which is available on our School Website if you follow this link: <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/stmaryschurchofengland/UploadedDocument/6eeacd4aad7453b8b65150a32621fac/uniform-policy-march-2021.pdf>

Please may I ask that in the case of sports kit that tracksuit tops, bottoms and leggings are **plain black** and that children wear the purple St Mary's sports top with our special crest. Please also be aware that we have some spare school uniform, which has kindly been donated to the school. Please email us on [info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk) if you would like to find out if any of this uniform would be available for your child/ren.

### **What's going on?**

Once again, we have had an extremely busy week with lots of fun end-of term curriculum activities taking place. Earlier in the week the Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils were treated to the Explorer Dome, whilst our Year 6 pupils have been having a great time away on residential in Mersea. It has been lovely to read the daily updates from Mr Pike, as well as small sample of the many, many photographs that they have taken – which will later be added to the website when the Year 6s return next week. Please feel free to take a moment of your own to read the Year 6 Residential Mersea updates which are available on the News and Events section of our new website or by following this link: <https://www.stmaryssw.org.uk/stream/news/full/1/-//>

As you can see we are continuing to squeeze in as many fun activities as we possibly can.

- **Year 6 Residential Visit to Mersea on 28<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> July**, where these children have taken part in team bonding and challenging adventurous activities in an outdoor environment.
- **Spirit of the Wild** (for all of our Key Stage 2 pupils) is booked in for **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July**, where our lucky pupils will get the opportunity to witness (and possibly even handle – if they are very lucky) some incredible and interesting creatures.
- **Photographer coming in to take pictures of our school and pupils (for our new school website) on the morning of Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July.**
- **Reception to Year 4 class assemblies** being sent out to parents/carers on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July**
- **Year 6 reports to parents – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July**
- **Key Stage 2 Sports Day** will be on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July**, 9am to 12pm approx.
- **Key Stage 1 Sports Day** will be on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July**, 9am to 12pm approx.

- **Year 5 and 6 dramatic performance of SuperStan on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July (afternoon only)**
- **Dinosaur Animatronix Workshop** (for the whole school) will take place on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July, where our lucky pupils will get the opportunity to see some amazing replicas of dinosaurs and learn some fascinating facts!
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- **New Reception picnic** (on the Meadow) – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July – has unfortunately been cancelled and will take place in September, guidance allowing.
- **Year 6 Leavers Event** (last day of term) **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – specific arrangements TBC
- The **Year 5 and 6 Performance of Super Stan** is now being filmed and will be made available to parents/carers by the end of term.

**Please note** that we are looking to arrange a **Leaver's Service** for our lovely Year 6 pupils – and we are poring through the latest guidance. We will let all parents/carers know as soon as our final arrangements have been made.

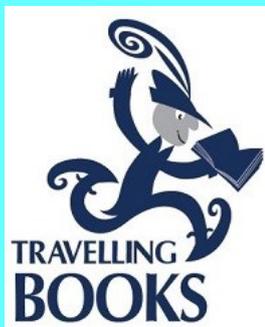
**End of term:**

Another reminder that the school is scheduled to complete the **end of the Summer term at 1.30pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.**

Have a lovely weekend.

*Mr C. D. Garmain*

*Headteacher at St Mary's*



Next week the Travelling Books Fair will be in school. Due to COVID restrictions, we are unfortunately unable to invite parents in to school to view the books this year.

Parents and children can view the books online on the following link; <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books/the-books>

If you would like to purchase any books, please pay online using the following link; <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1164312>

Once an order has been made, parents will need to email a copy of their order including the payment reference and books ordered to the school office on [info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-maryscofe.essex.sch.uk)

Online payments must be completed by **13:00 on July 8, 2021**. The office will then give the books purchased to the child/ren to take home on Friday 9th July 2021. Please note as we are unable to accept cash, cheque or Book Fair Gift vouchers.

