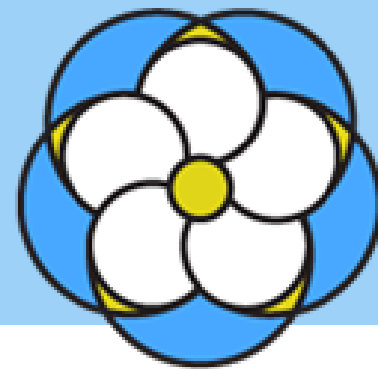


# St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 31 – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024



## Sports Day

Last Friday, 21st June, the whole school took part in our annual Sports Day. With the sun beaming down on us all, it was a hot morning in the sun, but it didn't stop the children from performing at their highest levels. The events were staggered through the morning, with the top five qualifiers from each year group running three laps of our athletics track. This was quickly followed by all children running the 50/60m sprint followed by my personal favourites, the dramatic Egg and Spoon/Sack races, which provided their usual entertainment e.g. last metre egg drop disqualifications and flying sacks over the line (or in some cases no sack at all!).

Then, our top five qualifiers demonstrated their throwing skills in the javelin before finishing off the event with the crowd (and pupil favourites) of Tug of War and House Relay. Cheered on by a fantastic crowd of parents and carers, it was such a positive morning of engagement in physical activity with children not only displaying their physical talents but also their strength of character: resilience in overcoming challenges, stamina and endurance to keep on going to the end, compassion and friendship in supporting others to succeed and humility by the few that won their events.

On the next page, is a brief summary of the key winners of the Sports Day events, unfortunately not all names for events were recorded. Thank you to the PTA, who kept everyone sufficiently fuelled, hydrated, caffeinated and cooled with the various donuts, ice lollies, tea/coffee and snacks they had on sale. Thank you also to the parents and carers who gave up their mornings to cheer along their children, the event wouldn't be the same without your support.



"They will soar on wings like eagles"

### CELEBRATING LEARNING

*Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:*

#### Week ending 28<sup>th</sup> June

Robin – Tyler H  
3 Skylark – Rex G  
4 Kingfisher – Harper E  
4 Woodpecker – Haydes W  
5 Avocet – Isabella G  
5 Curlew – Autumn H  
6 Falcon – Jacob H  
6 Red Kite – Issac R

