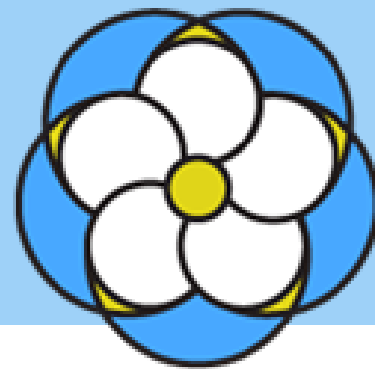


# St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 25 – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024



## Good News

Congratulations to Mr Oxbury and his wife.

On Tuesday, Mr Oxbury and his wife welcomed a healthy son into the world. I know you will all want to send huge congratulations to him. He will be on paternity leave for two weeks as he adjusts to life as a daddy!

Congratulations to Mr Carlyle

Mr Carlyle (our Improvement Director) ran the London Marathon on Sunday 21st in 3hrs 52minutes.

He was running for the Guide Dogs for the Blind charity and If you would like to find our more or sponsor him, please visit

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/mark-carlyle-evieandfletch>



## CELEBRATING LEARNING

*Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:*

*Week ending 26<sup>th</sup> April*

*Robin – Matthew S*

*3 Skylark – Erin W*

*4 Kingfisher – Esme M*

*4 Woodpecker – Samuel K*

*5 Avocet – Albie B*

*5 Curlew – Scarlett J-B*

*6 Falcon – Sophia R*

*6 Red Kite – Spencer p*

*Star Value of the Week*

*LKS2 – Lindsay T*

*UKS2 – Ellen W & Autumn M*

*Dates for your Diary*





## *Learning Blog – Robin Class*

Like the rest of the school, Robin class now have some time spent in the wildlife area. On our first visit Ms RJ supplied hot chocolate and biscuits and we had a mini-picnic. The hot chocolate was especially welcome because it was very cold.



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In another visit to the wildlife area, the children collected twigs for a display. You can see the display in the hall. It is linked to our value for this term which is 'compassion'. Robin class think how you treat animals really reflect on your character. The display is about showing compassion for wild birds. They made bird feeders from decorated laminated paper. We all thank Ms RJ for being the driving force behind this mini project.



## *Kingfishers visit to Wildlife Area*

Kingfishers, Year 4, have been out this afternoon, enjoying an afternoon of outdoor learning in the school's beautiful woodland area. After a few minutes of hide and seek, the children worked in small groups to create their very own camouflaged robot, inspired by the experiences of Roz from our current English book, *The Wild Robot*, written by Peter Brown. It was wonderful to see the children being hands on, creative and learning to work together as a team, and the end results were fantastic (see photographs). We finished our session with a leaf scavenger hunt designed to support children with identifying trees in our woodland area, before learning how to use the square lashing knot to bind together two large sticks. We're already looking forward to our next visit there in 2 weeks' time.





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## *Year 3 visit to Mayfields*

On Tuesday, our Year 3s visited the residents at Mayfields Care Home, where they enjoyed decorating cakes together.



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## *Year 4 visit to Harker House*

Then on Thursday the remaining group of our Year 4s visited the residents at Harker House where they all had a game of bowls together.



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## *Celebrating Success*

Over the Easter holidays, Megan from Year 5 won the Long Stratton Easter colouring competition. She won a £10 Amazon voucher.

Well done Megan, we hope you enjoy spending your voucher.



On Sunday Leighton from Year 3, took part in the St George's day parade for beavers where he was chosen to carry the flag.

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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 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

6 Red Kite	99.03%
6 Falcon	94.07%
5 Curlew	94%

Every Day Counts ✓

Missed minutes

missed learning

missed opportunities

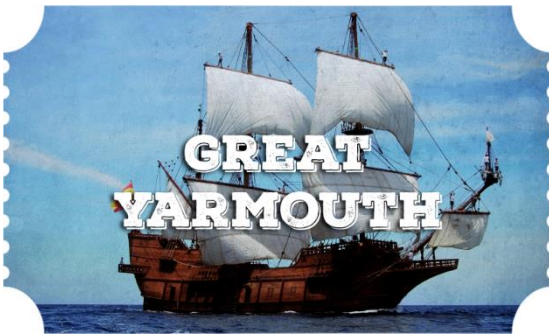
Guidance for Parents / Carers

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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## Andalucia sails into Great Yarmouth



exhibits and live displays.

A stunning Spanish tall ship will visit Great Yarmouth's South Quay at the end of May. A replica of a 17th Century Spanish galleon arrives just in time for Whitson half term and will open to the public from 10am until 8pm from Tuesday 28 May to Sunday 9 June.

Did you know that among its creaking timbers the Galeon Andalucia tells the story of the legendary Spanish galleons of our time? You can climb aboard and learn how the adventurous sailors of yesteryear sailed and lived!

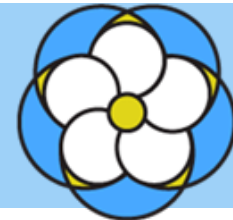
Galeon Andalucia has five decks that offer a range of features,

Tickets are available to buy online now at [tickets.velacuada.es/content](http://tickets.velacuada.es/content) and will also be available on the quay during her visit. Tickets cost £12

per adult, £6 per child (5-10 years old) or £30 for a family ticket for two adults and up to three children (5-10 years old).

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## Dates for the year ahead:

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