

Class Updates - 17.07.2026



Reception Butterflies update

As we come to the end of a wonderful year in Reception, we are so proud of everything the children have achieved. It has been a year filled with laughter, curiosity, creativity and so much learning. It has been amazing to watch each child grow in confidence, develop new skills and make such fantastic progress in their own unique way. Every single child has impressed us with their kindness, resilience, and enthusiasm, and they should all feel incredibly proud of themselves. Thank you for all of your support throughout the year—it has made such a difference. It has truly been a privilege to teach this wonderful class, and we will cherish the many happy memories we've made together. We wish all of our children and families a safe, happy and relaxing summer, and every success as they begin their next exciting chapter in Year 1.

Miss Nicholson and the Reception team





Year 1 Ladybirds Update

We have had an incredible year together. Here are a few of our favourite moments from our year together. Have a wonderful summer!

Mrs Holmes and the Year One team





Year 2 Caterpillars Update

As this is our final Year 2 newsletter of the year, we wanted to take a moment to reflect on some of the wonderful learning that has taken place recently.

In Maths, the children have been learning how to tell the time. We have focused on reading and understanding **o'clock, quarter past, half past and quarter to** times. The children have worked incredibly hard and have shown great determination as they have developed this important life skill.

In English, we completed our final writing unit based on the story **Grandad's Secret Giant**. The children used the book as inspiration to write their own versions of the story, carefully applying all of the skills they have learned throughout the year. Their final pieces of writing were truly fantastic and showcased just how much progress they have made. We are incredibly proud of them – well done, Year 2!

In DT, we completed our sea creature project. The children followed the design process and used a range of materials and resources to create their own imaginative sea creatures. It was wonderful to see their creativity, resilience and enthusiasm shine through as they brought their ideas to life.

As we reach the end of the school year, I would like to say what an absolute pleasure it has been teaching this class. They have worked hard, shown kindness to one another and embraced every challenge with enthusiasm. I will miss them very much and feel incredibly proud of everything they have achieved this year. They have all grown in confidence, knowledge and independence, and they should be extremely proud of themselves. I know they will continue to do amazing things as they move on to Year 3.

I would also like to say a huge thank you for the incredibly generous cards, gifts and kind messages that I have received. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated and means a great deal to me. Thank you for your kindness and support throughout the year.

Mr Brown and the Year 2 team





Year 3 Grasshoppers Update

.Well... we've reached the end of Year 3! I honestly can't believe how quickly this year has flown by.

This week, the children proudly finished their DT fabric bags. Their sewing skills have come on so much. The finished bags look fantastic – well done, Year 3!

In maths, we completed our final unit by exploring two-way tables, using all of the data-handling skills we have developed this year. We also reached the end of our wonderful class book, *The Wild Robot*. It has been such a fantastic story to share together and the children have really enjoyed listening to Roz's adventures.

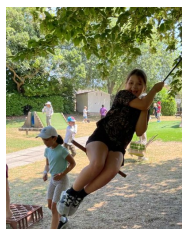
We also had the pleasure of watching the incredible Year 5 and Year 6 production. The children were thoroughly entertained and were amazed by the confidence, singing and acting on display. We are sure many of our Year 3 children will be inspired for when it is their turn in the future! Wednesday was a brilliant way to celebrate the end of the year. We enjoyed a great morning at the museum before spending the afternoon at Forest School. The children had a wonderful time making lavender pouches, creating giant bubbles, enjoying water fights, having their faces painted and, of course, climbing trees! There were lots of smiles, laughter and happy memories made.

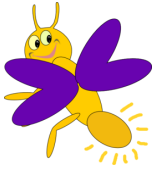
As we come to the end of the year, I just want to say thank you! It has been an absolute privilege to teach such a kind, enthusiastic and unique group of children. They have grown so much in confidence, resilience and independence since September and I am incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. A huge thank you also goes to all of you, our parents and carers, for your continued support throughout the year. To my wonderful Year 3 class – thank you for making me laugh every day and for certainly keeping me on my toes! I wish each and every one of you the very best as you move on to Year 4. I know you will all continue to shine.

