

Newsletter

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Learning and caring for each other

Dear Parents/Guardian,

Thank you... together we have kept each other safe for another term during the ongoing pandemic. We are grateful to everyone who has continued to wear a face covering at drop off and collection. Please continue to do so when we return after the holidays.

Our children have been extremely busy this half term and at St Mary's we believe that all learning is important and we have spent time back in school 'learning and making memories' beyond the core subjects of literacy and numeracy. Please take a look at the [class website areas](#), under the 'pupil' tab, for photos and to find out more. Here are a few learning activities in brief:

Red Class (Reception)...have been busy in Forest School creating spiders from pinecones and weaving their own webs. They have also been very observant watching our tadpoles in their own small pond.

Orange Class (Yr1)... enjoyed their pizza making and they successfully made the whole school hungry with the delicious smells!

Yellow Class (Yr2)... were mesmerised by the beautiful stained glass windows and enthusiastically explored St Mary's Church. Thank you to Rev Liz for making this visit possible.

Green Class (Yr3)... have been busy planting seeds, sketching plants and creating their own 'sycamore seeds'

Blue Class (Yr4)... have been learning to play the djembe drums with Mr Walker, designed their own outdoor planting area and they have also visited the zoo...virtually of course!

Indigo Class (Yr5)... have been developing their musical talents too, creating their own composition using chime bars. They have also been reflecting on our values of hope and kindness.

Violet Class (Yr6)... have designed and made their own electric vehicles as well as exploring the Viking raids and life.



Eddie the Penguin...is now available for Yellow Class to enjoy and sing along to in their Google Classroom area.

Name our cabin competition...

thank you to everyone who entered the competition, there have been some lovely and very creative ideas including The Blossom House, Star Cabin, Rainbow Cabin, COVID Cabin. After a vote, organised by our school council the winning name is...



The Rainbow Cabin.

The RSE Consultation... is now closed. Thank you to everyone who shared their views, asked important questions and made valuable suggestions. Everyone benefits from us working together and our children are in a safer learning environment because of it. The final version will be available on our website after the Governing Board meeting on 22nd June.

Blue Peter Competition...our children have been busy making pledges and working towards their Blue Peter Green Badge. We will continue to work hard and hopefully earn the prestigious award soon.

Homework... has been of a fantastic standard, including models, research projects, well presented handwriting, spellings, learning times tables etc. **Thank you** for encouraging your child to produce such high quality homework. By doing this, you are modelling the importance of learning and achieving. It is so lovely to see smiles on faces when children enter school and share their homework with pride – this is because of YOU!

I am sure you will agree that we have some VERY tired children after all their hard work and enthusiastic learning. Your encouragement and support has been awesome – **thank you for helping your child to be a St Mary's star shining brightly.**

If you are going on holiday, enjoy it! If you are planning to travel beyond the UK, please be mindful of the most up to date Government guidance, which may require you to isolate on your return. Whatever you do, we hope you enjoy the break, that the sun shines brightly and you return to school safe and well.

Finally,... school closes for the Whitsuntide holidays on Friday 28th May and reopens again on 14th June.

Best wishes, take care and stay safe,
Mrs E. Irvin and all the staff at St Mary's