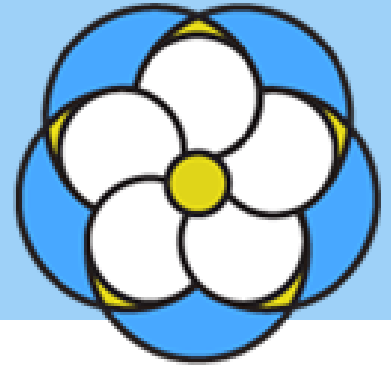


St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 29 – 7th June 2024



-Free Parent Workshop-



-Supporting your child with anxiety-

When? Tuesday 11th June 2-3pm

Where? St Mary's Library

Sit down with us for a cup of tea.

Friendly, relaxed atmosphere

To book a place, please email
slaurie@stmarys.stbenets.org

What Is It?

A psychoeducation workshop for parents/ carers to explore why children experience anxiety and how you can support with this.



Who Are We?

The Mental Health Support Teams working in schools to deliver mental health support for young people, either directly or through education staff and parents/ carers.

What Will We Cover?

- What is anxiety?
- Why do we experience it?
- Recognising signs and symptoms.
- How to support your child.
- Self-care and managing our own anxiety.
- Resources.



"They will soar on wings like eagles"

CELEBRATING LEARNING

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

Week ending 7th June

Robin – Leelan D
3 Skylark – Yohanna W
4 Kingfisher – Maisie M
4 Woodpecker – Damian O
5 Avocet – Lily F
5 Curlew – Georgie H-D
6 Falcon – George F
6 Red Kite – Adrian O

Star Value of the Week

LKS2 – Jamie H
UKS2 – Sera S

Dates for your Diary

10th June – Yrs 3, 4 & 5 PiXL

Testing Week

10th – 12th June – Year 6 Residential Trip to Kingswood

11th June – Parent Workshop – supporting your child with anxiety
2.00 – 3.00pm in library



Library News! – New 'Super Readable' section!

Reading for pleasure opens up new worlds for children. It gives them the opportunity to use their imagination to explore new ideas, visit new places and meet new characters. Interestingly, reading for pleasure also improves children's well-being and empathy.

At St Marys we are incredibly passionate about encouraging reading for pleasure but equally, we are aware that reading can be challenging, particularly for children who experience learning barriers to reading.

During the Easter holidays, I visited a library in North Norfolk and was inspired by how inclusive, welcoming and celebrated their Dyslexia Friendly section was. After the holidays, I shared my experience with our School Librarians and together, we have created a 'Super Readable' section in our Library, here at St Marys. We have a wide selection of authors and genres, so not only will this section make accessing books much easier, children will also be able to develop skills in choosing books that appeal to them.

Our super readable books offer a selection of enlarged print, coloured backgrounds and also shorter stories to reduce cognitive overload and encourage reading to be a positive experience for all. Our Librarians have also researched a number of inspirational famous people who have dyslexia and have rectified and displayed number of misconceptions around the condition.

I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved and a special thank you must be acknowledged for our amazing Librarians and the wonderful Mrs Elvin for all of their support in bringing my vision to life.

Please could I also take this opportunity to gently remind you that our school expectation is that children read at home four times per week and bring their reading records to school daily.

Miss Minister



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Football Match

On the final day of half-term, our Y3/Y4 football team played against Newton Flotman. In a thrilling game, Newton Flotman scored a winning goal in the final seconds of the match, to win 3-2. On a beautiful Summer's afternoon, it was fantastic to see the children playing with such enjoyment and good sportsmanship. Damian scored both of St. Mary's goals with Jamie our player of the match for some wonderful saves in goal, keeping us in the game to the very end. We look forward to a re-match in the final weeks of term.

Mr Roberts, PE Lead



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After School Sports Clubs

Fencing

This half-term, the school have been able to secure the provision of a fantastic new **fencing** coach, provided through one our sports after-school clubs provider, Premier Education. This new club will replace our existing Summer Sports After School Club on a Monday, and provide children with an opportunity to try out and hone their skills in this fun and exciting sport and help find your child's inner musketeer! The club will run for the remainder of the half-term.

Tous pour un, un pour tous (All for one, and one for all) The Three Musketeers.



We will also continue with the following clubs for £2.00 per week and if you would like your child to try out one of these clubs, please email the office.

Monday – Fencing with Premier Education

Monday – Ukulele/Music with Mrs Patteson (Norfolk Music Service)

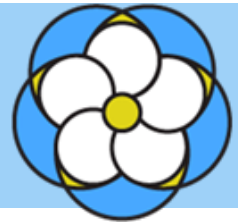
Tuesday – Street Dance with ARTS

Wednesday – Bounce (Trampolines) with Qualified Education

Wednesday – Football Club with Mr Leek and Miss Whiting (price remains £4.00 per session)

Friday – Basketball Club with Norfolk Hoopstars

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St Mary's PTA Events...

PTA HERO HAMPER & BAGS RAFFLE

The PTA has 1x large Hero Hamper & 10x Hero Bags up for grabs in their Hero Raffle. Tickets are £1 each and available NOW, (at drop off and pick up) from PTA members/Miss Maher and/or Miss Dale, by the school gate. Tickets will be on sale until the morning of Friday 14th June, when the winning tickets will be drawn.



Thank you for your continued support

MOTIVATIONAL MAY SPONSORSHIP FORMS

Thank you to everyone who has ran, walked, swam or ridden over the 31 days of May. Please can all sponsorship forms and money be brought into school by Monday 10th June.

Thank you

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 20th – 24th May 2024.

5 Avocet	95.79%
6 Falcon	95.56%
3 Skylark	94.84%

Every Day Counts

Missed minutes

missed learning

missed opportunities

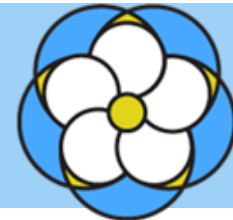
Guidance for Parents / Carers

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.

justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance

Norfolk County Council

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Dates for the year ahead:

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)
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)
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