

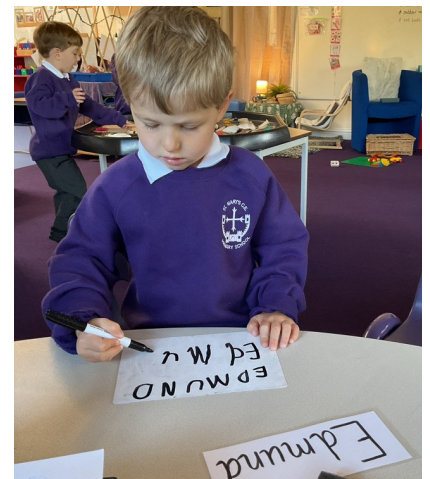
# Class Updates - 12.09.2025

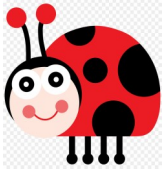
## Reception Butterflies update



Butterfly class have had a fabulous first week at St Mary's. We are very impressed with how quickly the children have settled into their new classroom and are beginning to learn the school routines. They have been busy exploring the classroom environment and everyone is happy to have a go at all the different activities. They enjoyed meeting their buddies who were so kind and helpful introducing them to lunch time in the Hall. Well done everyone! We are very excited about our first full week next week.

Ms Nicholson, Miss Hunter and the Early Years Team





## Year 1 Ladybirds Update

Welcome back! We have had a brilliant start to year 1 and have enjoyed spending some time getting to know one another. We have spent time on the decking getting to know our new surroundings, enjoyed counting within 10 and sorting objects into groups in maths, beebots and chrome books in computing and practicing our ball skills in PE. We have been writing sentences in English using a capital letter, full stops and finger spaces, discussed a variety of emotions and recognised these on faces, look at aboriginal artwork created by Bronwyn Bancroft and recreated our own version of her Tree of life and began our materials topic in science. Forest school was also lots of fun this week!

**Mrs Holmes and the Year 1 team**





## Year 2 Caterpillars Update

What a wonderful start to Year 2! The children have settled back into school life brilliantly, and I am very proud of how hard they are working.

In **Maths**, we have been exploring **place value**, using base 10 equipment to help us understand **hundreds, tens and ones**. The children have enjoyed building numbers and breaking them apart in different ways.

In **English**, we have been focusing on **forming basic sentences**. The children are learning to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops, and many are already beginning to extend their sentences with conjunctions.

In **Science**, we have started our new unit on **materials**. We went on a hunt around the classroom to investigate what different objects are made from, and the children had lots of fun discussing why certain materials are used.

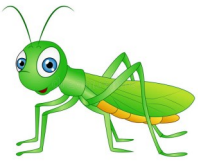
In **RE**, we have been learning about the **importance of light in different religions**, exploring how light can be a symbol of hope, celebration and guidance.

The children have made a fantastic start to the year, showing curiosity, enthusiasm and kindness in everything they do. I am very proud of them all and look forward to an exciting term ahead.

### Mr Brown and the Year 2 team



## Year 3 Grasshoppers Update



What a fantastic start to Year 3! The children have returned after the summer holidays full of energy, enthusiasm and smiles. We've spent this first week settling into our new classroom routines and getting to know each other as a class team.

In English, we began by sharing our favourite summer holiday memories and used these to inspire some brilliant pieces of writing. It was lovely to hear about all the exciting adventures, big and small, that the children enjoyed over the break. We have also been getting back to basics and exploring sentence structure and use of punctuation. The children ended the week by describing some Autumnal pictures.

In maths, we have been revising key skills from Year 2 and working together on place value. The children showed great focus and are working on improving their independence.

We also started exploring our new topic for this term, Ancient Egypt, which sparked lots of curiosity and thoughtful questions. The children are eager to find out more and we're looking forward to diving deeper into our learning over the coming weeks.

We are very proud of how confidently Year 3 have stepped into their new year group. It's going to be an exciting term ahead! Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday.



## Year 4 Fireflies Update

Year 4 have had a great start to the school year, with everyone showing a great attitude towards their learning!

In **English**, we have begun to explore our text 'Counting on Katherine' and the children have been working hard to create their own recount of Katherine's life using fronted adverbials.

