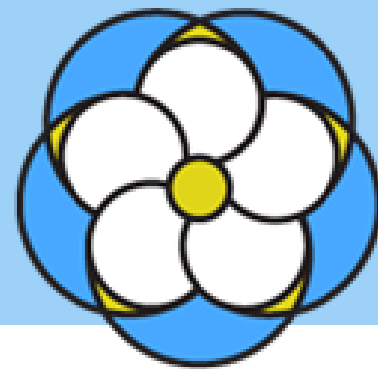


St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 28 – 24th May 2024



FAIRY FAIR 2024

**May
26th & 27th**

**Bradmoor
Woods,
West Acre, Norfolk**

**10.30am
to
5.30pm**

Children's Magical Workshops

- ✧ Storytelling ✧
- ✧ Live Music from The ShowHawk Duo & Moonshiners ✧
- ✧ Walkabout Creatures ✧ Fairy King, Queen & Garden ✧
- ✧ Pirate Pantomime & Fete ✧ Wild Touch Animal Rescue ✧
- ✧ Pixie Post Office ✧ Good Elf Pub ✧ Fancy Dress ✧
- ✧ Food ✧ Crafts ✧

Tickets online £8 – £14 (plus booking fee)
Under 3s free ✧ No dogs

Fairy Fair fundraises for The Fairyland Trust charity. Charity no. 1089771

**Book your tickets via
fairylandtrust.org**

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"Magical day out for the whole family"

"a joyful day you're sure to set in."

"beautiful and magical family time"

CELEBRATING LEARNING

*Congratulations to our
Stars of the Week:*

Week ending 24th May

Robin – Rupert A
3 Skylark – Haddy K
4 Kingfisher – Lucas W
4 Woodpecker – Ariella H
5 Avocet – Ruby A
5 Curlew – Weronika B
6 Falcon – Eleanor B
6 Red Kite – Amelia W-T

Star Value of the Week

LKS2 – Lola H
UKS2 – Caleb T

Dates for your Diary

24th May – Break up for Half Term
3rd June – Back to School
3rd June – Yr 6 Residential Parents
Meeting in Hall 3.15pm
6th June – Yr 5/6 Girls Cricket (children to
be advised)



"They will soar on wings like eagles"



Learning Blog – 4 Woodpecker

Recently we have been learning about French food and how to ask and pay for it. We had a French picnic on the field, used French phrases and tried croissants, pan au chocolat and sausage.



This week, we enjoyed a trip to Hunter's yard to experience sailing. The children were able to explore a Wherry boat, watch a mast being raised, try to pull a 25lb weight using ropes, made a rope knot key-ring and learnt to control the jib on the boat.

The children also learnt about the parts of a boat and the reason for a boat being able to float. A great experience for all (see article and pictures below).

Woodpeckers visited the residents at Harker House and played Curling, which was great fun. The children were well behaved, respectful and brightened the day for those at Harker House.



