



## Weekly News

Friday 25th September 2026

### Headteacher Award Winners

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| Nursery   | Rafael & Lyla      |
| Reception | Gully & Phoebe     |
| Year 1    | Hania and Sophie G |
| Year 2    | Esme and Sylvia    |
| Year 3    | Jess and Wren      |
| Year 4    | William & Maisie   |
| Year 5    | Finlay             |
| Year 6    | Noah & Toni        |

A huge '**THANK YOU**' to all parents who joined our Celebration of Learning afternoon in Year1 to Year 6. It was great to share more about our mental health and well being curriculum, My Happy Mind!

We are looking forward to a busy week next week as we welcome a very special visitor into school on Wednesday...watch this space!!  
Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

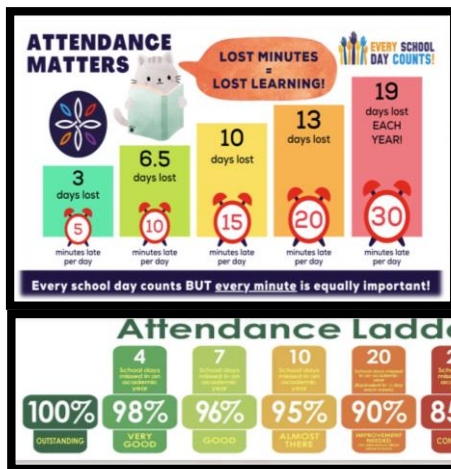


### BLING UP YOUR BIKE OR SCOOTER!

Friday 1st October 2026

Come to school on your scooter or bike decorated with lights, stickers or streamers!  
We love being active at St Mary's!

**THANK YOU** for your support !  
We raised a massive £393.39 for the children in Nepal!



A huge thank you to all our school families for your generous support of our **Macmillan Coffee Morning**. We are incredibly grateful for all the donations and we raised £192 for such a worthy cause.





## Weekly News

## EYFS

### Nursery

What a super week we have had in Nursery! The children have enjoyed a busy week filled with learning and fun. During our Rhyme Time sessions, we have been exploring silly sounds and rhyme, joining in with familiar rhymes such as Baa, Baa, Black Sheep. In Maths, we have been exploring the number 2 and enjoying our Five Currant Buns song. We also had lots of fun during Toast Tuesday! Outside, we have been developing our balancing skills, as well as strengthening our fine motor skills through playdough, twisting, pulling, squishing and rolling. Well done on another great week Nursery, we are so proud of you.



### Reception

**Reception Class have had a wonderful week! In particular, continuing to develop our phonics skills as we learn sounds g, o, c and k. We are practising recognising each sound, saying it correctly, and have had fun spotting, saying and writing our new sounds. We've been blending sounds to make new words like; cat, dog and kid. We're also been exploring our new tricky word 'is'. Keep practising your sounds and home and see how many words you can spot! We are so proud of each and everyone of you!**



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## Key Stage 1

### Year One

This week in Year One we have been using our heart chart values and learning powers impressively. We continue working together to challenge ourselves in our learning and always trying our best.

In maths lessons, we have been learning to count from 0-20 using practical tools such as rekenreks and cubes for support.

Writing lessons have focused upon the introduction of adjectives to describe the Naughty Bus and imaginary settings he visits.

In RE lessons, we have explored the story of creation and produced artwork representing the beauty of God's world.

Dance lessons have been greatly enjoyed by the children who created pirate themed dance moves to accompany music from Pirates of the Caribbean.



### Year 2

Year 2 have had another brilliant and action-packed week! Our children have truly brought our HEART values to life, showing respect by listening to one another and empathy by recognising when a friend needs help, kindness or encouragement. They have loved developing their partner and teamwork skills and, in PSHE, marked International Day of Peace by exploring Articles 38 and 39 and thinking about how we can help to create a more peaceful world. Our marvellous mathematicians have been busy using equipment to build and represent tens and ones in lots of different ways. To top off an amazing week, the children wrote their very first Year 2 narrative and what fantastic stories they have written! Their imagination, confidence and determination have shone through, and we could not be prouder of them!





## Lower Key Stage 2

### Year 3

Year 3 have had another great week! Earlier in the week, the children enjoyed planning and conducting an investigation around friction in Science. We used a toy car, a ramp and different surfaces to compare how friction can affect the movement of a car. The sun was shining during Outdoor Games and we enjoyed perfecting our throwing and catching skills.



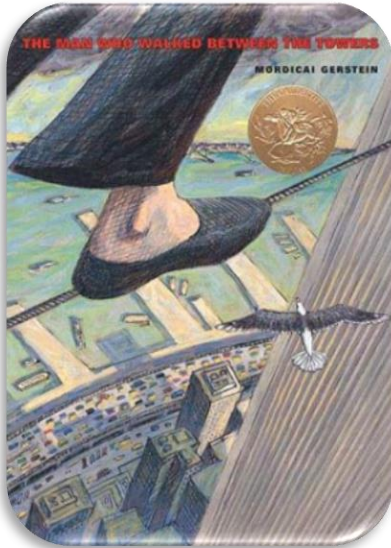
### Year 4

Year 4 had lots of fun in Science this week, investigating the presence of gases all around us. We looked at gases trapped in empty bottles; inside solids and between solids. We used water to look for evidence of bubbles, showing gases escaping.





## Upper Key Stage 2



### Year 5

We have had a great week in class. Everyone has worked hard and shown enthusiasm across their learning. In Art, the children have shown great creativity while investigating different grades of pencil. They have also explored the artwork of Louise Fili and Paula Scher, considering how artists use line, shape, lettering and tone to create striking designs. In English, we have been working on a biography based on the French aerialist Philippe Petit. The children have been learning how to organise information about his life and achievements, while developing their writing skills and choosing details carefully.

### Year 6

What a wonderful week we have had in Year Six! All the children are working hard and making progress, and it has been lovely to see their enthusiasm across the curriculum.

In English, we have been enjoying our graphic novel, *The Arrival*. The children have produced some fantastic writing from the point of view of different characters, carefully considering their thoughts, feelings and experiences.

In Maths, the children loved making factor spiders, demonstrating their understanding of our times tables. They worked collaboratively and explained their mathematical thinking clearly.

Science was great fun this week as we modelled the circulatory system outside. The children enjoyed bringing their learning to life and developing their understanding of how the heart, blood and blood vessels work together. Keep challenging yourselves year 6, we are so impressed with your hard work, curiosity and progress.



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## Catholic Life

The Month of the Rosary is observed in October because the Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7. The Rosary is a devotional prayer that meditates on the life of Jesus Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary.



*The Wednesday Word* is a weekly resource that helps families read and reflect on the Sunday Gospel together. It is designed especially for children and includes simple explanations and questions to talk about at home. You can find it here:

<https://wednesdayword.org/home/index.htm>

Next week KS2 will be marking the beginning of the month of the Rosary with an assembly. In their classes KS1 and KS2 will pray one decade of the rosary each day for the month of October. We use 'The Mark Ten Mission' to support us in prayer and KS2 will be completing the rosary challenge.

[The Mark 10 Mission - The Rosary Challenge 2026](#)

