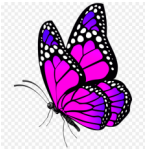


Class Updates - 19.12.2025

Reception Butterflies update



A week full of festive fun to mark the final week of the Autumn term! Christmas jumpers, Christmas lunch and a trip aboard the Polar Express and learned about how Christmas is celebrated around the world.

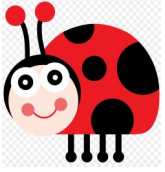
We have had so much fun this week and are so proud of all the progress the children have made over their first term in Reception at St Mary's. All the children have settled into school life, learned new routines, become more independent and made fantastic progress across the curriculum.

We hope you enjoy a fun, safe and restful break with your families and look forward to seeing them all again in the New Year ready to learn.

Merry Christmas!

Miss Nicholson, Miss Hunter and Miss Murnane





Year 1 Ladybirds Update

This week has been full of Christmas cheer.

We have woven our own Christmas stocking and enjoyed a Christmas dinner. We have created nativity scenes, gonks and more.

Topic day

This year we focused on Christmas in Spain. We learnt about how Christmas is celebrated in Spain, learnt Spanish Christmas songs, hot seated as characters from the story of the birth of Jesus and painted beautiful star silhouettes.

Forest School

Lots of looking after each other, being kind and respectful. We pretended to be lots of different animals playing hibernate.

We want to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a relaxing break. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Tuesday 6th January.

Mrs Holmes and the Year One team





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

This week, Year 2 have been busy completing their DT project all about designing and making pizzas. The children began by researching pizzas from around the world, exploring the similarities and differences between them. They then created their own questionnaires and visited Year 1 to ask a series of questions about their favourite pizzas. After this, the children took part in taste testing a variety of toppings before producing their final pizza designs. Once their pizzas were made, the children evaluated their finished products, discussing what they liked most and what they would improve next time. It was wonderful to see such thoughtful reflections and enthusiasm throughout the project.

Finally, during our RE and Modern Foreign Languages topic day, we explored the Christmas traditions of France. The children learned how Christmas is celebrated in France and how the Nativity story differs. To finish the day, the children created their own Nativity artwork for RE. They thoroughly enjoyed this activity and their final pieces were amazing.

Well done to all of the children for completing our first term. I am extremely proud of you and the progress you have made. I would also like to say a special thank you to all the parents and carers for your continued support this term. I wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Mr Brown & the Year 2 Team





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

What a busy and exciting end to the term we have had in Year 3! The children have produced some fantastic non-chronological reports in English, showing how much progress they have made in their writing. In geography, we have finished our unit by comparing our local area with New Delhi in India, developing a great understanding of similarities and differences around the world. The children have also been honing their indoor athletic skills with Miss Driscoll and have improved in both speed and confidence.

In science, we have been exploring how our muscles work and then brought this learning to life by creating hand models to help us understand this further. On Wednesday, we also enjoyed our topic day where we explored the country of Iceland, learning about the country itself and how Christmas is celebrated there.

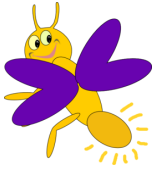
We must not forget the wonderful job Year 3 did with their assembly to the whole school. They spoke confidently about the work WaterAid does and how we can all make a difference within our own school community. Year 3 also did a fantastic job at playing the recorders in church on Friday - we were incredibly proud of them.

What a wonderful first term it has been. The children have worked so hard and truly deserve a well-earned break. Thank you for all of your continued support and we wish you all a very Merry Christmas. See you in January!



Mrs Potter and the Year 3 team

Year 4 Fireflies Update



What a lovely week we've had in Year 4!

I can't quite believe we are at the end of our first term in Year 4! The time has flown and it has been a pleasure to see the children learn and grow. I have been particularly impressed by the whole class attitude and commitment to reading and increasing their vocabulary.

In **DT**, we have evaluated our final pieces and the children peer reviewed each other's work. It was great to see them thinking deeply about their designs and how they could improve their structures in future.

In **English**, we are finishing our final pieces of writing for our Odyssey adventures. The children have engaged with the Greek myths wonderfully and I am sure they would be keen to share their knowledge of Odysseus at home!

As we approach the end of term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your support. It has been a wonderful first term for me in Year 4 and I am very excited to see what the children will achieve in the coming months. Wishing you a restful Christmas and a very Happy New Year,

Mrs Tagg and the Year 4 team.





Year 5 Busybees Update

The end of a fantastic first term. I am so proud of how hard the children have worked this term and the progress they have made in their work but also in their independence, behaviour and self-responsibility. Well done Bees, you should be really proud of yourself.

This week, the children have been busy using their creativity to design their very own imaginary town. They collected data from their peers and carefully planned the leisure attractions they would most enjoy, from exciting entertainment venues to relaxing community spaces and historical attractions.

We also enjoyed a special Modern Foreign Languages, RE and Music topic day on Wednesday, where the children learned about Christmas traditions in Italy. Through language, stories and music, they explored how Christmas is celebrated in a different culture and made thoughtful comparisons with their own traditions.

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith, Miss Driscoll





Year 6 Dragonflies update

It's been a festive and fun-filled week in Year 6, with Christmas spirit in full swing!

Earlier this week, disaster struck: Santa was lost! We received a video message from him asking for help, and the children sprang into action. Using their measuring and maths skills, they solved a series of clues to figure out where he'd crash-landed...near the Maldives! Luckily, we were able to send him his location just in time, and he's now safely back on his route delivering toys around the world.

In RE, the children wrote their own Christmas prayers. They were thoughtful, heartfelt, and full of empathy. We reflected not only on those less fortunate than ourselves but also on the people who give up their time to help others over the festive season, from charity workers and carers to the emergency services.

In DT, the children became undercover agents as they carried out Christmas market research for their pop-up books! Quietly, they snuck into younger classes and asked children about their favourite Christmas characters and stories.

We also had our much-anticipated Christmas quiz, where the children worked in teams to answer a mix of festive questions. Do you know which teacher has banned Christmas dinners in their house? Or can you name all of Santa's reindeer? Year 6 gave it their best shot and had a brilliant time in the process.

We also tested how well our HIT sessions have been working, comparing our scores to the start of the half term. Everyone has certainly worked very hard and earned eating a few extra roasties over Christmas with all the calories they've burnt off!

Have a wonderful Christmas break!

Mr Clarke

