ST. MARY'S RC. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Weekly News

Friday 15th May 2026

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who completed their SATs this week. We are incredibly proud of their hard work, positive attitude, and resilience throughout the week.

It has also been wonderful to welcome our Autumn 2026 Nursery starters to their Stay and Play sessions. In addition, our staff have enjoyed visiting our new Reception children in their homes as part of their transition into school.

This week, we were all inspired by a visit from world champion athlete Seren Davies-Bundy. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and were motivated by Seren's message about perseverance, determination, and achieving personal bests.

We now look forward to next week's Sports Week following the fantastic training session this week. Finally, Saturday will be a very special day for some of our Year 3 children as they make their First Holy Communion. We wish them and their families a joyful and memorable celebration.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Headteacher Award Winners	
Nursery	All the Nursery children for a fantastic trip
Reception	Rowan and Hakim
Year 1	Roman and Thalia
Year 2	Scarlet and Bryn
Year 3	Tobias and
Year 4	Noah
Year 5	Jasmine and Erin
Year 6	Tess and Gael

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EYFS

We've had a fabulous week in Nursery. We read the story 'What the ladybird heard' and discussed the animals that appeared in the story. We learned about farm animals and their babies and enjoyed a farm themed messy tray this week!
On Tuesday, we visited Reddish Vale farm where we had a wonderful time together. The children loved petting and feeding the animals and had great fun on the outdoor adventure playground. We were incredibly proud of the children's behaviour and their cooperation with each other. A huge thank you to all the parents who were able to support us - we had a great day!

We have had another wonderful week in Reception. This week we have been looking at our new story 'The Night Pirates'. The children have enjoyed dressing up as pirates, reading the story and finding out all about the pesky Petunia pirate ! The children have challenged themselves to create their own treasure maps and find the missing treasure in EYFS. In Religion we have been finding out all about Church. The children have been looking at who we go to Church with and finding out more about our Church family.
Well done Reception!

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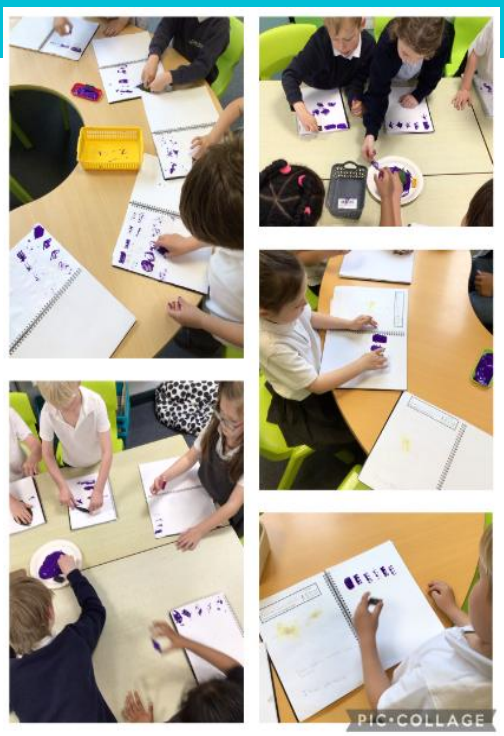
Key Stage 1



Year 1

We have been busy with our printing topic in Art. We are learning about William Morris and his beautiful prints.

This week we discovered impressed print. This is when your choose an object with a texture and dip it in paint to hopefully reveal a print. We learned sometimes this worked best with less paint.

We also looked at William Morris' art work and discovered his work now is printed on wallpaper and might even appear in some of our homes. We used our oracy skills to discuss parts we liked and pieces we didn't.

Year 2

This week we have continued our maths topic on time. We have been learning how to read quarter past and quarter to as well as at 5 minute intervals past the hour.

This week in Science we started our new unit on plants. We recapped the different parts of plants and what they do. We then discussed all the different trees that we have in Forest School.

In Computing, we have been learning about how to stay safe online. We practised searching for things on the internet that were older that us! We were amazed by how long information online can last.

