



St Mary's Church of England Primary School

DREAM with all your mind,
BELIEVE with all your heart,
ACHIEVE with all your might.

Summer Term Newsletter
July 2024

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

As another year draws to an end, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and hope that you are pleased with the progress your child/children have made this year. They have all done amazingly well and we are incredibly proud of them.

St Mary's continues to be a very happy school where we celebrate the individuality of all of the children and enjoy watching them grow and flourish within a Christian ethos. We have made so many memories this year through our exciting curriculum and extra-curricular visits and we plan to make many more as we continue to refine it.

Last week, I thoroughly enjoyed the Year 5 and 6 production of 'The Wizard of Oz'. The children never cease to amaze me with their talents. What I loved most was watching the children confidently speak their lines, stand in for their peers and ooze a newfound confidence. I marvelled at every performance and I know that everyone who watched, loved it just as much as me!

Today we say a sad and fond farewell to Mrs Hemsley and Mrs Dowe as they retire after 31 and 30 years of dedicated service to St Mary's. They truly are incredible, irreplaceable teaching assistants who have devoted their lives to making a significant difference to children in Hinckley. School really won't be the same without Mrs Hemsley's feet walking swiftly down the corridor and Mrs Dowe's Mexican hat and black moustache! We wish them both the very best of luck for an exciting, healthy and happy future.

Finally, can I take this opportunity to wish our school leavers all the very best as they embark on the next stage of their learning journey. You truly are an amazing group of young people with a wide range of talents and gifts. Use them wisely and always hold the memories of St Mary's close to your heart. I'm confident they will make you smile.

Have a truly amazing summer and we will see you all bright and early on Tuesday 27th August wearing full school uniform .

Let's hope the sunshine finally makes an appearance!

Best wishes

Mrs R Ayres
Headteacher

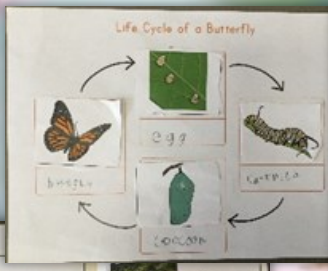
Foundation News



The children in Stafford class have really enjoyed learning about our topic "Minibeasts and Megabeasts". Over the half term they have been introduced to what minibeasts are and have learnt about the different names and features that make them all so unique. The children have also been exploring habitats and what makes them special, learning about life cycles of different minibeasts and beginning to understand that minibeasts can be sorted into groups depending upon their features. We have also travelled back in history to the time of the dinosaurs and discovered the giants that walked the Earth millions of years ago.

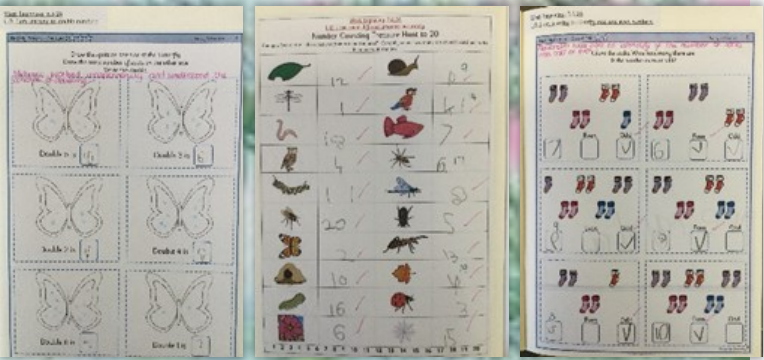


The children have been working really hard on their phonics and writing this half-term. We have written fact files about minibeast, used labels to explain a life cycle of a butterfly and written a recount of our school trip to the farm.



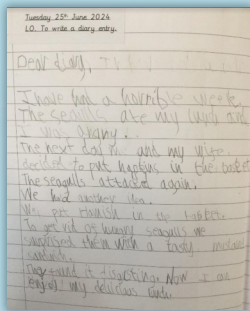
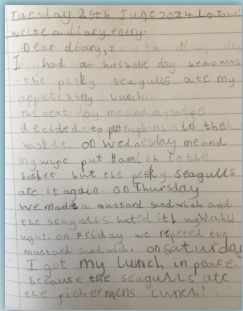
In Maths, the children have been learning how to double and halve numbers to 10. We have also looked at identifying odd and even numbers, classifying 2D and 3D shapes and solving simple maths problems.

The children and staff of Stafford Class absolutely loved their trip to West Lodge Farm Park. During our visit the children were lucky enough to see and feed many different farm animals, have a tour of the farm on a tractor and watch a very enthralling piglet race. The excellent day was topped off with a play on the AMAZING indoor adventure park.



