

St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 18 – 9th February 2024

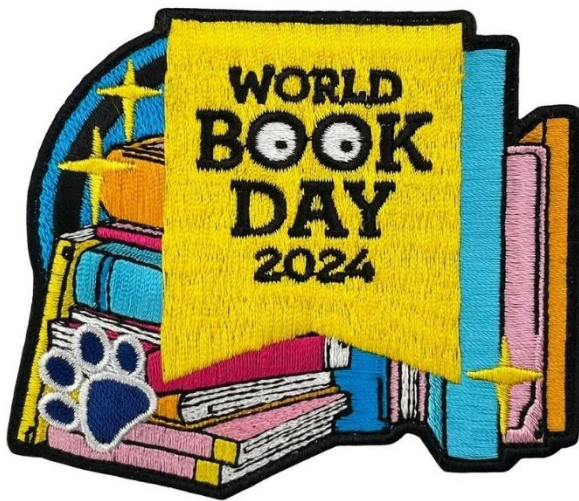


World Book Day – 7th March

We are giving you advanced warning that on Thursday 7th March. We would like all children to dress up as a character from their favourite book or dress up as their favourite book. Be as creative as you like and we love homemade costumes. We have lots of book related activities to celebrate the day too!

Costume Swap/Recycle/Donate

If you have an old World Book Day costume that your child no longer fits into or needs, please bring them into the school office so that we can donate them to other children.



"They will soar on wings like eagles"

CELEBRATING LEARNING

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

Week ending 9th February

Robin – Matthew S

3 Skylark – Caitlyn B

4 Kingfisher – Ben R

4 Woodpecker – Jessi W

5 Avocet – Bridie McE

5 Curlew – Ant H

6 Falcon – Baran K

6 Red Kite – Hannah R

Dates for your Diary

12th Feb – Careers Fair for Yrs 5&6

Parents Welcome 3.30 – 5.30pm

13th Feb – Year 6 visiting LSHS to see their performance of Matilda (pm)

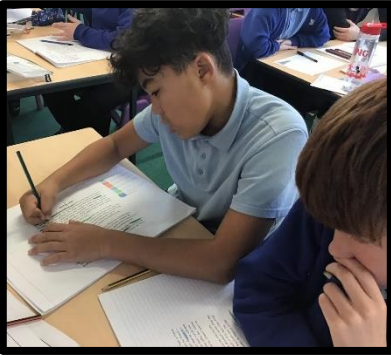
16th Feb – World Kindness Day

16th Feb – Non-school Uniform Day in aid of school funds

19th – 23rd Feb – Half Term



Learning Blog – 6 Falcon Class

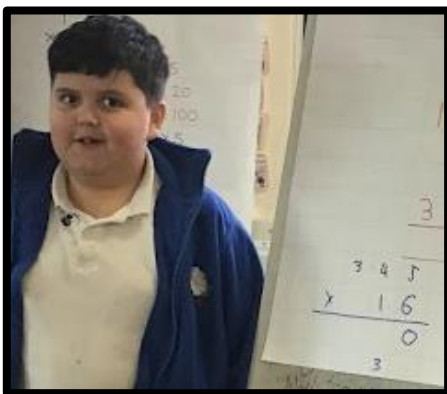
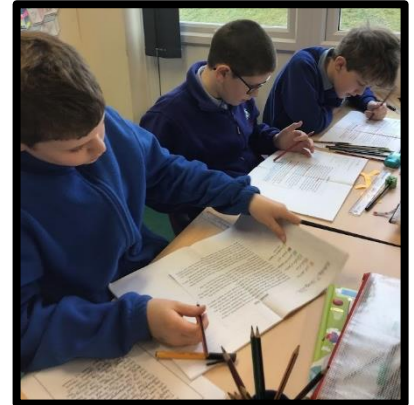


Year 6 have been studying Shakespeare's play, Macbeth. This week we have been writing in role as Macbeth, thinking carefully about our language choices to make our writing convincing. We have worked on our self-editing skills and have shown our best standards of presentation in our final pieces.

In art, we have created our own portraits of Macbeth, thinking about facial proportions and capturing Macbeth's personality.

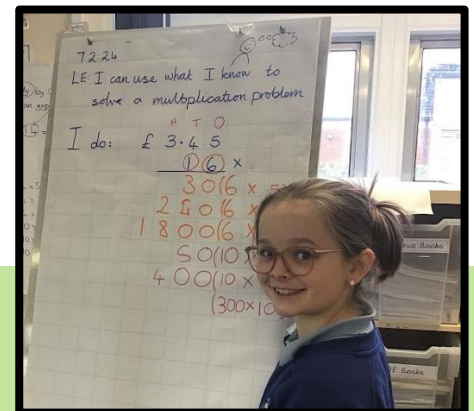
Tag us if you can!

We have sharpened our skills in Tag Ruby, remembering to pass backwards and position ourselves ready to receive the ball.

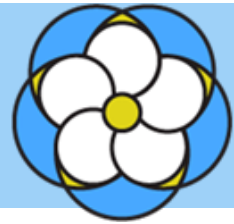


Reverse classroom: pupils do the teaching!

In Miss Naylor's Maths group, we have been sharing our thinking as we solve multiplication problems.