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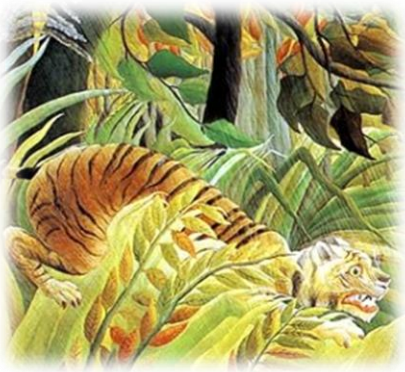
Lower Key Stage 2

We have had another brilliant and busy week in Year 3. The children have been working hard recapping all their learning in their assessments and we are incredibly proud of how determined and resilient they have been. In art, we have been looking at Henri Rousseau's *Tiger in a Tropical Storm* and have begun to create our own version of this using similar patterns, shapes and colours as Rousseau. Our Holy Communion children have also been working hard practicing their prayers and hymns and we look forward to watching them on Saturday as they get ready to welcome Jesus in the Eucharist.



Well done to all children in Year 4 ,who have shown great resilience to complete their assessments this week displaying all their learning from the year. We are working towards writing a first-person recount from the perspective of a crew member aboard the Endurance.
We are exploring money and will be looking at mathematical problems involving amounts of money.
We are going to delve into the many inventions and innovations from the Ancient Maya and explore the impact they had on the modern world.

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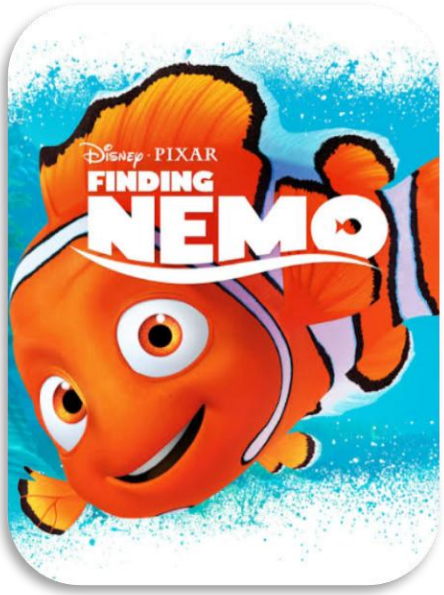
Upper Key Stage 2

Year Five

Year 5 have had a fantastic week! We celebrated Sir David Attenborough's birthday by planting seeds and thinking about the importance of caring for our environment. The children have also enjoyed completing their wonderful prequels to *The Lost Happy Endings*, showing great creativity and imagination in their writing.

To top it all off, we were thrilled to meet an Olympian as we launched our upcoming Sports Week, which begins next week. The excitement across Year 5 has been incredible!

Well done, Year 5 - you should all be very proud of your hard work and enthusiasm this week.



Year Six

We are delighted to celebrate the end of SATs and to recognise the children's brilliant attitude throughout the week. They approached every paper with determination, resilience and a wonderfully positive mindset. It has been a pleasure to see them give their best and support one another so kindly.

A huge thank you for all the support from families at home : it has made such a difference. We are now looking forward to rehearsing for our end of year play, *Finding Nemo*, and cannot wait to bring the story to life together.

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Our coeliac story

AJ tells us what it's like living with coeliac disease and why other kids who have it shouldn't worry!

by AJ, aged nine

JUNIOR JOURNALIST

Me and my sister Isabella both have a condition called coeliac disease. This is an autoimmune condition, which means our body reacts to gluten like it would something nasty like a bug and starts to attack itself. If left untreated it can make us poorly.

The treatment means following a gluten-free diet and our bodies will stay fit and well!

Gluten can be found in food or drinks containing barley, rye, oats or wheat (BROW) – typically things like breads, cereals and cakes.

Having been diagnosed at six, I'm growing up to understand how to manage my special diet and educate others. We want to empower other children like us to know it's really okay, it gets easier and we're living our best life!

I recently won a competition to visit the McVitie's factory and told the boss they need to make more gluten-free biscuits!

Here are my top five best places to eat gluten-free, which have a great understanding of my needs:

- Bella Italia
- Zizzi
- Nando's
- Brewers Fayre breakfast
- Mum's cooking at home!

AJ with his sister Isabella

Congratulations to two of our pupils who have been helping others by raising awareness of Coeliac disease. The children wrote an article sharing more about the disease to help other children and families who may find themselves in a similar situation. Their article was published in First News magazine!

Thank you, AJ and Isabella, for inspiring us all and for always caring about other people despite your own challenges.

We are very proud of you!

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.

All Welcome

Saturday 16th May 2026

Midday

St Mary's RC Church, Elbow Street, Levenshulme