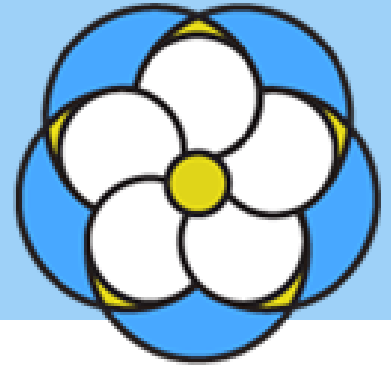


# St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 24 – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024



## Forest Schools

This week saw the introduction of the use of our forest area into our curriculum. All classes have been able to visit the newly improved area for one afternoon this week. Please see below Curlew Class' account of what they did.

Curlew Class had an amazing time in Forest Schools on Tuesday, despite the interchangeable weather! We made dens, cars, kitchens, transported ourselves to another world, bird watching and fantastic examples of team building. A wonderful time had by all.



"They will soar on wings like eagles"

### CELEBRATING LEARNING

*Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:*

Week ending 19<sup>th</sup> April

- Robin – Tyler H
- 3 Skylark – Millie T
- 4 Kingfisher – Jamie H
- 4 Woodpecker – Jack W
- 5 Avocet – Autumn M
- 5 Curlew – Violet B
- 6 Falcon – Sam S
- 6 Red Kite – Faye L

Star Value of the Week

- LKS2 – Haydes W
- UKS2 – Emily H

Dates for your Diary

23<sup>rd</sup> April – Year 3 visit to Mayfields Care Home

25<sup>th</sup> April – Year 4 visit to Harker House Care Home (remaining group)



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## ***Head Lice***

Unfortunately, we have seen some cases of head lice in school again. Please can we ask that you check your child's hair this weekend and treat if required. Many thanks for your help.

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## **\*\*SPECIAL OFFER\*\***

### **1 WEEK FREE After School Sports & Music Clubs then £2 per session**

At St. Mary's we feel passionate about developing children's lifelong engagement in physical activity (and music) and know that engagement in after-school P.E. and community sports clubs at a young age is a powerful way of developing this. This half-term we would like to give ALL pupils the opportunity to try out one of our After School Clubs for **FREE**. The clubs are all provided by specialist external providers and an excellent opportunity for your child to try something new, develop their physical strength and skills, have fun with friends or take their first steps in pursuing a sport/music in the wider community.

If your child would be interested in attending any one of the below clubs next week, we have a limited number of free places for each club which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please email the office if you would like your child to take advantage of this offer. Please note that this does not include Football Club, which is already at capacity.

In addition to this, after your child's free session, ALL remaining sessions will be charged at only £2 per session. If your child already attends a club and you have already paid full price, then your child will be given the opportunity to attend another session each week completely free of charge.

Monday – Summer Sports (Cricket, rounders & athletics) with Premier Education

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

Tuesday – Street Dance with ARTS

Wednesday – Bounce (Trampoline) with Qualified Education

Friday – Basketball with Norwich Hoopstars

**THERE WILL BE NO FOOTBALL CLUB ON WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, BUT THIS WILL CONTINUE FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY**

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## Celebrating Success



Autumn from Year 5 is normally busy at the weekend at the stables, looking after one of the horses. This weekend she was able to take part in a horse show, where she one some lovely rosettes. Her horse got first prize for the longest mane, tail and beard (because it is a traditional gypsy cobb) and two 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes for prettiestmare and prettiest eyes. Well done Autumn

Well done also to Chevy and Devon who have completed their Stage 1 and 2 in sailing. They have learnt to sail independently, capsize and tie a variety of knots.



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## Attendance

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

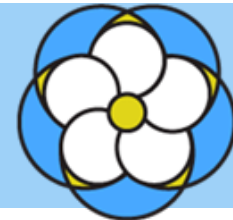
As part of the national 'Everyday Counts' attendance campaign, we will continue to monitor attendance very closely. If you need support on this matter please make an appointment to see Mrs Dale our pastoral officer or visit [www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance](http://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance)

Well Done to the following top three classes for their attendance during the week 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024.

5 Avocet	98%
5 Curlew	95%
4 Woodpecker	93.33%

The poster features a collage of photos showing children in a classroom. Text on the poster includes: 'Every Day Counts' with a checkmark icon, 'Missed minutes', 'missed learning', and 'missed opportunities'. It also includes a section for 'Guidance for Parents / Carers' with the text: '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.' At the bottom, it provides the website [justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance](http://justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance) and the Norfolk County Council logo.

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## Dates for the year ahead:

22/04/24	SENDCo from Long Stratton High School meeting with Yr 6 SEND Pupils re transition
23/04/24	Yr 3 visit to Mayfields Care Home
25/04/24	Yr 4 visit to Harker House Care Home
06/05/24	May Bank Holiday
13/05/24	SATS Week (SATS breakfast club available for all Year 6 children from 8.00am)
14/05/24	Mini Tennis Yrs 3 & 4 (individual children to be notified)
20/05/24	Yrs 3 & 4 Golf Club (individual children to be notified)
27/05/24 – 31/05/24	Half Term
03/06/24	Back to School
03/06/24	Yr 4 DfE Multiplication Check
06/06/24	School Games Yrs 5 & 6 Girls Dynamo Cricket (individual children to be notified)
18/06/24	Class and Yr 6 Leaver Photos
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)
17/06/24	New Year 3 Parents Meetings 2pm and 4.30pm
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)
18/07/24	Yr 6 Leavers Party 1.00 – 3.00pm (more details to follow)
19/07/24	Last day of Term

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