## KS1 Seaside Fun Day (Thu 24th June)

Last week Key Stage One were lucky enough to be treated to a St Mary's Seaside Day! We were wowed by a fantastic Punch and Judy show in the morning, made our own delicious seaside snacks, dipped our toes in some sand and splashed around in the water trays. That would probably have been enough excitement for one day, but in the afternoon the excitement went up another notch as we welcomed two beautiful donkeys to our school and an ice cream van! The children were able to stroke, groom and feed the donkeys and then played the afternoon away with tummies full of ice cream.

The day was a huge success and the polite, positive behaviour of our children was noticed by all who visited. Although it would have been wonderful to visit the real seaside, we feel our day was just as much fun. Well done and thank you to all that helped make the day such a memorable one.



### Parents Feedback

*"What an amazing day for them all. Tomas and Eva were so animated telling me about Punch and Judy tonight."*

*"Phoebe had a fantastic day thank you so much."*

*"It looks and sounds like they all had a wonderful day! Thank-you for all of your effort and hard work in making it all happen."*



# Stars of the Week



**R - Bobbie** for super effort with your reading and writing this week.



**Y1 - Kai** for coming into school with a positive attitude **Megan** for showing great resilience and confidence in class

*Well done to all of these wonderful pupils whose light is well and truly shining!*



**Y2 - Olivia** for always giving 100%.



**Y3 - Freya** for always working hard and putting 100% into everything she does.



**Y4 - Daisy** for being a fantastic classmate and working hard in all subjects

**Lana** - for working hard in all subjects



**Y5 - Jodie & Lilian** for their effort and dance moves in our production songs!

## Reception Class Update



**We started off the week visiting the Explorer Dome...** The children visited the rainforest, the desert and the arctic. The children felt the rain from the rainforest, saw the stars at night in the hot desert, saw the Northern lights and then swept up in an arctic snow-storm. Well done to Quillan and Tomas who adapted to the Arctic conditions wearing items suitable for survival. We were very impressed with the facts that the children were able to talk about with the Explorer Dome guides.

### Talk PANTS with Pantosaurus and his PANTS song



This week we have been discussing the NSPCC's PANTS rules and watching the 'Pantosaurus' video & song. During these discussions we have taught the children the following important safety skills and how the children can stay safe by learning the PANTS rules, which the NSPCC have developed to be like a Green Cross Code for staying safe from any sexual abuse.

**PANTS** stands for:

- Privates are private.
- Always remember your body belongs to you.
- No means no.
- Talk about secrets that upset you.
- Speak up, someone can help.

The lessons introduced a range of ideas, all delivered in a way that's fully age-appropriate, empowering the children without using any frightening words.

These include:

- good and bad touching
- your child's right to say no to things that make them feel upset or uncomfortable
- naming parts of the body (we have done this already)
- who your child can turn to if they ever feel upset or worried.

If you would like to know more about the NSPCC's campaign and learn how you can help keep your children safe in partnership with St Mary's school, more information can be found at [nspcc.org.uk/pants](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/pants) and you can follow the links:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-IL07JOGU5o>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Butterflies really enjoyed **Collective Worship** this week with Reverend Rachel Prior and Matt Williamson. It was the first session where they were back in school. The session was all about friendship, our current school value focus. The children loved seeing Matt get his feet washed by Rachel, using a water pistol, safely socially distancing!



Our Star of the Week is **Bobbie** - Well done Bobbie for super effort with your reading and writing this week.

**Mrs Jeewan and the EYFS team**

## Year 1 Update



Ladybirds have continued their journey into space this week in all subjects. They have been helping Bob the Man on the Moon to clear up the moon with posters, making night sky pictures of the stars and planets with chalk and learning about how the craters formed on the moon in Science. We were very lucky to take part in the Dome experience on Monday, crawling inside the Dome to see the night sky and learn all about the moon and the planets.

**Miss Nicholson and Mrs Potter & Year 1 Team**



## Year 2 Update



It's been a bit of a challenging week as we've missed Mrs Robinson but Caterpillars have shown how resilient they are, not phased by anything and always willing to try their hardest! Thanks to Mrs Wulfse for all of her extra work this week—we are lucky to have you! The children have worked hard on their commas, fractions, turns and right angles. They were also very lucky to have a visit to a special dome which showcased the wonders of the world and learnt about how important it is to look after our environment.

