

# Class Updates - 24.11.2023

## Reception Butterflies update



Wow, another busy and fun week for Butterflies, with an exhausting session of Clubbercise in House Groups and the wonderful Word Parade.



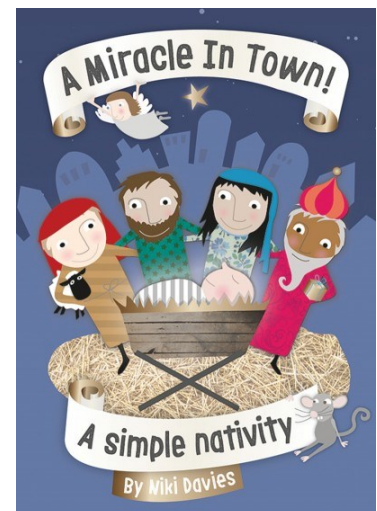
The children are making progress with their **phonics** and **maths** and many have now had a chance at **Show and Tell**. You will receive a Tapestry memo and a Focus Child letter if it is your child's turn. Thank you for your support encouraging your child to bring something in from home so that they can share with the class or a group.

**Little Wandle** have parent videos on how to support your child at home with saying their sounds and writing their letters. There are also some useful videos so you can see how they are taught at school and feel confident about supporting their reading at home. There is also the video '**How to use wordless books with your child at home**':

<https://www.littlewandlelettersandsounds.org.uk/resources/for-parents/#tabnametabBooksComingHome>

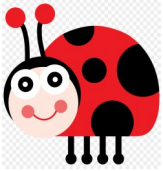
## Nativity update 'A Miracle in Town'

The EYFS and the KS1 team have decided this year that **all Reception** children will be '**angels**' in the Nativity production. Please can your child have a named bag with white clothes and silver or gold tinsel for their costume. This needs to be in school **by Thursday 7th December** so we can rehearse in costume. You do not need to buy an actual angel costume unless you would like to. If you have any questions, please speak to Miss Hunter or myself.



Have a lovely weekend,

**Mrs Jeewan & EYFS Team**



## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

We have been so impressed with our Ladybirds this week—they have focused really well in Maths, showing great understanding of numbers to 20. We have discovered a game that they love which allows them to practise writing the numbers correctly, order them and recognise them. Any extra practice will benefit your children: <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/todays-number-up-to-20>



We had a great time in Science carrying out experiments to test the properties of materials. We investigated whether objects were waterproof, opaque, transparent, bendy or not bendy—well done Ladybirds!

In English we have produced our own class book 'The Spooky, Spooky School', writing rhyming sentences and illustrating our work.



Having fun making 'God's eyes' at Forest school.



The Year 1 Team

## Year 2 Caterpillars Update



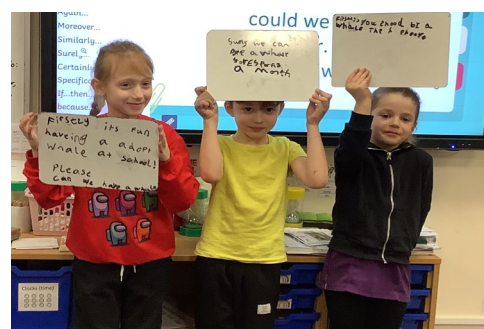
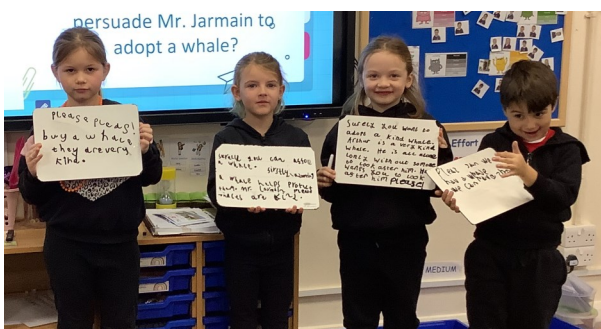
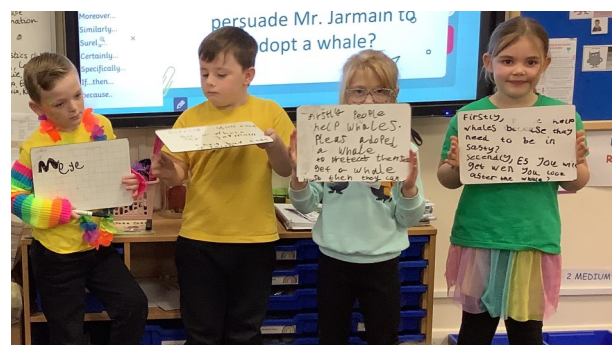
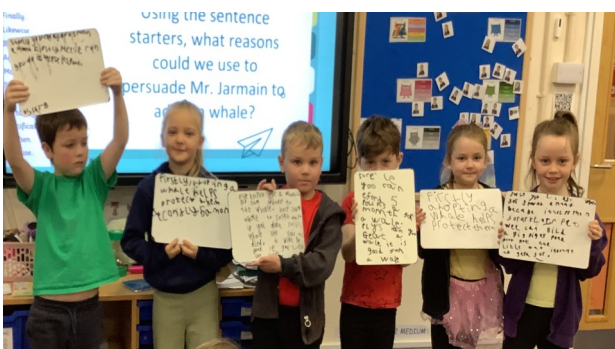
We have had a very busy week in Caterpillar class this week. We have enjoyed clubbercise in our houses and dressing up for our word parade. As it is road safety week, we have looked closely at road safety and discussed how we keep safe outside.

