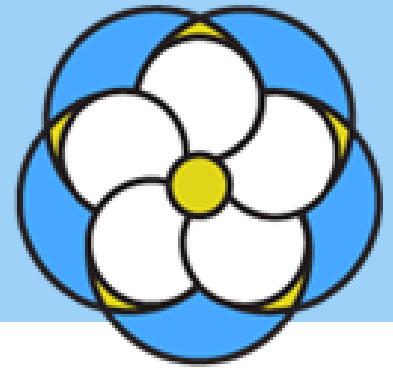


# St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 34 – 12<sup>th</sup> July 2024



## Rocksteady Band

On Monday afternoon the whole school were entertained by our brand new Rocksteady Band.

Eddie, Connor, Leighton, Poppy, Blake, Lucas, Theo, Sienna-mae, Jack, Ethan and Caleb only started having their Rocksteady music lessons since April this year and they kept the whole school and their parents entertained with songs such as "We will Rock You" and "Best Day of My Life".



### CELEBRATING LEARNING

*Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:*

Week ending 12<sup>th</sup> July

Robin – Charleigh D  
3 Skylark – Joseph B  
4 Kingfisher – Esme M  
4 Woodpecker – Joey N  
5 Avocet – Luke B  
5 Curlew – Caleb T

Star Value of the Week

LKS2 – India R  
UKS2 – Spencer P

Dates for your Diary

13<sup>th</sup> July – Colour Fun Run

15<sup>th</sup> July – SEN Meetings

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> July – Transition Days

18<sup>th</sup> July – SEN Meetings



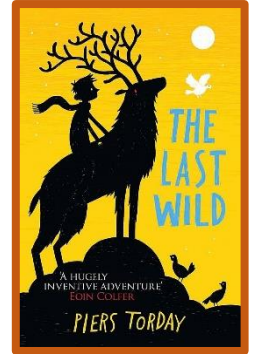
"They will soar on wings like eagles"



## Learning Blog – 5 Avocet Class

It has been a very busy summer term in Year 5. We've all been delighted to see the progress that the children have made from the start of the year up until now. They have grown in resilience, maturity and independence and have set themselves up to have a wonderful year 6.

In English we have been reading and studying *The Last Wild*, a story all about saving the environment and animals in a futuristic, dystopian world. We have hugely enjoyed writing our own sequel to the story. In maths we have been studying negative numbers, metric and imperial measurements and capacity. We have been studying biomes in Geography and the Middle East in history. We have been fortunate to have continued our ukulele lessons this last term as well. Finally, in computing we have been really lucky to have been able to program and code BBC Micro Bits, making a polling program, a pedometer and a scoreboard for a game of rock, paper, scissors!



Away from the classroom, we were really fortunate to get the opportunity to go sailing on the broads from Hunters Yard just before Easter. It was a wonderful day and the children learnt a great deal about the broads, boating, sailing and teamwork! They were hugely praised by the generous volunteers for their excellent behaviour and attitudes. As I write this most of the year 5's are having a taster day at Long Stratton High School, in order to show them what they can look forward to in the next stage of their education!

Finally, from me, I want to say how much I have enjoyed teaching Avocet this year. I am really proud of the progress that they have made, and I look forward to seeing how they get on next year!

**Mr Oxbury**  
*Avocet Class Teacher*



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## Year 4 visit to Harker House

On Thursday our last group of Year 4s visited Harker House Residential Home. They had a very enjoyable time, playing a curling game with the residents and were asked to celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Val, one of the residents. Next year, we hope that some of the residents will be able to come and visit us at the school.



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## *Year 6 Performance/Leavers Assembly*

Year 6 enjoyed performing their Peter Pan the Musical to the school on Monday and to parents and carers on Wednesday. Both performances were well received by the audience. Well done for all your hard work in preparing the show, Year 6 and thank you to families for your support with costumes.

On Friday, Year 6 and their families shared a special Leaver's Assembly at St Mary's Church. Reverend John wished pupils well on behalf of the St Mary's Church community and Richard Cramner, CEO of St Benet's Trust spoke on behalf of our family of schools, wishing pupils well as they commence to High School.



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## *Change of Lunch Menu*

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July there will be a Sausage Roast instead of Chicken. Some items on the menu are subject to change for the last week of term because the kitchen is running down its stocks for the summer holidays. Desserts and vegetarian options may be affected.

## *Lunches for Transition Days*

Please can all lunches be ordered at the weekend to help us to get lunch orders prepared for transition days. This is because children will be moving from their normal classes to their new classes and pre-ordered meals will help with this process.

## *School Reports*

Pupils will be bringing home their school reports today. These will be for the parents who live at the home address of the child. We will be sending out reports to any parents who do not live with the child by email over the next few days. If you have not received this by Wednesday, please contact the school.

## *Lost Property*

We have a big pile of lost property in school. This is not only uniform, but other items such as hoodies, winter coats, shoes and sunglasses!!! Please check at home to see if your child has lost any of these items (especially coats) and feel free to come into the office to check. Any leftover items will be disposed of at the end of the school year.

## *Outstanding Payments*

Could we ask all parents to check their Parentmail Accounts before the end of the school year, to make sure that they have no outstanding payments for sports clubs, dinners etc. Even if your child has not had a lunch for a while, it could be that an amount is still required to be paid which has been forgotten about. Please address any queries to the office. Please ensure that all payments are made by **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July**. Thank you.

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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)

Well Done to the following top three classes for their attendance during the week 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

5 Curlew	97%
6 Red Kite	95.16%
3 Skylark	94.69%

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

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## Dates for the year ahead:

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

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