#### Star Value of the Week

UKS2 – Natalia B

#### Dates for your Diary

2<sup>nd</sup> July – Yr 3 Trip to Norwich Castle

3<sup>rd</sup> July – Yr 6 Trip to Pleasurewood Hills

9<sup>th</sup> July – Yr 5 Taster Day at LSHS

10<sup>th</sup> July – Yr 6 Performance 9.30am

12<sup>th</sup> July – Yr 6 Leavers Assembly at St Mary's Church 9.30am

13<sup>th</sup> July – Colour Fun Run



## *Sports Day*

### Sprint

Y3: Sienna/Jojo

Y4: George Smith

Y6: Spencer/Amelia D

### Endurance

Y3: Yohanna/Carter

Y4: Ben R/Amelia A

Y6: Ryan/Amelia D

### Javelin

Y3: Connor/Yohanna

Y4: Ariella

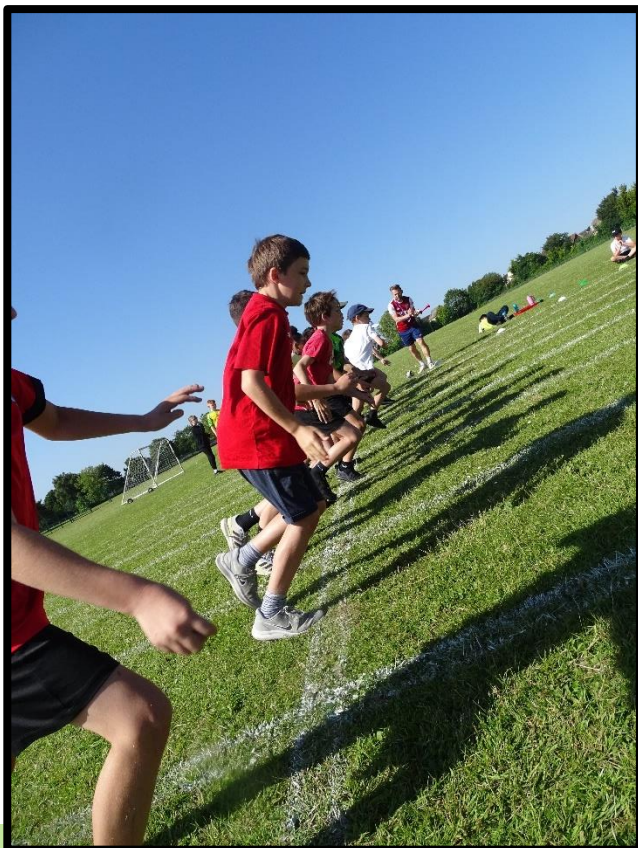
**Tug of War:** Boudicca

**House Relay:** Boudicca

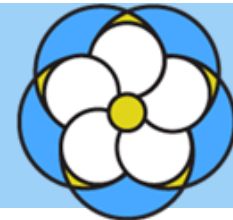
More results will  
come out next week



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## *Monster Kickabout*

Last week some Year 6 children took part in a sponsored sporting event called Monster Kickabout. Throughout the week, they were participating in activities with a football inspired twist. For example, one day we played football tennis where two football goals were pushed together to make a net with a team on either side. The children were also creating their own football kits using the colours inspired by different flags from the countries involved in this year's European Championship, along with many other fun-filled activities throughout the week! We finished each day with a small 5-a-side football match whilst listening to World Cup songs from the past.



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## 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](http://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance)

4 Kingfisher	98.5 %
6 Red Kite	96.77%
6 Falcon	95.19%

Well Done to the following top three classes for their attendance during the week 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024.

## Start of the Day

We have now moved our Assembly time to 8.55am. Therefore, it is important that pupils get into school on time every day to allow time for them to register and check lunches have been made. The school day begins at 8.40am. Please can we also remind parents that you need to order your child's lunch on the Parentmail app and that this needs to be done in advance because it cannot be done on the day. This helps our kitchen prepare for the meals required. If your child has not ordered their lunch, they may only have a choice of a sandwich, because spare meals are not made. Thank you.

## Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme is back for Summer!

**Big Norfolk Holiday Fun is back for the summer holidays! Activities will take place between July 22<sup>nd</sup> – September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024.**



The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun (BNHF) activity programme is run in partnership with Norfolk County Council, thanks to four years of funding which is due to end in winter 2024. It provides holiday activities for children and young people aged 4 -16 in Norfolk.

These activities include multi-sports, dance, theatre, arts and crafts, and much more!

Children eligible for benefits-related free school meals can claim free spaces on the activities, whilst paid sports are available on many activities for those who don't.

For more information and to book your place visit <https://www.activenorfolk.org/public/bignorfolkholidayfun/>

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## St Mary's PTA Events...

### ICE POP FRIDAYS

As the warmer weather finally arrives, don't forget to bring some change and grab yourself a cool treat to start the weekend. Prices range from 50p - £1.50.

### MONEY RAISED

Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets, uniform and/or cakes for recent events. Your continued support is very much appreciated. We have managed to raise the following:

- The PTFA Hero Hamper and Bags made £112.
- The Yr 3&4 Cake Sale and Second-hand Uniform Sale made £65.50.
- Sports Day raised £80.74.

### LONG STRATTON COLOUR FUN RUN AND FETE

Manor Field Infant PTA are very excited to be organising their first ever Colour Fun Run on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July, from 9am onwards. This unique event will involve students completing a run on the High School field while being showered in coloured powder.

The run will be followed by a small fete at Manor Field Infant School. Refreshments will be available to purchase on the day. If you are interested, please complete the attached form.

### YEAR 6 LEAVERS CELEBRATIONS

The Year 6's will be having a leaving celebration on the 18<sup>th</sup> July between 1.00pm and 3.00pm. This is mostly funded by the PTFA with a few additional costs. See poster opposite for more information.





# Long Stratton Community Summer Event

Saturday 6th July 2024  
1pm until 6pm  
Manor Road Playing Fields, Long Stratton

**FREE ENTRY**

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

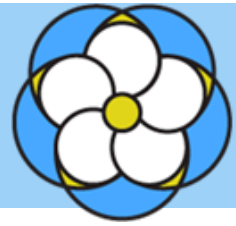
- James D Party Time
- Bingo fun
- Emily & Jon live music
- inflatable obstacle course
- Inflatable football dartboard
- lots of stalls
- free outdoor games
- plate smash
- tombola
- bar
- refreshments
- hot food vendors
- ice cream
- and lots more!

Bring a picnic blanket and chairs!

Sponsored by: Octavius, Top2Bottom Commercial Cleaning, The Nook Bistro and MD Wealth Management  
Hosted by: Long Stratton Town Council

For more information visit: [www.longstrattoncouncil.info](http://www.longstrattoncouncil.info)

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## *Dates for the year ahead:*

02/07/24	Yr 3 Trip to Norwich Castle
03/07/24	Yr 6 Trip to Pleasurewood Hills
09/07/24	Year 5 Taster Day at LSHS
10/07/24	Year 6 Performance for Parents 9.30 am (for approx. 1 1/2 hours)
12/07/24	Year 6 Church Service (Year 6 parents welcome) 9.30am
13/07/24	Long Stratton Schools Colour Fun Run and Fete at Manor Field Infant School Run starts at 9.30am followed by fete at Manor Field until 12 noon
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
19/07/24	Last day of Term
04/09/24	BACK TO SCHOOL