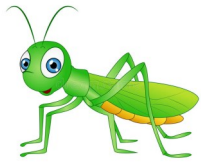
We have been practising our nativity songs really hard this week and have began learning our lines. Please revise these as much as possible at home.

Children's costumes have been written inside your child's reading record– please check these for clarification. This week we have started our new RE unit– Incarnation. We have watched God's story and thought about the type of place someone as special as Jesus deserved to be born. We sketched the perfect bedroom for him, followed by questions we thought the shepherds may have asked when he was born. In maths, we have continued with addition and subtraction, using tens and ones to exchange 10. In English we have started looking at persuasive letters and began writing our own persuasive sentences. We plan to write our own persuasive letters in the weeks to come.



### *Mrs Holmes & the Year 2 team*





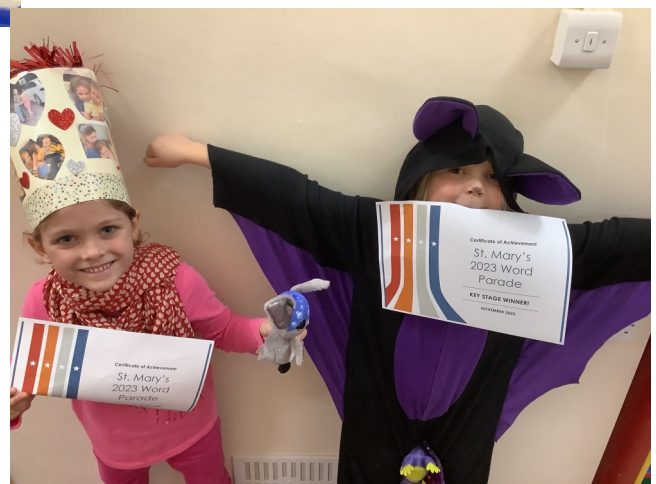
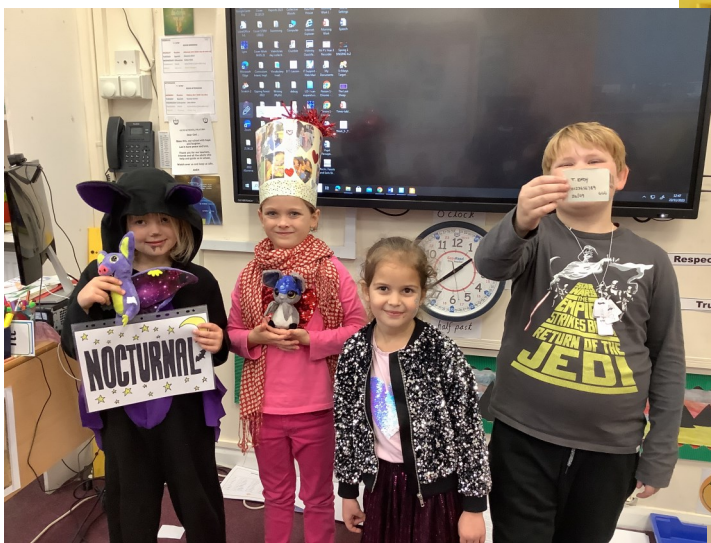
## Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

We have had a super busy week! On Tuesday afternoon, the children participated in a Clubbersize event run by Mrs Shackleton. They moved to the music to get points for their colour group. The children showed fantastic attitude and perseverance throughout the event.

On Wednesday, we had the PTA's 'Word Parade'. It was lovely to see so many different costumes and word ideas. Please see the photo attached for some ideas the class came up with.

Finally, In Science, the children have been looking at Light and light sources. We had several different scenarios, and they had to sort them into the correct category and present their ideas. Well done Grasshoppers!

**Have a fantastic weekend,  
Mr Brown and the Y3 team**





## Year 4 Fireflies Update

Such a busy week this week! On Wednesday, was the PTA 'Word Parade'. It was great to see all the different costumes and words—they were so creative! Wednesday afternoon was Clubbersise, the children went into the hall with Mrs Shackleton for 20mins and danced and moved to the music. They gained points for their house through their attitude, actions and engagement.

On Thursday, we hosted an archery tournament here at St Mary's with some of the local schools. There were 3 teams from Y4. One of our Y4 teams came **2nd overall** and one came **3rd**, which is amazing. Well done St Mary's team.

In science, the class conducted their electric circuit experiments, recording what they found and concluding their findings. In maths, we have been learning and practising bus stop method for division. After a little bit of a reminder from Y3, they used this skill effectively and accurately to solve given problems.



