

Class Updates - 26.06.2026



Reception Butterflies update

Reception have been keeping busy, calm and cool during the recent heatwave. They have enjoyed yoga sessions in the hall to help them relax and stretch and mindfulness sessions in the classroom and we have all drunk litres and litres of water, myself included!

On Monday, before the temperatures really took off, a group of children walked to Stanley Wilson Lodge to visit the residents and present them with some flowers we have grown for them as part of our Courageous Advocacy project.

Alongside this, the children have begun creating exciting junk model sea creatures, showing great creativity and imagination. They have also been busy writing fact files about different sea creatures, sharing some wonderful facts and ideas in their writing. It has been a fun and focused week despite the warm weather!

Miss Nicholson and the Reception team





Year 1 Ladybirds Update

Year 1 have worked incredibly hard this week, despite the heat. They had a wonderful time at Linton Zoo last Friday. Their behaviour was impeccable and all staff were incredibly proud of how they represented St Marys.

Mrs Holmes and the Year One team

Linton Zoo





Maths

Year 2 Caterpillars Update

In Maths, we have been learning about the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. We have enjoyed identifying and describing shapes using mathematical vocabulary such as sides, vertices, faces and edges. We have also explored where we can find different shapes in everyday life and have become shape detectives, spotting shapes in buildings, objects and our environment.

English

In English, we have been developing our creative writing skills. The children have worked hard to write imaginative stories, using exciting vocabulary, descriptive language and interesting ideas to engage their readers. We have been focusing on creating detailed settings and characters, and it has been wonderful to see the children's creativity shine through in their writing.

Topic

Our Topic lessons have focused on castles and William the Conqueror. We have learned about the different features of castles and why they were built. The children have also enjoyed finding out about William the Conqueror and the important role he played in British history following the Battle of Hastings.

PE

Due to the hot weather, we have been taking part in yoga sessions during PE. The children have enjoyed practising different poses, improving their balance and flexibility, and learning ways to stay calm and focused. It has been a lovely way to keep active while staying safe in the heat.

Well done, Year 2!

We are very proud of how well everyone has coped with the hot weather this week. The children have shown resilience, maturity and a positive attitude throughout.

Mr Brown and the Year 2 team





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

It has certainly been a hot week and we have all been very grateful for the air conditioning! Despite the warm weather, we have still managed to fit in a busy and productive week of learning.

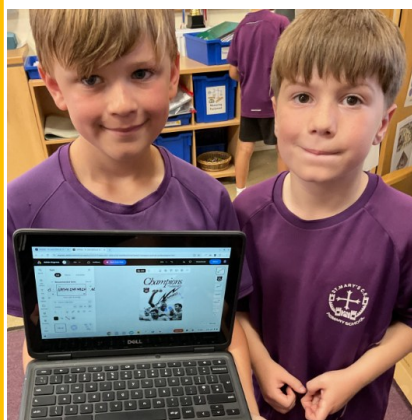
In Maths, we have been exploring angles and shapes. The children learnt new vocabulary, including *parallel* and *perpendicular* and enjoyed going on angle hunts around the classroom and school. They also produced some fantastic angle art, showing off their understanding in a creative way.

In English, we have continued working with our focus text and have been planning persuasive leaflets. The children have worked hard to think carefully about persuasive language and how to engage their audience.

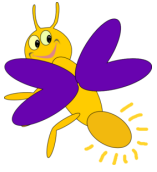
In Computing, we have been learning about desktop publishing. The children used Adobe Spark to design birthday invitations and did a wonderful job creating eye-catching designs. Alongside developing their computing skills, they also showed great patience and resilience when working with technology!

Well done to everyone for working so hard and staying focused through the heat. Let's hope for some cooler days next week!

Have a lovely weekend.



Mrs Potter and the Year 3 team



Year 4 Fireflies Update

A warm one down in Fireflies this week!

Despite the heat, the class have engaged and focused really well and we have had a lovely week of learning. In **Maths**, we finished out statistics topic by looking at line graphs and how to plot points on graphs. We then moved on to Shape, looking at understanding angles as turns. As always, lots of hands-on practical activities has really supported the children with these concepts.

In **English**, we have begun drafting our letters of explanation. The children have worked hard to put together fact files to inform readers about the formation of caves and persuade readers to visit. They have worked particularly hard to edit their work and really thought about the features they need to include as a Year 4 writer. Well done, Fireflies!

In **History**, as part of our Vikings topic we have examined what raiding and trading looked like. The class have learned about how the Vikings raided, where they raided and why they did this. They then looked at goods that the Vikings traded and how this led to settlements.

It was lovely to get practical in **Science** this week. We continued our learning about states of matter by placing water in the sun, measuring the temperature outside and observing the evaporation when we returned to our beakers. As always, the class collaborated beautifully and it was great to see them recording their findings like proper scientists!

As the temperatures continues to rise, please do make sure your child attends school with a water bottle and hat, as well as sun cream being applied before school.

Wishing you a restful (and cooler) weekend,

Mrs Tagg and the Year 4 team.





Year 5 Busybees Update

It has been another busy and successful week in Year 5. In PSHCE, the children created thoughtful posters promoting inclusion, diversity and equality. They demonstrated a good understanding of the importance of respecting and valuing differences, and produced some excellent work to share these important messages.

We have also begun our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) unit. So far, we have focused on learning the scientific names for body parts, comparing the male and female reproductive organs, and understanding the changes that occur during puberty. The class approached these lessons with great maturity and respect, asking interesting and relevant questions throughout our discussions.

In English, we completed our information texts about Jean-Michel Basquiat. The children worked hard to apply the writing skills they have developed this year, and I have been very impressed with the progress they have made. Their writing has become increasingly confident, detailed and engaging.

In Maths, we have been learning about statistics, interpreting and presenting data using a range of charts and graphs. In Geography, we explored the features of desert environments, learning about their climate, landscapes and the adaptations needed for plants, animals and people to survive there.

Finally, a huge well done to all the children for coping so well during the recent hot weather. They have continued to work hard, stay positive and demonstrate excellent resilience despite the challenging temperatures.

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





Year 6 Dragonflies update

It's been another busy week in Year 6, with the production starting to take centre stage (sorry for the pun!!)

We've been hard at work learning the choreography for our songs, and the children have picked up the routines brilliantly. There are quite a few dances to remember, but they've thrown themselves into every rehearsal and are already looking much more confident.

Alongside the dancing, we've also been practising our acting. This week's focus has been on projecting our voices so the audience can hear every line, and remembering to keep facing the front of the stage rather than disappearing into conversations with the back wall! It's been great to see the children growing in confidence as performers, and the production is really starting to come together.

We also had a visit from one of the science teachers from SWCHS, who led a practical investigation with the class. The children learnt about the different types of variables needed for a fair test before carrying out their own investigation. They then used the mean to calculate their average results, combining their scientific thinking with their maths skills.

With the temperatures climbing this week, our Reception buddies paid us a visit to make use of the air conditioning in the Year 6 classroom. The children were fantastic, helping to look after the younger pupils and making sure they were comfortable. It was lovely to see how caring and patient they were, and a reminder of just how much they've grown into their role as the oldest children in the school.

Finally, we hope everyone had a brilliant time at their taster day at SWCHS or Joyce Franklin!

Have a great weekend—remember: no scripts on Monday though!

Mr Clarke