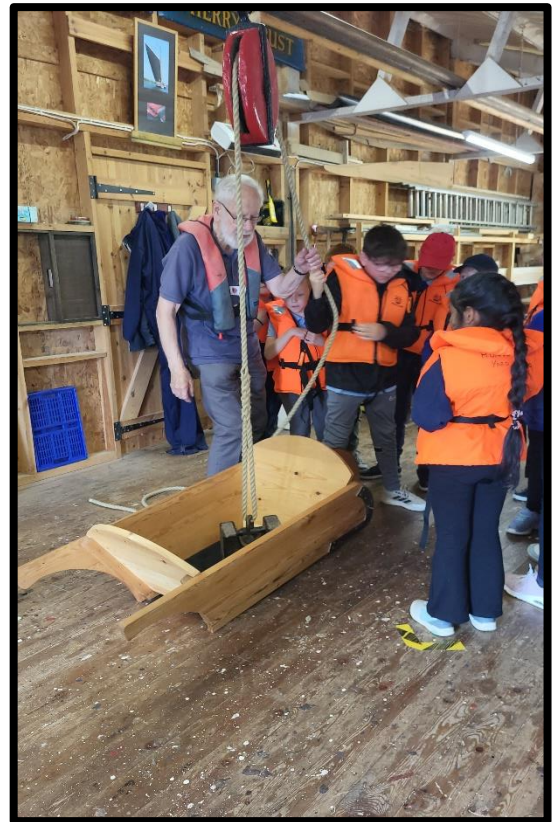


Year 4 Sailing Trip

On Monday, Kingfisher and Woodpecker classes (Y4) visited Hunters Yard, on the Norfolk Broads in Ludham, North Norfolk. Whilst there, the children were treated to a morning/afternoon of sailing. On board their small sailing vessels, skippered by some fantastic volunteers from the community, the children learnt how to sail, taking responsibility for tacking the sails, using the tiller to steer the boats and the occasional rescue mission to escape from an unplanned visit into the reeds! After the sailing and a picturesque picnic by the broads, children were lucky enough to board a working Wherry boat, dating back to 1888! The former haulage boat, has since been converted and children were told about its fascinating history before returning back to the yard for some science-based workshop fun. It was a memorable day out for the pupils, thank you to parent volunteers, Mr Manson and Mr & Mrs Bulldeath, who kindly gave up their time to support the trip.



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4 Woodpecker – Science lessons

Woodpecker's new science topic is 'Plants. Needs for survival'. Today they started an investigation which they will be monitoring over the next four weeks. They planted five broad bean seed, each one will have different conditions for growing. They made predictions about which would be most successful.



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St Mary's PTA Events...



Year 5 Cake Stall

There were some amazing bakes on sale yesterday at the Yr 5 Cake Sale. A huge thank you to everyone who donated, purchased and helped set up etc. You all helped raise an amazing £61.50.

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After School Sports Clubs

The After School Clubs will remain the same for next half term. If your child is already signed up, we will assume that they wish to continue.

- Monday – Summer Sports with Premier Education
- Monday – Ukulele/Music with Mrs Patteson (Norfolk Music Service)
- Tuesday – Street Dance with ARTS
- Wednesday – Bounce (Trampoline) with Qualified Education
- Wednesday – Football Club with Mr Leek and Miss Whiting
- Friday – Basketball with Norwich Hoopstars

Please email the office if you would like your child to join one of these club. The cost of these clubs is £2.00 per week, except football which will remain at £4.00, payable at the beginning of the half term on Parentmail (this will be put on Parentmail during the first week back after Easter).

Attendance

Every day at school adds up, so make the most of it.

As part of the national 'Everyday Counts' attendance campaign, we will continue to monitor attendance very closely. If you need support on this matter please make an appointment to see Mrs Dale our pastoral officer or visit www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance

Well Done to the following top three classes for their attendance during the week 13th – 17th May 2024.

6 Red Kite	99.03%
4 Kingfisher	98.5%
5 Avocet	95.5%

Every Day Counts ✓

Missed minutes

missed learning

missed opportunities

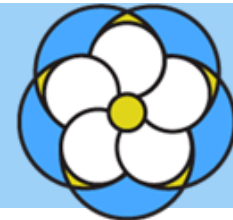
Guidance for Parents / Carers

Good attendance at school is one of the most important factors in ensuring that children and young people have the best opportunities in adult life.

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Norfolk County Council

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Dates for the year ahead:

27/05/24 – 31/05/24	Half Term
03/06/24	Back to School
03/06/24	Yr 6 Parent Meeting re residential trip to Kingswood 3.15pm
03/06/24	Yr 4 DfE Multiplication Check
06/06/24	School Games Yrs 5 & 6 Girls Dynamo Cricket (individual children to be notified)
10/06/24	Yrs 3, 4 & 5 PiXL Testing Week
10/06/24 – 12/06/24	Yr 6 Residential to Kingswood, West Runton (those children not attending residential still need to come into school)
11/06/24	Parent Workshop – supporting your child with anxiety 2.00 – 3.00pm in the library (please book by emailing slaurie@stmarys.stbenets.org)
13/06/24	Year 4 to Harker House Residential Home (2 nd Group)
17/06/24	New Year 3 Parents Meetings 2pm and 4.30pm
18/06/24	Class and Yr 6 Leaver Photos
21/06/24	Sports Day Yrs 3 & 4 – 9.00am – 10.30am Yrs 5 & 6 – 10.30am – 12.00 noon (please note this date has been changed)
28/06/24	Pride Day (Non school uniform)
02/07/24	Yr 3 Trip to Norwich Castle (information to follow)
03/07/24	Yr 6 Pleasurewood Hills Trip (information to follow)
10/07/24	Year 6 Performance to parents (details to follow)
13/07/24	Colour Run with Manor Field and LSHS (details to follow)
16/07/24	Whole School Transition Day
17/07/24	Whole School Transition Day
18/07/24	Yr 6 Leavers Party 1.00 – 3.00pm (more details to follow)
19/07/24	Last day of Term