

St Mary's Church of England Primary School



DREAM with all your mind

BELIEVE with all your heart

ACHIEVE with all you might

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another school year, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. The last few weeks have brought some additional challenges, not least the exceptionally warm weather. While our two air-conditioned rooms provided some welcome relief, both the children and staff have found the heat difficult at times. Your support during this period was greatly appreciated. The extra drinks, lollies, lighter clothing and early collections all helped tremendously and made a real difference in ensuring the children remained as comfortable as possible. Thank you for working with us so positively and supportively. Your partnership continues to play a vital role in the success and wellbeing of our school community.

Last week, children all 'moved up' to their new classes and our Year 6 children spent time at their new schools. It was great to see everyone ready for the challenge of a new academic year by spending such a positive time with their new class teachers. We know that class placements are very important to families and that children can sometimes feel anxious about changes, but the children are so adaptable and enjoyed every opportunity to get to know their new teachers. Please be assured that a great deal of time, care and professional discussion goes into every decision we make. Our priority is always to create classes where children feel supported and able to thrive both socially and academically. It was lovely to see our new Reception Class all so settled!

As the academic year ends, we will be sad to say goodbye to our amazing group of Year 6 children and their families. Our Leavers Assembly on Wednesday was really special and the excitement of the school prom was wonderful to see!

The Year 6 children have made the most of every opportunity they have been given during their time at St Mary's and we will never forget them! Although we are sad to see them go, we are also happy knowing that they are well prepared for the next stage of their educational journey. The children will now have even more opportunities available to them and I am sure they will continue to thrive at secondary school. We all have so many fond memories of the children and will look forward to hearing about their journey in the future.

I was beyond proud of them all as they performed in 'A Hint of Snow White'. It was wonderful to see so many children shine on stage, showing talents, confidence and personalities that we don't always get to see in the classroom.

It is with much sadness that we say good-bye to some staff members as well as our Year 6 pupils. Mrs O'Hara, Ms Parry, Mrs Sheppard-Bools, Mrs Sutton and Mr Hughes all leave today. I want to take this opportunity to wish them all the very best in the next chapter of their lives. They have all served our school community with care and dedication and we cannot thank them enough for this. We will miss them all terribly.

When purchasing uniform for next academic year, please don't forget to look on Uniformly set up by our PTA. If you are shopping for school uniform over the summer, here is a summary of the items the children will need:

Basic items of clothing	Colour
Sweatshirt with/without school logo	Purple
Cardigan with/without school logo	Purple
Polo shirt with/without school logo	White or yellow (Not gold)
Plain shirt or blouse	White
Plain school trousers or shorts	Grey or black
Plain pinafore dress or plain skirt	Grey or black
School summer dress	Purple and white or yellow and white (gingham)
School shoes/boots	Black
Tights	Plain grey or black
Visible socks	Plain grey, black or white

Please name all items, including shoes and coats, to ensure lost items can be identified and quickly returned to their owner!

Footwear

Children **must** wear black school shoes for school. These should not have heels. Trainers should only be worn on PE days. (If in doubt please speak to the Headteacher before purchasing footwear.)

PE Uniform -PE kits are needed from EYFS onwards. PE kit should be worn on PE days.

Indoor Kit	Outdoor Kit
Purple t shirt with/without school logo	Purple t shirt with/without school logo
Black shorts/skort	Black shorts/tracksuit/joggers/leggings/purple hoodie Tracksuit bottoms/shorts with logos are not permitted.
Plimsolls or trainers	Trainers

I am sure that you will all join me in thanking the entire staff team for their hard work as they continue to do their very best for our children- this is what makes our school so special. This will be the last newsletter of the year so I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer break, school reopens to children on Wednesday 26th August 2026.

Best wishes



Rachel Ayres
Headteacher

Foundation News

We have enjoyed exploring mass in maths. We used different objects to investigate using the balances. We worked together to find out which side was heavier, lighter and when it balanced and was equal.



Kahlo Class have also enjoyed being out in the sunshine, observing the lovely plants growing in our garden and exploring the minibeasts we've found.



Kahlo Class loved learning about Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf. We acted out the story and made lovely charcoal drawings of the wolf.