Have a fantastic, safe and well-deserved summer holiday.

Year 3... over and out!

Mrs Potter and the Year 3 team





Year 4 Fireflies Update

A lovely final week together down in Year 4!

This week in **Maths**, we have spent time recapping all of our learning from the beginning of the year to now and remembering how to apply a range of different skills. We have completed challenges both individually and as teams, and enjoyed whole class Maths games to refresh our learning around money and worded problems.

In **English**, the children spent time writing letters to their future selves, for the end of Year 5. They spent time outlining their achievements, recognizing their progress and setting targets for the following academic year. It was lovely to see the pride in their achievements this year and how much the whole class have continued to increase in confidence.

In **DT**, the class finished creating their chess figures, which were based on their favourite characters. Lots of the children chose to work with clay and thoroughly enjoyed getting messy! It was great to see their final painted designs and the effort they put into evaluating their final pieces.



As the school year comes to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Year 4 parents and carers for your continued support, trust and kindness. It has been a wonderful first teaching year at St Mary's and I am lucky to have taught such a brilliant cohort. I wish you all a restful summer break and I am really excited to hear about what the Fireflies continue to achieve in Year 5.

Mrs Tagg and the Year 4 team.



Year 5 Busybees Update

Can you believe we have come to the end of another school year. It has been a pleasure teaching such a wonderful group of children and I am really proud of everything they have achieved throughout the year. I hope the children feel proud of themselves and the progress they have made.

One of the greatest achievements this year has been seeing the children's confidence grow and their passion for learning grow!

The children have developed independence, teamwork, problem-solving skills, and kindness towards one another in a calm environment. Watching them support each other, take on new challenges, and celebrate each other's successes has been a pleasure.

I hope you all enjoyed our production of Peter Pan. I thought it was fantastic and the Year 5s added so much to the amazing songs and dances. I hope they are looking forward to their turn next year.

Along with the production, the class had a chance to design, make and play their own board games. I really enjoyed beating a few of them at their creations. We also had a String Trio visit the school to play some music which was great!

I am really looking forward to being their teacher again next year and facing Year 6 together! I hope you all enjoy a safe, relaxing, and well-deserved summer break.

Thank you for your support throughout the year.

Best wishes,

Mr Pike, Mrs Smith, Miss Humphreys, Miss Driscoll





Year 6 Dragonflies update

As we reach the end of the year, it's hard to believe how quickly the time has gone. It feels like only yesterday that we were welcoming you into Year 6, and now here you are, ready to head off on your next adventure.

A huge congratulations on your production. You were absolutely fantastic. From learning your lines and mastering the dances to bringing your characters to life on stage, you should all be incredibly proud of yourselves. The performances were full of energy, confidence and laughter, and it was wonderful to see all your hard work pay off. You even coped brilliantly when our very special surprise guest decided to make an unexpected appearance during the show! The way you all stayed in character, adapted, and simply carried on was a real credit to you (although I suspect that particular performance will be the one we all remember for years to come!).

Looking back over the year, you've achieved so much more than just SATs results, productions and residential. You've grown into kind, funny, resilient and thoughtful young people. You've looked after your buddies, represented the school brilliantly, tackled every challenge put in front of you, and made us laugh every single day.

As you head off to secondary school, remember that you're more capable than you probably realise. There will be new challenges, new friends, new teachers and new opportunities waiting for you. There might even be a few moments where things feel a little daunting. When they do, remember everything you've achieved this year. If you can survive SATs, perform on stage in front of people, and put up with Mr Clarke for an entire year, I think you'll manage just about anything.

Thank you for making this year such a memorable one. It has been an absolute privilege to teach you and watch you grow. We are all incredibly proud of each and every one of you, and we can't wait to hear about all the amazing things you go on to do.

Good luck, Year 6. Be kind, work hard, take opportunities when they come your way, and never stop believing in yourselves.

You'll always have a place at St Mary's. Go and let your light shine

Mr Clarke