Year 1 and 2 News

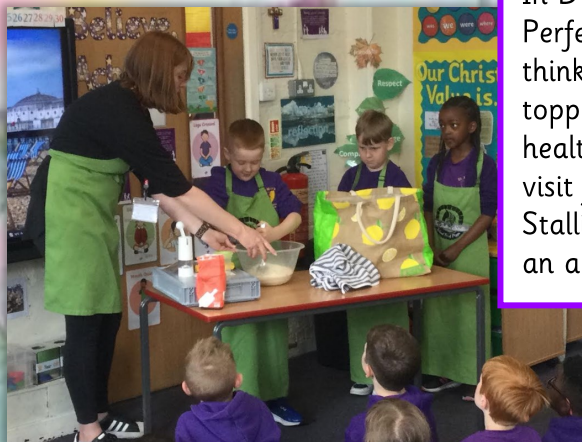
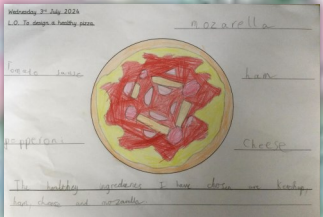
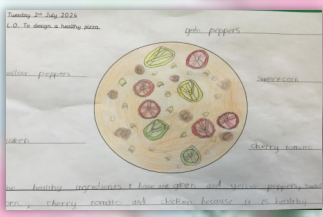
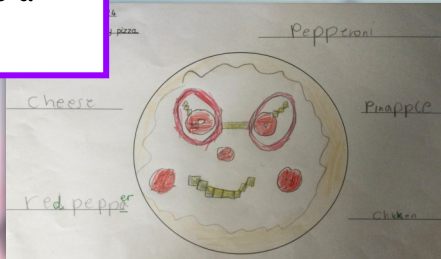
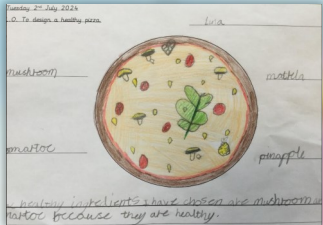
A couple of weeks ago we had a fantastic day out at Coombe Abbey. The children completed lots of fun Maths activities in the woods including creating pictograms, making shapes and finding out the age of different trees. We had a lovely picnic and the children enjoyed exploring the adventure playground.



In Science, we explored garden plants, wild plants and trees. We classified them according to colour, size and shape. The children wrote their own questions and organised the classification tree.



In English, we have continued to read and write about The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch. The children enjoyed pretending to be Mr Grinling and wrote a diary entry for him.



In DT, we have been designing Perfect Pizzas! The children have been thinking about their favourite toppings and how they fit into a healthy, balanced diet. We also had a visit from Holly who runs the Italian Stallion. She showed us how to make an authentic Italian pizza. Bellissimo!

We have had a very busy year with lots of fun and we can't believe it's the Summer holidays already! We hope all the children have a fantastic Summer Holiday and we wish all the Year 2 children the best as they move up to Year 3. We also look forward to seeing the Year 1 children back as they progress to Year 2. Many thanks for all your support throughout the year.

Year 3 and 4 News



Our current DT topic is all about British inventors. We have investigated the inventions of W B Wilkinson (reinforced concrete) and Charles Mackintosh (waterproof fabric).

Year 3 children have been exploring with money, using coins to make different totals.



We made and used shields to experience being a Roman soldier. We used different battle tactics and formations.



The children enjoyed drawing outside in our new school garden!

Year 5 and 6 News

We were lucky enough to have a visit from National Grid who explained to us about the different ways of producing electricity. Before they arrived we all took part in a 'Now Press Play Experience' looking at issues that affect the Earth. We were told some amazing facts and had the workings of solar panels and wind turbines explained to us. Our visitors were thrilled with the level of interests and the types of questions we asked.



Saffron Lane was the place to be when some of Year 5 and 6 took part in the Area Spots competition. We enjoyed competing against other schools and showing off our athletic skills. We had lots of fun and we were an excellent advert for our school.



Many of Years 5/6 experienced the sights and sounds of our capital city. We had an amazing time staying close to Wembley Stadium visiting The Tower of London, London Eye, War Museum, Science museum to name a few. The highlight was watching The Lion King and eating at The Hard Rock Café. That was until our day of departure when we spent the day at Lego Land. So many memories were made on that day!

What an afternoon we had when a specialist sports company – Kit's Academy visited St Mary's! By the time they left we were able to fence like D'Artagnan, dance like Michael Jackson and box like Rocky Balboa. We had great fun learning new skills and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.



A visit to Hinckley College may have inspired some of us to take up creative arts in years to come as we were able to experience taster sessions in photography, pottery and music. Being able to utilise the fantastic resources that our local college had to offer was a privilege. We also were lucky enough to see the outstanding art exhibition that was on show throughout the building.