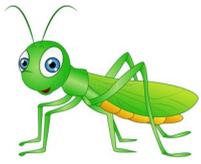
"I thought it looked a bit of a squeeze but inside it was bigger than you thought. There were beautiful jungles." Toby

"When we were in the rainforest it was actually raining! Then we made clouds using cold water and a special machine" Rebecca

We can help to look after the planet by using both sides of our paper, not chopping down the rainforest and recycling our rubbish.

**Mrs Robinson and Mrs McInnes & Year 2 Team**





## Year 3 Update

In maths this week, Year 3 have been learning to read the time on analogue clock and have also been converting between seconds, minutes and hours.

Grasshoppers did a fantastic job of presenting their slideshow presentations about the Stone Age in English. They spoke confidently and clearly during their presentations and had used their computing skills brilliantly to add photos, animations and transitions to their slideshows.

In PE this week, Year 3 have been learning the skills needed to play rounders. They practised their fielding skills through throwing and catching whilst attempting to get a runner out and practised their batting skills too. We have also carried on with our RSE lessons. This week involved talking about the importance of hygiene and how we can make sure we stay clean. In French, Grasshoppers have continued to learn about food and have been learning the names of different snacks in French and how to say them.

### Miss Allin & Year 3 Team



## Year 4 Update

Fireflies, Well done on another busy week!

This week in Maths, we have continued to look at angles. We have measured identified and measured angles and decided if they are acute, obtuse or a right angle. We have also used our protractors to draw our own angles and label their properties. We then used our knowledge of angles to create 'Angle Art' using circles and straight lines to measure.

In our Science lessons, we have continued to look at the States of Matter. We did an experiment involving ice and salt during this week and looked at how this made the process of changing the state from solid to liquid quicker.

Throughout our English lessons, the pupils created their own stories based on a poem. We focused on ensuring we had used a range of sentence starters and ambitious vocabulary to make our stories more interesting.

Finally, in PE, the pupils have thoroughly enjoyed learning more about tennis and using their skills in different game and match situations.

Well done on another fantastic week. Have a great weekend,

### Mr Brown & Year 4 Team





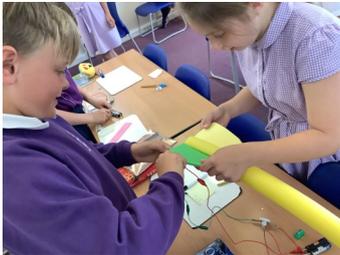
## Year 5 Update

This week, Year 5 have been recapping some previous learning in Maths, looking at rounding numbers and, a big favourite, Roman numerals! The children were a bit rusty at first but really got back into the swing of things once their memories were jogged! They also extended past recapping and began looking at how to use rounding for estimation.

We've also had a lot of fun developing our hockey skills in PE, learning how to hold the stick correctly, pass, control the ball and now we've started practising dribbling (we'll probably be spending a fair few weeks on this aspect though...)!

The class also had a great time in Science this week. After having looked at positive and negative charge in magnets, we decided to look at how batteries use difference in positive and negative charge to move electrons and create electrical energy! The children experimented with different materials to see which ones would let the electrons move freely around their own circuit

### ***Mr Clarke & Year 5 Team***





# YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP

## MERSEA ISLAND



**Day 1** - We arrived at about 12pm, we were given a tour of the site and shown to our cabins. The children spent some time setting up their cabins and exploring their surroundings. We then split into 3 groups, each doing a different activity. 2 groups did archery and kit karts (which involved constructing a go kart from a kit and then racing them down hills) and the other group did kayaking. They all really enjoyed the activities and can't wait for a day of different ones tomorrow. They enjoyed a dinner of meatballs and pasta and then an evening playing games and chilling with their friends. They all settled well when it was time to go to their cabins to sleep.