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Year 6 visit to Long Stratton High School

Our Year 6s have been invited by the High School to see their dress rehearsal of 'Matilda'. They will be going over to see this on Tuesday 13th February in the afternoon.

Miss Minister is a published illustrator

It is official and we can now tell the world. In her spare time, Miss Minister has illustrated a book with a very important message. The author will also be attending the Careers Fair on Monday. This is an entertaining, fun story which has a message. It's aimed to show children that it doesn't matter if you have a disability or problem, you are just as important as anyone else. It also shows that sometimes people can do things to others that are hurtful but it also shows that irrespective of anyone's problems, they can contribute and do something that can help everyone.



Careers Fair for Years 5 & 6

We will be holding a Careers Fair on Monday 12th February for pupils in Years 5 & 6 and their parents. This will be held after school between 3.30 and 5.30pm.

There will be a number of people from various jobs, who you will be able to talk to about their careers, to give pupils ideas for their future.

SATS Booster Club

If your child attends SATS Booster Club, this will still be going ahead on Monday 12th February and they can visit the Careers Fair at the end of the session if they wish.

Multi Sports

Please note that Multi Sports will also be going ahead on 12th February and may be outside depending on the weather. Please therefore send your child with a tracksuit. If it is raining, we will find an alternative space inside.

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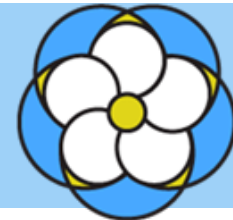


Football Match

Last Friday our UKS2 Mixed and Lower LKS2 Football Teams played matches against Cringleford CofE Primary School teams. Both teams did very well with the scores for UKS2 being 8- 2 to Cringleford and for LKS2 9-1 to Cringleford. Well done everyone who took part.



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Year 3 Visit to Mayfields

On Monday 12th February, Skylark Class have once again been invited to Mayfields Care Home for some singing and dancing sessions with the residents.

Messy Church

Messy church in Long Stratton has been taking a rest for a few months whilst it regroups. It is run by churches together in Long Stratton and will be recommencing on Sunday 7th April at 4pm in St Mary's Church, Long Stratton, and thereafter on the first Sunday in each month.



Attendance

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

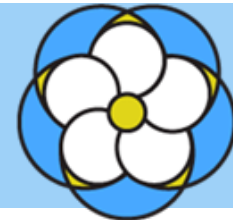
As part of the national 'Everyday Counts' attendance campaign, we will continue to monitor attendance very closely. If you need support on this matter please make an appointment to see Mrs Dale our pastoral officer or visit www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance

Well Done to the following top three classes for their attendance during the week 29th January – 2nd February 2024.

6 Falcon	94.81%
5 Curlew	96.74%
3 Skylark	94.33%



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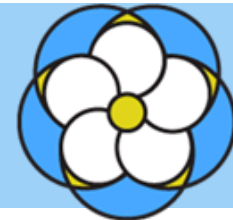
St Mary's PTA Events...

Non-school Uniform Day

We will be holding a Non-school Uniform Day on the last day of term (16th February) in aid of school funds. Please can donations (suggested amount £1.00), be made in cash as this event is being run by the PTA. All monies raised by the PTA go back directly to helping the pupils in our school. Thank you for your support.

Dates for the year ahead:

12/02/24	Yr 3 visit to Mayfields Care Home
13/02/24	Yr 6 visit to LSHS to see Dress Rehearsal of 'Matilda' (afternoon)
16/02/24	World Kindness Day
16/02/24	PTA Non-school Uniform Day
19/02/24 – 23/02/24	Half Term
26/02/24	Back to School
04/03/24	Year 6 visit to Gressenhall
w/b 04/03/24	Yr 6 PiXL Assessments
05/03/24	Second-hand Uniform Shop 9.00am in School Hall
07/03/24	World Book Day (more information to follow)
08/03/24	Tombola and Cake Stall 2.50pm
09/03/24	International Women's Day
13/03/24	Yr 3 & 4 Parents invited into school to work alongside their child 9.00am – 11.30am
13/03/24	Yr 5 & 6 Parents invited into school to work alongside their child 1.30pm – 3.00pm
13/03/24	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
14/03/24	Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.30pm
15/03/24	Red Nose Day – non-school uniform
15/03/24	Easter Craft afternoon with Yr 3 & 4 parents and Robins Class



19/03/24	SEND Parents Meetings 3.30 – 5.30pm
21/03/24	SEND Parents Meetings 3.30 – 5.30pm
22/03/24	Easter Craft afternoon with Yr 5 & 6 parents
21/03/24	No SATS Booster Club for Year 6
26/03/24	Easter Raffle & Cake Stall 2.50pm
27/03/24	Easter Service at the Church (children only)
28/03/24 – 12/04/24	Easter Holidays
15/04/24	Back to School
22/04/24	SENDCo from Long Stratton High School meeting with Yr 6 SEND Pupils re transition
06/05/24	May Bank Holiday
27/05/24 – 31/05/24	Half Term
03/06/24	Back to School
18/06/24	Class and Yr 6 Leaver Photos
20/06/24	Sports Day 9.00am – 12 noon
19/07/24	Last day of Term

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