READ, READ, READ

Reading is the one thing that has the biggest impact on children's outcomes as they grow!

The more you read with your child or listen to them read, the more their minds will grow! Sharing a book with your child is fun! It's a time for closeness and talking together. Read yourself! It doesn't matter what it is - pick up a newspaper or a magazine, take a look at a cookery book, read an instruction manual, enjoy some poetry or dive into a detective novel. Get your children to join in - if you are cooking, could they read the recipe? If you are watching TV, can they read the listings?

Your child will bring home some reading challenges today to do over the holiday, please try and take time to complete these over the next 6 weeks.

If you can take a photo of your child reading in an unusual place, we would love to display these at school when the children return in August.

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READ
read and read
some more!
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Family First

Please follow the link for a copy of the UK's largest parenting title.

https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff_summer2024_digital240624



Gardening Club

The St Mary's gardening club have been busy creating our new school garden. The planters are brimming with vegetables and blooms, the bees are very happy and we have a lovely garden to linger in and learn from.

Thanks to parent donations and Tesco for their community grant.



Ten2 Gallery

Our budding artists visited the Ten2 Gallery a few weeks ago to view the lovely artwork they created for Butterfly Day. So exciting to exhibit in a real gallery!



Summer Fair

A great school fair last Friday, supported by all the local community.

Thank you to our local community stall holders and young entrepreneurs for joining us today. We raised a huge £1500 for much needed school funds. Thank you.



Governor Message

Dear Parents/Carers

The end of the school year always arrives too quickly and what a year it has been! Firstly, your children have been amazing. The compliments we get from visitors into school are always praising their politeness, work ethic, appearance and friendliness. They are indeed a credit to you and the school. It is also a credit to them as they live out the Christian Values in their lives daily.

Saying goodbye to year 6 is always sad but knowing that they are ready to embrace the next challenge in their education is wonderful to witness as they are developing into citizens of our country. What wonderful experiences await them as they venture forth to a new school and on, ultimately, into their chosen careers. We wish them every success and happiness.

The Ofsted Inspection in September was very welcome. Your comments about the school and support for the staff were most appreciated. We are a "GOOD" school with happy thriving pupils and a dedicated staff.

Education is a lifelong learning experience and sharing this is rewarding. Please continue to spend quality time listening to your children read. It is the gateway to knowledge and cannot be stressed enough.

The governors wish you a very enjoyable, healthy and hopefully sunny holiday period. We look forward to being able to work with the school on your behalf next year.

Judy Williams

Chair of Governors. July 2024

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 10th July 2024	School closes for the Summer Holidays
Tuesday 27th August	School opens for the Autumn 1 term
Friday 18th October	School closes for half term holiday
Monday 28th October	School opens for Autumn 2
Friday 1st November	Flu Immunisations (whole school)
Tuesday 10th December	Whole school trip to the Belgrade Theatre Coventry
Friday 20th December	School closes for Christmas holidays (normal time)
Tuesday 7th January 2025	School opens for Spring 1 term
Friday 14th February	School closes for half term holiday
Monday 24th February	School opens for Spring 2 term
Friday 11th April	School closes for Easter Holidays
Monday 28th April	School opens for Summer 1 term
Monday 5th May	May Bank Holiday
Friday 23rd May	School closes for half term break
Monday 2nd June	School opens for Summer 2 term
Wednesday 9th July	School closes for Summer holidays



We have a Facebook page here at St Mary's so why not give us a follow or a like! www.facebook.com/stmarysceps

Thank you.

Christian Values

The Christian Value we are focusing on next half term is Friendship.



Disclaimer

You will notice that from time to time the school circulates information provided by outside groups, regarding the services they offer or about local events in the area. Whilst we are happy to circulate the information for these parties, in the interests of offering our parents a varied picture of what is available outside of school, we in no way endorse them. We therefore recommend that Parents/Carers should satisfy themselves that the group or event runs the necessary checks and precautions to safeguard themselves or their children before participating.



FOOTBALL CAMP

Come and have an EPIC time @ Hinckley Parks Primary School

Make new friends and learn new skills with our experienced coaches in a safe & friendly environment.

Skills!

GOALS, GOALS GOALS!



Penalty Shootouts!

Tournaments!

Details

Week 1 (5 day camp)

July 22nd-29th

Week 2 (3 day camp)

July 31st- Aug 2nd

For children aged 4-11

Costs

9.00am-3.30pm

£15 per day

Discounts for siblings are available!



