



ST. MARY'S
RC. PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Love one another
as I have loved you.*



Weekly News

Friday 16th January 2026

SAVE THE DATE

Y1 Phonics Screening Information Meeting
Friday 6th February 2026
9am

Find out more about the government screening assessment and how you can help at home.

Thank you all for another fabulous week in school! Our children have enjoyed a Science workshop, an African drumming workshop and learning more and knowing more about floods and the importance of looking after our planet. Have a lovely week and we'll see you on Monday!

Headteacher Award Winners

Nursery	Hector and Yusra
Reception	Jannat and
Year 1	Aman & Oren
Year 2	Alec & Jasper
Year 3	Holly & William
Year 4	
Year 5	Luca S & Kiera
Year 6	Freya & Daisy E

Attendance Ladder



Let's see if we can improve our attendance next week!



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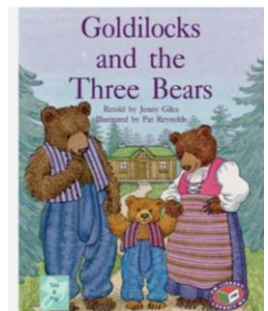
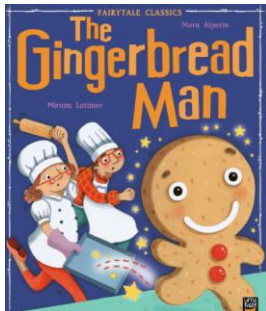
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EYFS

In Nursery this week, we have been reading 'The Gingerbread man'. We enjoyed lots of creative activities linked to the story and had lots of fun retelling the story outside. We also baked our own yummy gingerbread biscuits. In math, we have been learning about number 3 and representing it in different ways. We read stories about 3 such as Goldilocks and the three bears and the three little pigs. We have also been looking at the phoneme 'n' in phonics and enjoyed looking at different objects that begin with this sound. A super week in Nursery! Well done everyone.



We have had another wonderful week in Reception. This week the children have continued to enjoy the story flooded and begun writing small captions using their new phase 3 knowledge. In Religion we have started to look at Baptism. The children have enjoyed taking part in role play and pretending they are taking a baby to be baptised. We have learnt all about the important roles each person plays and how important this event is in the Church. In Maths we have been concentrating on the 'stopping number' and the value of numbers up to 5. Well done everyone for all your hard work.

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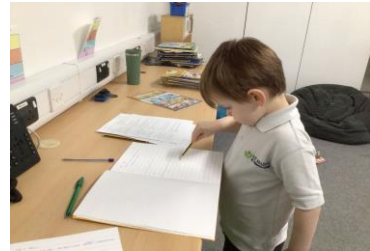




Key Stage 1

Year 1

This week, Year 1 have been reading our school wide text 'flooded' and have been roleplaying as different characters asking thoughtful questions. We have been writing captions and have created a certificate for the main character. In Math's, we have been learning how to partition numbers and identify odd and even numbers. We can record our partition in different ways using blocks, part whole models and number lines. In Science we have continued to learn about the seasons and how the different weather we typically experience each season impacts the clothing we wear.



Year 2

This week, Year 2 enjoyed taking part in our Climate Launch Day, where we began learning about how we can look after our planet. The children took part in a whole-school assembly with Young Climate Warriors, where they learned about climate change and discussed how small actions can make a big difference. In class, we explored how healthy choices can also be good for the Earth and made rainbow fruit kebabs while talking about where food comes from and how to reduce waste.

The children were enthusiastic, thoughtful, and proud to be climate warriors as we start our journey of learning about sustainability together.



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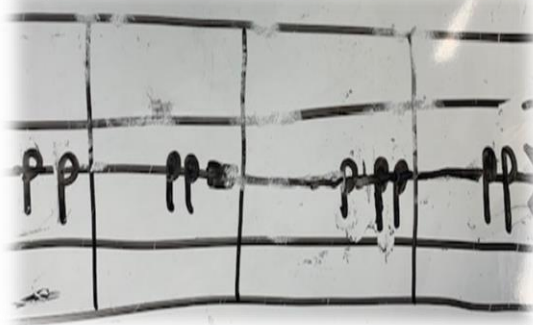




Lower Key Stage 2



We have had another brilliant week in Year 3! 3S went swimming for the first time and their behaviour and attitude really impressed all of the adults. 3M participated in a dance lesson for the first time this year and it was wonderful to watch all of the children performing their own choreography and using co-operation when working with a partner. In Music, the children were learning how to place the note 'b' on to the stave. It was great to see all of Year 3 so engaged! In Maths, the children have been challenging themselves when comparing multiplication calculations and in English they have been using inverted commas to punctuate direct speech. What a hardworking bunch!





Upper Key Stage 2

Year Five

We have really enjoyed another fantastic week in Year 5, with lots of exciting learning.

In English, we have continued our class novel *Flooded*.

The children stepped into the role of the emperor penguin and created some wonderful diary entries, exploring his thoughts and feelings as he questions whether the other animals share his worries about the rising waters. The writing showed great imagination and empathy.

In Maths, we have begun our new unit on negative numbers. The children have been exploring what negative numbers are, where we might see them in real life and how they can be used.

We also had some very exciting news this week as we visited St Peter's RC High School to watch a fascinating chemistry show. The children were thrilled by the experiments and it sparked lots of curiosity and enthusiasm for science!

Well done Year 5!



Year 6

What a wonderful week we have had! The children have shown great curiosity while investigating how light travels, discovering that light moves in straight lines through our investigation.

In English, we have been writing arguments from two different points of view. The children used their oracy skills to help develop and justify their ideas and thoroughly enjoyed impersonating the different characters from the book to bring their arguments to life.

The children also demonstrated impressive curiosity and resilience as they completed their CAM projects, created to showcase the message of *The Promise*. They should be extremely proud of the thoughtful and creative work they have produced.



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