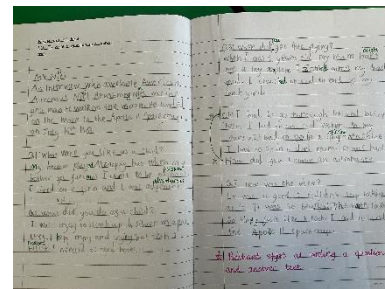
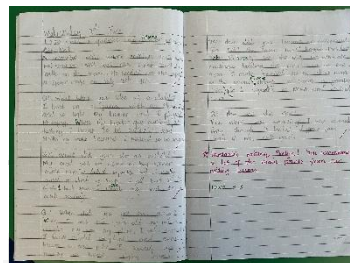
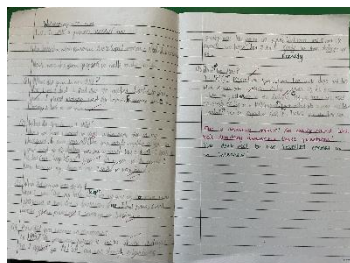
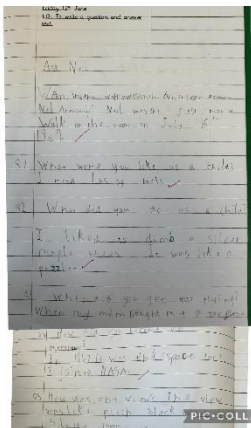


In maths we have been exploring our number bonds to 5 and 10. We used the cubes to help us to show them and then had a go at recording them as a number sentence.

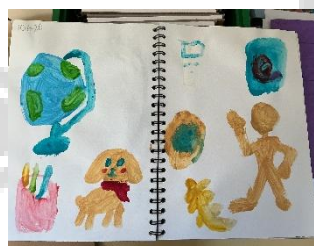


Year 1 and 2 News

We can't believe we have reached the end of the school year! Since half term, the children have been working hard on their Question-and-Answer texts in English.



Earlier this term, we explored Expressive Painting in Art. The children practised mixing primary colours, painting in the style of Van Gogh and painting a still life scene. They have experienced using both acrylic and poster paints. It was great to see the children using their own ideas to create their fantastic and varied art work.



In Computing, we have been working on Scratch Jr. The children are getting very confident at programming different characters as well as choosing suitable backgrounds. More recently, they have learnt how to start their programs in different ways and use multiple backgrounds for the same program.



Year 3 and 4 News



Well done to so many children recording 5 or more reads in their reading diary. These children were winners of the reading raffle ticket draw.



Commando Joe's and P.E: During the hot weather, we were able to enjoy physical activity in the shade and we also transported water across the Sahara Desert.



Proms on the playground: We loved listening and watching our special visitors perform various pieces of classical music!



Year 5 and 6 News

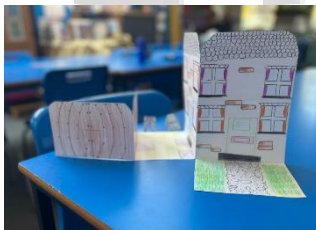
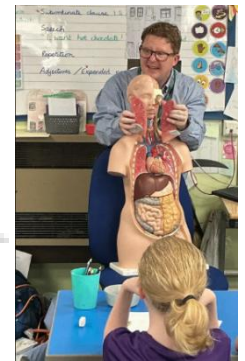


Fun was had at school whilst KS2 were on their residential.



Shakespeare class have made some WWII book houses.

Jamie Bevan from St Martins came to St Mary's to deliver a science lesson to the Year 5.



Year 6 had great fun designing biscuits and selling them to the rest of the

Pupils working hard in their geography lesson.



Y5/6 have had a very busy with Proms in the Playground, curling and practising for the school production. The children have thorough enjoyed themselves participating in all these activities.



Doodle Maths

Congratulations to the Doodle Maths winners for May and June!



We would encourage all children from Year 1 to Year 6 to access Doodle Maths for 10 minutes a day over the summer holidays. It is proven to improve confidence and attainment.

Let's see who will be our summer holiday stars!

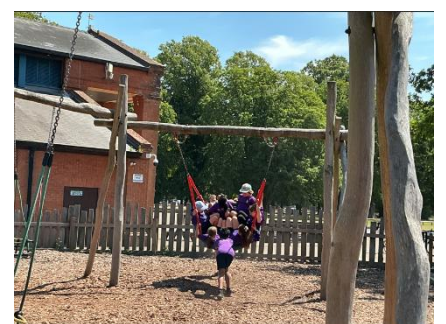
Foundation Trip to Ash End House Children's Farm

Kahlo class had a day out feeding the animals and playing in the adventure playground.



Years 1/2 and 3/4 Trip to Coombe Abbey

On 7th July, Years 1/2 and 3/4 had a great day at Coombe Abbey. Years 1/2 took part in a bug hunt in the woods and Years 3/4 took part in some den building.



Dates for the Diary

Friday 10 th July	School Closes for the Summer Holiday
Wednesday 26 th August 2026	School Opens for the Start of Autumn Term 2026
16 th September 2026	Development School
Friday 18 th September 2026	Autumn Fair
Friday 25 th September 2026	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Thursday 29 th October 2026	Individual/School Photos
Tuesday 3 rd November	Flu Vaccinations

We are delighted to announce that Sarah Bolton has been appointed as Parent Governor. We are looking forward to welcoming her to our first FGB Meeting in September.

The Christian Value for next half term is



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