



Weekly News

Friday 8th May 2026

What a fantastic week we have had in school! The children thoroughly enjoyed celebrating the 100th birthday of David Attenborough. A huge thank you to our Climate Crew for organising such a wonderful experience.

We are looking forward to another busy week ahead. Our Year 3 children are making their final preparations for their First Holy Communion. We warmly invite all members of our school community to join us for the celebration on Saturday 16th May at 12 o'clock at St Mary's Church.

Finally, we would like to wish all of our Year 6 children the very best for their assessment week.

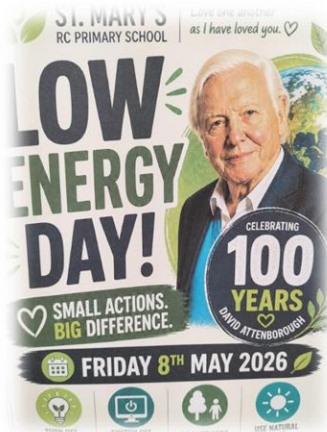
Good luck to all of Year 6 in your SATs this week!

Remember: SATs only measure a small part of who you are. They do not show your kindness, creativity, determination, humour, or all the other amazing gifts you have.

Be proud of yourselves, try your best, and believe in how brilliant you are. We hope you are as proud of yourselves as we are.

Headteacher Award Winners

Nursery	Santana and Sunny
Reception	Ezra and Cillian M
Year 1	Maise and Elijah
Year 2	Albert and Grace
Year 3	Fatima A & Hassan
Year 4	Hannah-Elise
Year 5	Fatima and Ollie
Year 6	Kaius and Aden





EYFS

We have had a lovely week in Nursery. We have shown great curiosity over our ducklings and have loved watching them grow this week. We have also seen changes to our caterpillars as they have formed their chrysalis' and the beans we planted have started to sprout.

We have loved learning about David Attenborough, watching lots of videos and discussing the natural world. We enjoyed baking some animal shaped biscuits this week, planted sunflower seeds, and had a tea party to celebrate his 100th birthday!

Well done for a super week, Nursery.



We have had another wonderful week in Reception! The children have enjoyed watching our ducklings grow. We have noticed that they have had a sudden growth spurt and their plume is changing. The children have also noticed that the ducklings have become a lot louder and more independent! We have taken our discoveries over to the writing table and the children have produced some fantastic pieces of writing about our new friends. We have also baked some banana bread as an act of kindness for others! Well done, Reception.





Key Stage 1

Year 1

We have had another busy week in Year 1. In writing we have been drafting and publishing our own pamphlets on how to take care of the world. We have included new vocabulary, adverbs, and similes in our writing. In Math's, we have been learning how to count groups of objects quickly by skip-counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. In Science we have planted our own sunflower seeds and peas. We will be checking them over the next few weeks to see how they grow. In art we have been learning about the artist William Morris and are preparing to create our own prints using a combination of natural materials and classroom objects inspired by his work.



Year 2

On Friday this week, we really enjoyed celebrating 'Sir David Attenborough day'. We enjoyed our walk around cringle park as part of KS1 walking a combine 100 miles for each of Sir David's 100 years. We also did our Maths lesson outside and used as little electric energy as possible!

This week, we also enjoyed getting started with our painting topic in Art. We were experimenting with using different hues and different types of paint.

In English we have been writing leaflets about endangered animals and how we can work together to help them. We feel this is something of with Sir David himself would have been proud of!



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Lower Key Stage 2

Year 3 have been very busy this week! We were excited to perform our assembly to our parents and carers and we made everyone proud! To celebrate David Attenborough's 100th birthday, we completed a litter pick in Cringle Park. We worked hard to ensure the park was clear of rubbish! This week, we finished writing our alternative Cinderella stories and we are excited to share them with each other next week! To help develop our hand muscles, we have been participating in 'dough dance' sessions. These sessions will help to improve our handwriting!



This week in Year 4 we have begun looking at 'Money' as it follows directly on from 'decimals'. The children have been taking their knowledge of hundredths to apply that to understanding pence.

This helped us as we continued our shopwork in Forest School selling and trading dandelions and natural beads.

After making a difficult decision looking at Shackleton's expedition we are so close to the conclusion we can almost taste rescue! Can the crew hold on much longer?

Finally, we have been looking at the Ancient Mayan Creation Story and comparing it to different Creation Stories from around the world.





Upper Key Stage 2

Year Five

Despite the shorter week, there has been no shortage of excitement in Year 5! We began the week with a fantastic trip to the Whitworth Art Gallery, where the children enjoyed a range of creative activities, including Hapa zome printing, charcoal drawing, and producing a collaborative 'wave' inspired by Hokusai.

Back in the classroom, we have been thoroughly enjoying our History unit on the Tudor period. In Maths we have continued to build confidence and understanding in fractions. It has been wonderful to see the progress being made across the year group. Well done Year 5!



Year Six

SATs week is finally here and year six are more than ready. We are very proud of every pupil for the dedication they have shown. They should feel confident in what they have achieved and reassured that they have done all that has been asked of them. The SATs are just one part of their learning journey, and their hard work and positive attitude matter most.

We will be thinking of them during the tests and wishing them every success. We are confident they will do their best. Well done Year six – you've got this!





Catholic Life of Our School



We have received a heartfelt letter of thanks from Caritas, on behalf of Cornerstone, for the generous donations collected during Lent. Your kindness and support have made a real difference to those in need within our community.

Thank you to all families for your continued generosity and for living out our mission of caring for others.



We continue to keep our Year 3 children in our prayers as they prepare to receive their First Holy Communion on 16th May. This is a very special time in their faith journey, and we ask our whole school community to support them with their prayers as they get ready to welcome Jesus in the Eucharist.

A special thank you to Year 3 for their beautiful assembly celebrating the Crowning of Mary. Through their assembly, the children reminded us of Mary's many wonderful qualities - her kindness, humility, faith, courage and love for others. The children led the celebration so prayerfully and reverently, and we were very proud of them all.

