



ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

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World Book Day 2024

Thank you to everybody for your participation and support during our World Book Day celebrations. The enthusiasm and creativity displayed by our children was remarkable to see and it was wonderful to see them coming in in their pyjamas or dressed as their favourite book character. However, even more wonderful was to hear them engaging in lively discussions about their most cherished books and it was evident that a love of reading is alive and thriving among them.

Our school was transformed into a haven of literary wonder, with classrooms buzzing with excitement and it was a joy to witness the sheer delight on their faces as they immersed themselves in the magical world of books. It was particularly heart-warming to see older children reading with younger children.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all staff who put in made such an effort to instil in our children a love of reading. It really was a magical day.

Mrs Bennett



Diary Dates

- 11/3/24— Big Walk and Bike fortnight
- 11/3/24— Reception Stay & Plays
- 11/3/24— Day in the Life photographer
- 12/3/24— Y3 and Y4 mixed netball tournament
- 14/3/24— Cross country at Princess Risborough School
- 15/3/24— Red Nose Day
- 15/3/24— Girls football match v Buckingham Park
- 18/3/24— Boys football match v Thomas Hickman
- 21/3/24— SATS information evening— Y6 parents
- 21/3/24— Girls football v Thomas Hickman
- 25/3/24 Guitar assembly
- 25/3/24— Whitemoor Lakes Parents' Meeting
- 26/3/24— Dance Festival for Years 5&6
- 27/3/24— Nursery breaks up
- 28/3/24— End of term (1.30)
- 15/4/24— Start of Summer Term
- 18/5/24— Summer Fair
- 24/5/24— End of half term
- 3/6/24— Inset day
- 4/6/24— Start of Summer Term 2
- 14/6/24— PTA somebody special shop
- 12/7/24— Y6 Leavers' Disco
- 19/7/24— Summer BBQ
- 22/7/24— Nursery Breaks up
- 23/7/24— End of term (1.30pm)

Stars of the Week



Well done to the children who have exemplified good behaviour this week:

Rose A, Sofia K, Joshua L, Aizah Y, Alyssia E, Amelie B, Joseph G, Stan H, Anaaya K, Zack H, Moses M, Olivia T.

Learning Powers

We use Learning Powers to develop our 'Language of Learning' in school and this enables us to engage all pupils in dialogue using a common language to support and develop our understanding of how we learn. It is our intention that children use the language for learning to explain ways in which they achieved or approached tasks and how they can move on to the next chapter in their learning. These learning powers are: have a go, don't give up, concentrate, be curious. Congratulations this week to: Evan Y, Isabella M, Ivy B, Sianna M, Malaika M, Catalina A, Teri G, Molly B, Charlie M, Nancy S, Isabelle P, Ellie U T.



Respect

Having a supportive and collaborative partnership between home and school is extremely important to us at St Mary's School. However, we are seeing an increasing number of parents/carers becoming aggressive towards staff when sharing concerns and this will **never** be acceptable.

We kindly urge all parents/carers to engage with our staff in a manner that reflects our Christian values of respect and compassion. If you do have any concerns or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us through appropriate channels such as scheduled meetings or emails.

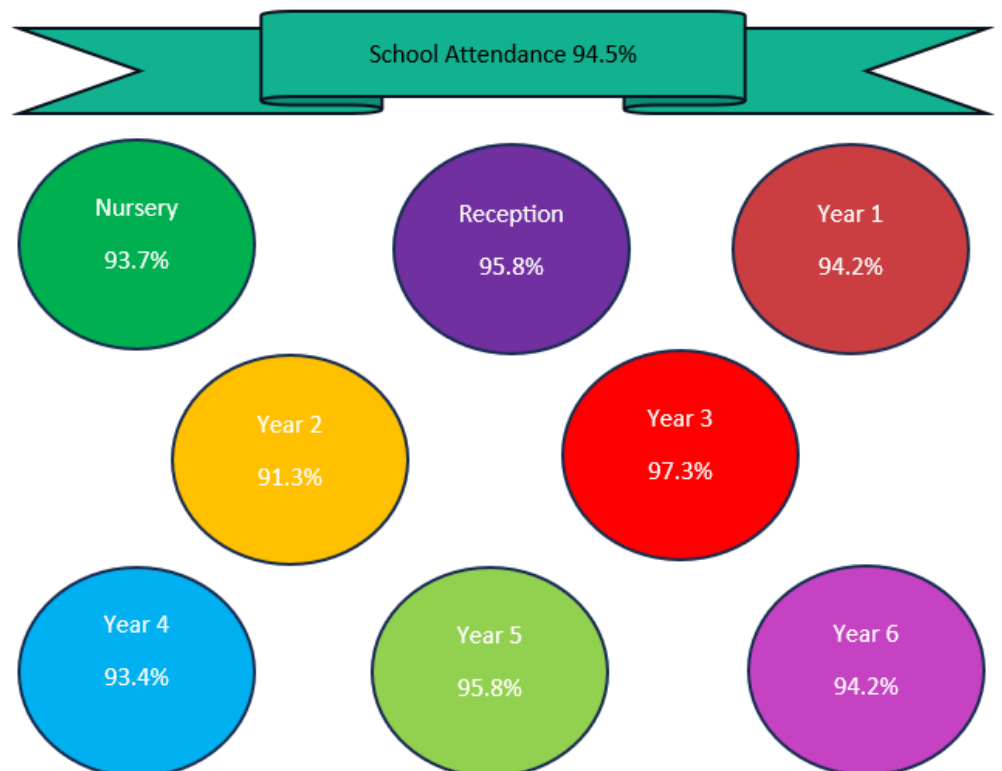
Communication

Following feedback from the Parent/Carer Survey last term, we are looking at ways to improve our communication with you. This includes:

- Improved website—will be ready by April 2024
- Increased Social Media presence—please follow us on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook!
- Weekly newsletter with news and important dates.
- Revised 'who to contact sheet' to ensure you speak with somebody that will be able to help you (see attached)

Please do let us know if there are any other ways you feel that we could improve our communication.

ATTENDANCE



A week in pictures!



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