*Mr Pike & the Yr4 team*

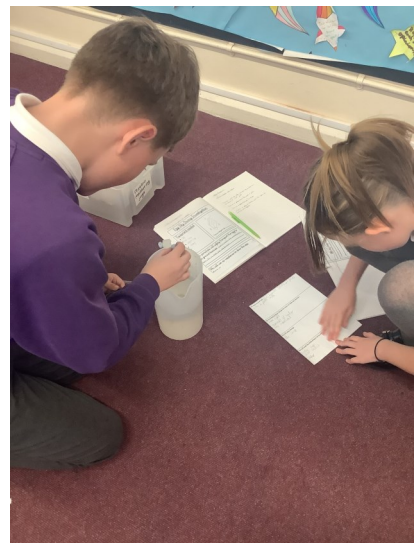
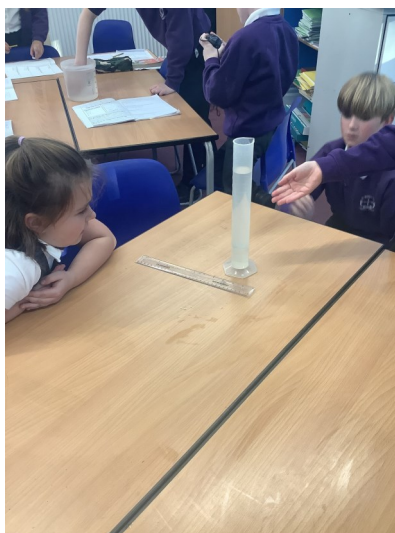
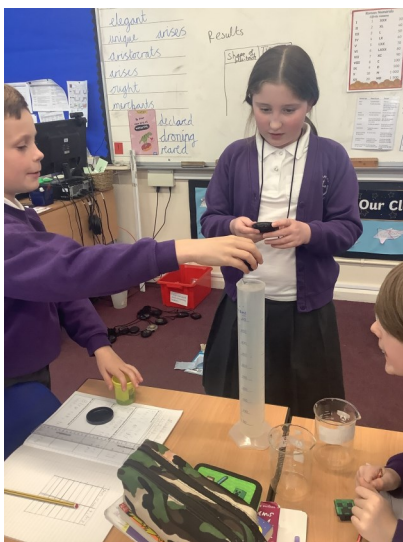
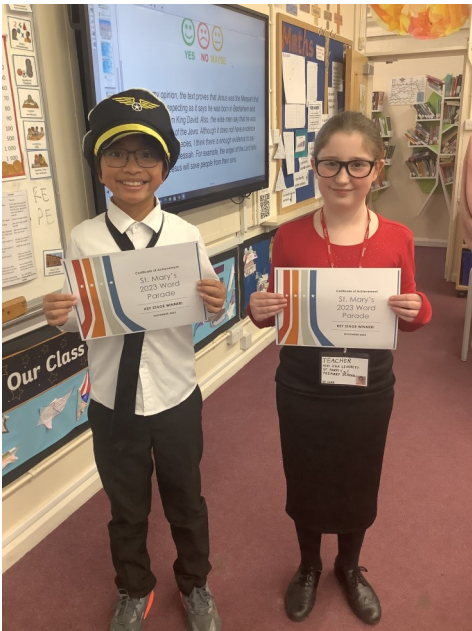


## Year 5 Busybees Update



A great week with Bees ! In science we had lots of fun experimenting with how the shape of an object can alter how fast or slow it sinks. The shape that resulted in the quickest sinking was a sausage shape and the slowest was a flat, circular disc. Wednesday's Dress as a Word day was lots of fun and there were great costumes on display. 'Teacher' and 'Pilot' won in year 5 — well done, guys! Everyone participated in Thursday's archery competition and two of our class teams came first and second. These children will now go to the final after Christmas. Another fantastic week!

***Mrs Robinson, Mrs Potter and Miss Driscoll***





## Y6 Dragonflies Update

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

We have had so much crammed into this week that I don't even know where to begin!

The children had a great time on the PTA's Word Parade day—we had lots of imaginative ideas on how to convey their words and the outfits were smashing! It also added some zest to our debates in RE, where we took on the role as different religions and their views on Jesus as Messiah.

Not only did we have a dress-up day, we also had a wonderful time with Ms Shackleton and our clubbersize. The Year 6s were great with the younger children in their colour groups and it was really good to see so many of them step out of their shells and throw some of their moves on the dance floor.

We also had lots to do inside the classroom. Dragonflies began their descriptive through the portal stories this week. After reading an example text, the children drew out the opening scene and then compared their pictures to their partner's. It was amazing how similar they were, and the class realised why good description is so crucial for storytelling: you want to put the correct picture into your reader's mind!

In Science, we learnt about the vital role white blood cells play in the body. The children then created their own 3D storyboards of what happens when your body identifies a pathogen. Ask your child if they can explain the role of white blood cells!

We had a surprise visit from an ancient Greek in History; Hypocrites came to teach us about the four humours and how Greeks attempted to cure ailments. Can your child remember the four humours and how they were treated? Bonus points if they can tell you what was wrong with the theory and how it could lead to hurting the patient more than helping!

*Have a great weekend!*

**Mr Clarke and Miss Naunton**