**Day 2** - A jam packed day today! 2 of the groups went paddle boarding out on the lake. They all were amazing and loved playing all the games and races but mostly falling into the water. Some of the groups went climbing which involved being harnessed and seeing how far you could climb up a scaled wall; bush craft (starting fires, baking bread, whittling and wood art), kit karts and an adventure course. We all had a walk along the beach, collecting shells and spotting crabs then a dinner of noodles and chicken while watching the second half of the football and then relaxing before bed. The children are all pushing themselves so much and having an amazing time.



**Day 3** - Another busy day here at Mersea! A better night sleep had by most and we had to wake most of the children up this morning. A hearty breakfast of sausage meat and cheese muffins and onto today's activities, which were low ropes where the children had to move across a range of ropes working together to make sure they didn't fall off; pedal Karts (like go-karting and amazing fun); bush craft and team work challenges. All the children then spent an hour in the pool all together playing and, although it was freezing, they had a great time. Dinner of pizza and jelly, then an evening of hide and seek, sardines and capture the flag. Although the weather has not been great so far, the children are throwing themselves into every activity and seem to be loving every minute.

**Day 4** - A full on last full day here at Mersea.

One group started the day on the lake doing stand up paddle boarding and one group doing kayaking. Finally the sun shone on us and the weather was beautiful. The last group spent the morning doing bush craft - whittling, building dens, making fires and cooking bread and popcorn. After lunch, 2 groups did high wires which consisted of climbing a large telephone style post and jumping off the top in a 'leap of faith'. The children were unbelievable and pushed themselves way past their comfort zones with all at least touching the top and most sitting or standing on the top and jumping off! The final group did the adventure course where they had to work as a team.

After a dinner of bbq chicken, chips and doughnuts, we went to the beach where we collected shells, paddled, skimmed stones and enjoyed the evening sun. We ended the day with a massive water fight and a slightly later night.

The children have been such a pleasure to be with; they have shown great team work and compassion for each other; pushed themselves out of their comfort zones and hopefully had a great time. All 4 of us adults have had so many laughs with them and have enjoyed spending time with them all. They have represented St Mary's amazingly and all the instructors have commented on how engaged, enthusiastic and well behaved they have been. They have made me so proud this week and I hope they are all proud of themselves.



# Diary Dates



Mon 5th - Wed 7th July	-	Virtual Parent Consultations (Rec - Y5)
Mon 5th - Thu 8th July	-	Book Fair Week (Order online)
Thu 8th July	-	Spirit of the Wild Visit - KS2
Mon 12th July	-	KS2 Sports Day (am)
Mon 12th July	-	Year 5 & 6 SuperStan Performance
Tue 13th July	-	KS1 Sports Day (am)
Tue 13th July	-	Year 5 & 6 SuperStan Performance (Recording will be sent to parents)
(Wed 14th July	-	Dinosaur Workshop - Whole School
Wed 14th July	-	Meet the Teacher (Remote) - Year 1 (3.30pm) and Year 2 (4pm)
Thu 15th July	-	Meet the Teacher (Remote) - Year 3 (3.30pm) and Year 4 (4pm)
Fri 16th July	-	Meet the Teachers (Remote) - Year 5 (3.30pm) and Year 6 (4pm)
Fri 16th July	-	Move-Up Day with new classes and class teachers
Wed 21st July	-	Year 6 Leavers Event (specific arrangements TBC)
Wed 21st July	-	Last Day of Term - Finish at 1.30pm - Non Uniform Bring £1
Wed 1st Sept	-	INSET - Non Pupil Day
Thu 2nd Sept	-	First Day of Autumn Term

## PREVENT

Did you know that you can access this free training which aims to safeguard vulnerable people from being radicalised to supporting terrorism or becoming terrorists themselves?

The training will provide an important foundation on which to develop further knowledge around the risks of radicalisation and the role that you can play in supporting those at risk.

This e-learning has been developed by HM Government following consultation with a range of individuals and organisations. It has benefitted from the feedback of teachers, local authority officials, community-based groups, youth workers, parents and many others. If you would like to find out more, please visit [www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk/](http://www.elearning.prevent.homeoffice.gov.uk/)

