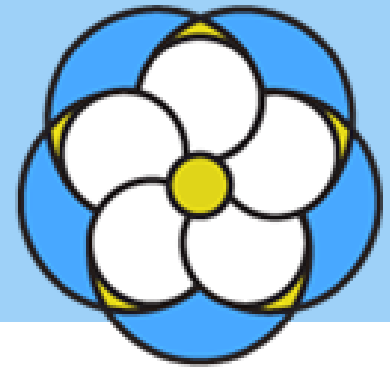


St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 6 – 20th October 2023



I am pleased to announce that we have two new parent governors who were nominated for St Mary's Junior Academy and for Newton Flotman Academy.

Mrs Butler is our new parent governor for St Mary's Junior Academy and

Mr Smith is our new parent governor for Newton Flotman Primary Academy.

They will join our newly formed Local Governing Body that consists of:

- Mr Wallington (Chair of Governors)
- Mr Riley (Executive Headteacher)
- Mrs Hoskins (Trust Appointed Governor)
- Mr Soobaroyen (Trust Appointed Governor)

CELEBRATING LEARNING

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

Week ending 20th October

Robin – Joshua K

3 Skylark – Theo Z

4 Kingfisher – Lochlyn D

4 Woodpecker – Joey N

5 Avocet – Devon B

5 Curlew – Weronika B

6 Falcon – Nataliia B

6 Red Kite – Amelia D

Dates for your Diary

31st Oct – Deadline for Yr6 Applications for Secondary School

6th Nov – Yr 6 National Measurement Programme

*15th Nov – Parents invited into school to learn how we teach maths
8.45am – 9.30am*

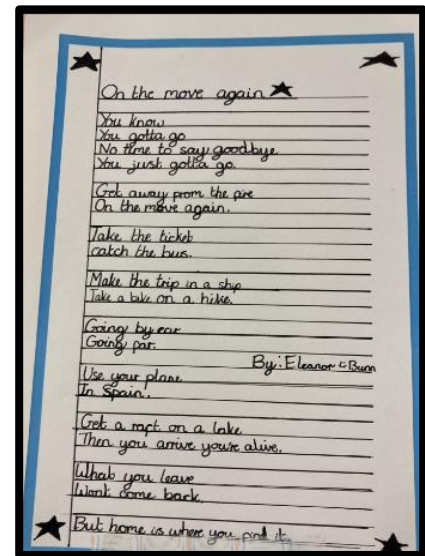
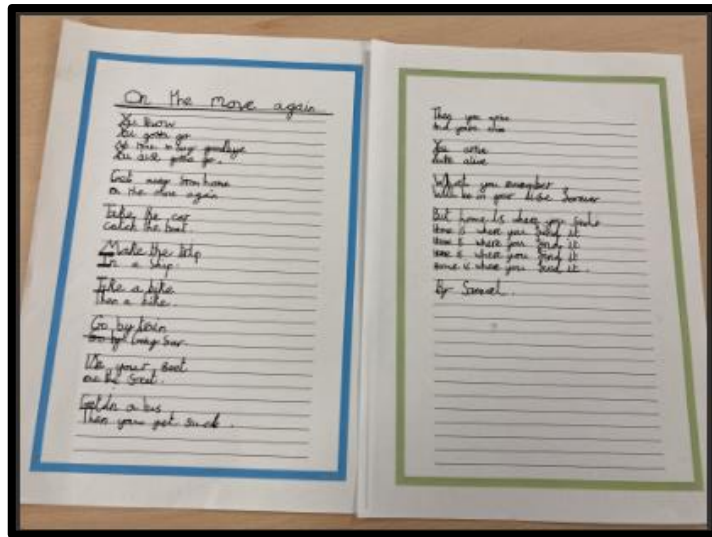




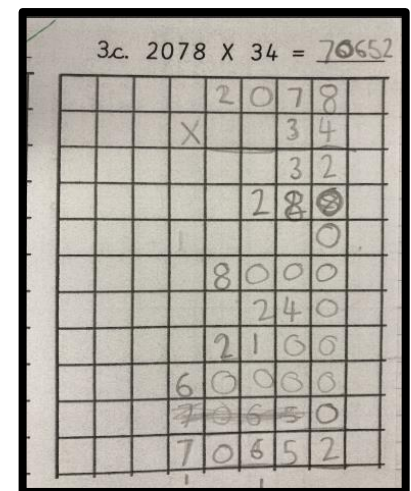
Class Learning Blog – 6 Falcon Class

Falcon Class have been busy focusing on their learning this term.

In English, we enjoyed taking part in National Poetry Day and created some of our own poems based on the theme of 'Refuge'. Michael Rosen's poem 'On the Move Again' was our inspiration for our learning and we thoroughly enjoyed listening to a video of him reading this poem. We hope you enjoy our poetry.



In Maths, we have made a positive start to our learning. We all enjoy using our Maths resources to help support us with different mathematical concepts. Our learning has focused on understanding the written methods for multiplication and division. We have particularly worked hard to understand the long multiplication written method.



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Art lessons have so far focused on Abstract Art. Year 6 have enjoyed learning about the artist 'Frank Bowling' and creating their own interpretation of his work using mixed media (tissues paper, paint for example).



For Music, this half term, we have been learning to play the ukulele. We have learnt how to play chords and have been working towards learning to play and sing at the same time. We have been exploring rhythm patterns and the musical value of different notes. We are really enjoying our music lessons!

We are very proud of the achievements Falcons Class are making with their learning.