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School Uniform swap shop

Available during the
summer holidays

- Donations of school coats, jumpers / blazers, Trousers, polo shirts / shirts, dresses, skirts, P.E kits (not personalised) including bags and shoes, school shoes and book bags
- Please leave clean, wearable and not damaged donations in the box
- Please only take what you need
- Items can be returned if they don't fit
- Please leave tidy



Scan for more info



For more information please contact:
costoflivingsupport@hinckley-bosworth.gov.uk

School uniform swap shop



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Venues	School Badged Uniform	
Bagworth: 49 Main Street, Bagworth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dovebank Primary School, Nailstone South Charnwood High School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thornton Primary School Clovelly House, Thornton
Barlestone: The Coop, 3-5 West End, Barlestone CV13 0EJ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oakwood Community School Barlestone C of E Primary School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newtown Burgoland Primary School
Barwell: George Ward Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Fusion Academy Meadow View Farm School Barwell Infant School Barwell Church of England Academy The Cedars, Stapleton 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Townlands Church of England Primary School, Earl Shilton Heath Lane Academy, Earl Shilton St Peters Catholic Voluntary Academy, Earl Shilton Newlands Community Primary School, Earl Shilton St Simon and St Jude Church of England Primary School
Desford: The Coop, 1 High Street, Desford, LE9 9JF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bosworth Academy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Desford Primary School
Hinckley: The Coop, Fieldfare Road, Hinckley LE10 3FY Green Towers, Richmond Road, Hinckley LE10 0DZ	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Westfield Junior School Westfield Infant School St Peter's Catholic Primary School Redmoor Academy Battling Brook Primary School Sharnford Church of England Primary School Richmond Primary School Hollycroft Primary School Dovelands Primary School Dovetree School St Mary's Church of England Primary School Dorothy Goodman School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hinckley Parks Primary School REAL Independent School, Hinckley The Hinckley School Higham on the Hill Church of England Primary School St Margarets Church of England Primary School, Stoke Golding St Martins Catholic Voluntary Academy, Stoke Golding Hastings School Sketchley School Skethley Hill Primary School Burbage Church of England Infant School Burbage Junior School
Market Bosworth: Market Bosworth Community Library	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> St Peter's C of E Primary School Dixie Grammer School The Market Bosworth School Witherley Church of England Primary School South Charnwood High School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Congerstone Primary School Sheepy Magna Church of England Primary School Twycross House Pre-Preparatory School Twycross House School
Markfield: The Coop, 78 Main Street, Markfield, LE67 9UU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mercenfeld Primary School Stanton Under Bardon Community Primary School Elizabeth Woodville Primary School, Groby 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Martinshaw Primary School, Groby Lady Jane Primary School, Groby
Newbold Verdon: The Coop, 103 Main Street, Newbold Verdon, LE9 9NP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newbold Verdon Primary School 	
Ratby Library: Main Street, Ratby, LE6 0LN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ratby Primary School South Charnwood High School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brookvale Groby Learning Campus

St Mary's, Hinckley

everybody welcome



16th, 23rd, 30th July, 6th & 13th August
11am-1pm

@ St Mary's Church Hall

Craft, Toys & Messy Play

Theme - Team Work

£1.50 per Child and £1 per Adult

Drinks & Biscuits Provided

Bring Your Own Picnic Lunch we eat at 12.15pm

Booking Essential

via email or text by the Saturday of each week

bevfrettsome@hotmail.com 07973830668

When booking please give your name and ages of children

All Welcome!



What's On

Our libraries will be running lots of events and activities throughout the summer. Visit our website or Eventbrite page for more details, plus ask in your local library!

NEW & GATHERING
COMICART MASTERS



17 July (Harborough + Melton)
5 August (Coalville + Hinckley)

NUPUR ARTS
BOLLYWOOD DANCING



23 July (Ashby + Loughborough)

2024 SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Marvellous Makers

SUMMER EVENTS PROGRAMME
LEICESTERSHIRE LIBRARIES

Fafunia Stories
Sunny Stories



1 August (Wigston)

AURORA PUPPET THEATRE
PUPPET MAKING WORKSHOP



7 August (Glenfield + Oadby)

JESSI ILLUSTRATES



26 July (Blaby + Broughton Astley)
31 July (Birstall)

STEM
workshop



19-22 August (Lutterworth, Earl Shilton, Shepshed, Syston)



Visit our events page to book your child's space

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FREE entry to

Bosworth Battlefield and The 1620s House

for children taking part in
the Summer Reading Challenge



*T&C's apply.
Each child must produce their fold-out card
and be accompanied by a full paying adult.*



Digital Resources

Visit www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk where you will find lots more resources, including games, competitions, activities, and book reviews by other children.

Scan the QR codes on your poster to find fun 'how-to' creative activities!

You can also visit the Leicestershire Libraries website for more information about the Summer Reading Challenge, along with details on how to access our Digital Library. Follow us on Facebook too to see what events and activities are happening in our libraries.



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