In **Maths**, we have started a recap of place value and number lines to 1000, with the children showing real enthusiasm and a great independent attitude towards their work.

We have spent lots of time over the last week focusing on emotional literacy. The children have been brilliant at labelling their emotions, discussing triggers for negative emotions and designing toolkits as groups, to help manage overwhelming feelings.



In **PE**, everyone has really enjoyed beginning to learn the rules of touch rugby and I have had lots of willing volunteers for demonstrations, which has been great to see!

I have really enjoyed my first week with year 4 and I would like to extend a huge thankyou to all of the school's staff, parents and carers, for making me so welcome. I look forward to seeing what we achieve over the coming months.

***Mrs Tagg, Mrs Tickle, Miss Dye, Miss Sykes, Mrs Slade, Miss Humphries, Miss Driscoll and Mrs Smith.***



## Year 5 Busybees Update

Welcome to year 5! The children are settling in well and getting used to the new routines and expectations of mine and Year 5. I have been really impressed so far with their eagerness to learn and involvement.

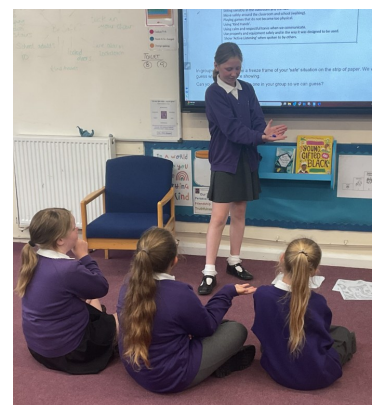
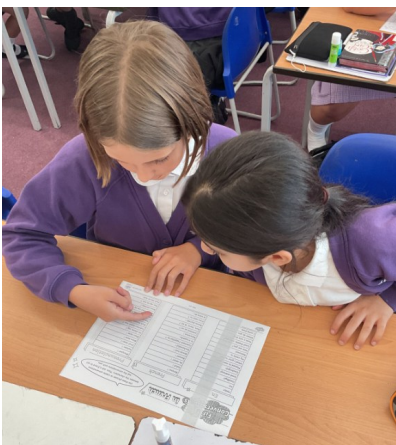
We have already been super busy and had lots of things happening. On Tuesday, we had a cheerleading taster session to introduce the sport to the children and to give them a glimpse of what our upcoming club/competition will be like (they can sign up with Miss Driscoll if they are interested). I was most impressed with the synchronisation.

In French, we used key vocabulary to have basic conversations with different partners—asking name, age and greeting each other. We also spent a few days looking at our key behaviour words: Safe, Effort & Respect and learnt what this looks like at St Mary's and why it is so important.

We have started our Space unit looking at the planets and the order they appear as well as the invention of the telescope and its impact on understanding the universe.

On Wednesday, Year 5 had a 'Road Safety' workshop and spent some time learning how to safely cross roads.

**Mr Pike, Mrs Smith, Miss Driscoll**





## Year 6 Dragonflies update

Welcome back for the final year of St Mary's for Dragonflies! Year 6 have settled in incredibly well and are already stepping up to the responsibilities that come with being the oldest children in the school. From setting the tone in assembly to supporting younger pupils around school, they've shown maturity, kindness, and great leadership.

In Maths, we've been learning how to Speed Write. The children have been rising to the challenge, and many are now able to rattle off the 24 times table with impressive speed. Can your child show you how fast they can write it out?

Over in Science, we got hands-on this week by making our own fossils! As part of our evolution topic, we've also been learning about how humans and other great apes share a common ancestor. The children were fascinated by what this tells us about our place in the history of life on Earth.

In History, we began our new topic by stepping into the shoes of 1500s explorers. After setting sail and "landing" in a mysterious new world, the children found themselves in the heart of the Maya civilisation! We studied images of Maya people and cities and used them to infer information about this vibrant and complex culture.

And one of the highlights of the week - meeting our Reception Buddies! Year 6 showed amazing patience as they took their buddies to lunch, helped them settle in, and guided them through life at St Mary's. It's hard to believe that not long ago they were the little ones being shown around!

Have a great weekend,

**Mr Clarke and the Year 6 team**