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Lost Property



We have a large box of lost property in school. Please check your child's uniform over the half term and pop in first week back to have a look if you have anything missing. Unfortunately, most of it does not have a name in, so we are unable to return them to their owners. Please take the time to put names in your child's uniform so we can return items when they are found.

Second-hand Uniform Sale

We will be holding a sale of second-hand uniform on Tuesday 31st October between 3.00 and 3.30pm outside near the gates (weather permitting).

PE Clothes

We would appreciate any donations of PE bottoms either shorts or tracksuit bottoms in various sizes. We are also looking for larger sized white PE T-shirts. If you have any of these items that your child has grown out of and are happy to donate to the school, please send them in to the school office. Thank you.

Lunch Money

Going forward please can we ask that you keep you child's school lunch account in credit at all times. Please ensure that at least money is paid for, a week at a time in advance. Thank you

Head Lice

We have had several cases of head lice of the last couple of weeks. We would appreciate if you could check your child's hair over the half term and treat if required



Year 6 – Transfer to Secondary School

All Year 6 children will be bringing home with them an envelope today regarding information about transferring to secondary school in September 2024.

The closing date for applications is **31st October 2023** and it is important that parents make their application by that date, to ensure you get the place at the school that you want. Late applications will be given a lower priority than those received on time.

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After-school Sports Clubs for next half-term

Next half-term, St. Mary's are pleased to tell you that the school will be offering an exciting, sports-focused after-school club every day of the school week.

All after-school clubs will be charged a rate of £4 per session, which accurately reflect the costs of running our after-school sports provision.

Monday: Archery with Premier Education
Tuesday: Street Dance with ARTS
Wednesday: Multi-Sports with After School Clubs
Thursday: **Sorry now full**
Friday: Football with Mr Roberts & Mr Leek

There will be no after-school sports clubs on offer during week beginning 11th or 18th December. School closes on Wednesday 20th December.



Help with living costs

You may be struggling with living costs for a range of reasons. This leaflet tells you what support is available and how to get advice. You can also find this information on our website www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving. If you don't have access to the internet at home, you can go online at any of our Norfolk libraries.

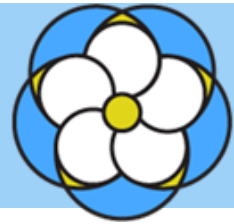
There is also a cost of living hub provided by the government which contains useful information. This can be found at www.gov.uk/cost-of-living.

Winter 2023/24



See the attached leaflet for more information...

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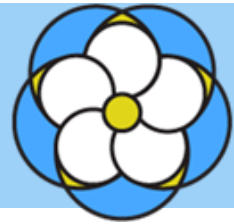


Year 3 – visit to Mayfields Care Home

On Tuesday, Year 3 have visited Mayfields Care Home for Halloween crafts with the residents. Both the residents and our pupils had a fantastic time together and we were complimented on how well our pupils behaved.



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Attendance

As we approach half term, we start to look at the attendance of pupils. We consistently work towards a goal of 100% attendance for all children. Anything below 95% is cause for concern and the most recent government guidelines state that below 90% is considered to be a persistent absence.

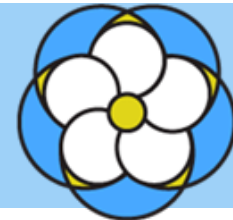
Some parents may have received letters from ourselves regarding this as part of the process that we are expected as schools to adhere to.

We realised that on some occasions your child is ill and absences cannot be helped. If you are unsure whether to send your child into school, there is an NHS website that you can look at for advice called "Is my child too ill for school?". You can view this website at <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school>

Well Done to the following top three classes for their attendance during the week 9th to 13th October 2023

5 Curlew	98.1%
4 Kingfisher	96.96%
6 Red Kite	95.81%

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Dates for the year ahead:

23/10/23 – 27/10/23	Half Term
31/10/23	Closing date for applications for transfer to Secondary School (Yr 6)
06/11/23	Yr 6 National Measurement Programme
13/11/23	Anti-bullying Week
15/11/23	Parents invited into school to learn about how we teach maths 8.45am – 9.30am
17/11/23	Children in Need Non-school Uniform (donations to be made on Parentmail)
23/11/23 – 29/11/23	Scholastic Book Fair – open after school to Parents (details to follow)
27/11/23	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
29/11/23	Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.30pm (change of date)
30/11/23	Flu Immunisations for all Year Groups
08/12/23	Year 3 & 4 Parents invited in to Open Classrooms 2.15 – 3.00pm
11/12/23	SEND Parent/Teacher/Pupil Meetings to review Autumn SEN Support Plans (3.30 – 4.30pm)
13/12/23	SEND Parent/Teacher/Pupil Meetings to review Autumn SEN Support Plans (3.30 – 4.30pm)
15/12/23	Year 5 & 6 Parents invited in to Open classrooms 2.15 – 3.00pm
19/12/23	Year 3 & 4 Nativity Performance at 9.15am
19/12/23	Christmas Lunch (details to follow) Christmas Jumper Day (donations to be made on Parentmail)
20/12/23	Year 5 & 6 Parents invited to our Christmas Carols around the tree at 2.30pm
20/12/22	End of Term (School Closes at normal time)
21/12/22 - 03/01/24	Christmas Holiday
04/01/24	Back to School
19/02/24 – 23/02/24	Half Term
26/02/24	Back to School
28/03/24 – 12/04/24	Easter Holidays
15/04/24	Back to School
06/05/24	May Bank Holiday
27/05/24 – 31/05/24	Half Term
03/06/24	Back to School
19/07/24	Last day of Term



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