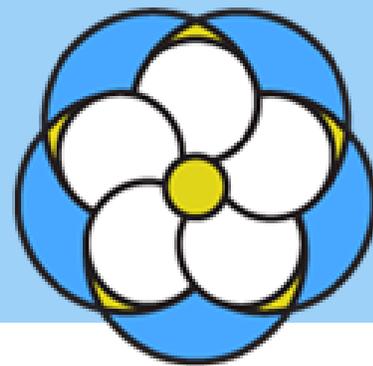


St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 9 – 17th November 2023



Parents Evenings

We will be holding our Autumn Parents Evening on Monday 27th between 3.30 and 5.30pm and Wednesday 29th November Between 3.30 and 6.30pm

These are available to book through the Parentmail App. If you require two appointments, please contact the office so that these can be made available for you.

In addition to these meetings, for children with SEN, we also have meetings on 11th and 13th December, for you to come along with your child to talk to their teacher about their SEN in more detail.

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Parent / Pupil / Teacher SEN Meetings

**Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th December,
3:30-5:30pm**

We would like to invite you to book a 15-minute slot with your child's class teacher (on one of these evenings). Together you can reflect on your child's Autumn SEN Support Plan, what has worked or not worked, anything we can change or focus on next term. The main idea is for parents and children to be listened to and part of the Assess / Plan / Do / Review cycle. Please contact the school office to book your appointment:

T: 01508 530459 E: office@stmarys.stbenets.org



CELEBRATING LEARNING

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

Week ending 17th November

Robin – Matthew S

3 Skylark – Jack D

4 Kingfisher – Jack B

4 Woodpecker – Sophia K

5 Avocet – Olivia-rae S

5 Curlew – Archie N

6 Falcon – Jacob H

6 Red Kite – Ryan Z

Dates for your Diary

*24th – 29th Nov – Scholastic Book Fair
8.30 – 9.00am and 2.45 – 3.30pm (daily)*

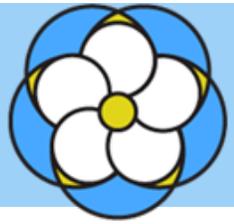
*27th Nov – Parents Evening
3.30 – 5.30pm*

*29th Nov – Parents Evening
3.30 – 6.30pm*

*30th Nov – Flu Immunisations
(all year groups)*

*1st Dec – Long Stratton Community Event
(St Mary's Choir singing behind
Netherton Restaurant 5pm)*





Class Learning Blog – 5 Curlew Class

Welcome to Curlew Class, how busy and productive we have been since the beginning of the Autumn term. In English, we are studying a new text, Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce which is full of humour and we are slowly learning how the plot unfolds ... We are writing a debate, newspaper report and poetry.

Children have been working well with maths and learning well with number, place value and the four operations (add, subtract, multiply, divide).

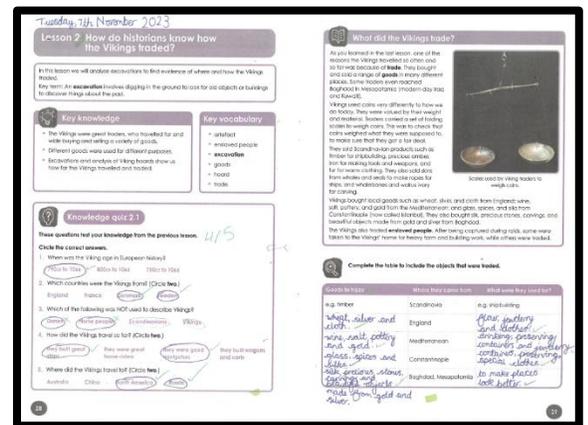
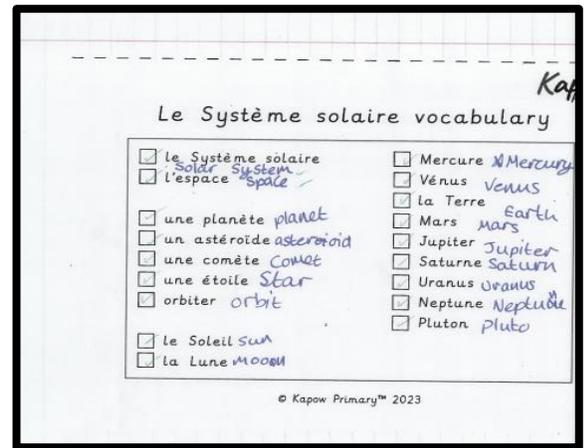
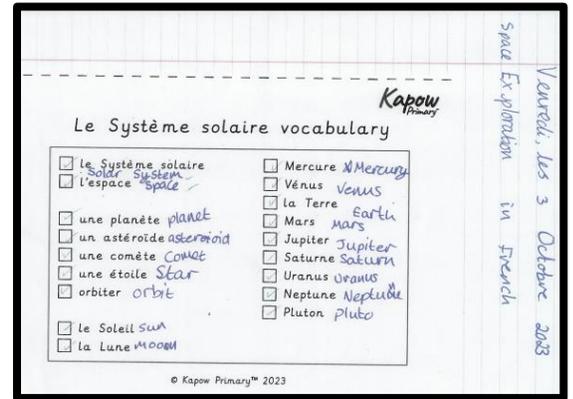
This term in history, we are learning about the Vikings and are looking forward to our trip to West Stow to link with our learning on Anglo Saxons. Science is moving from space to forces and gravity which links well with our text Cosmic which is set in space.

We are learning textiles in Design and Technology this term and have started to make and create stuffed toys and learning sewing techniques.

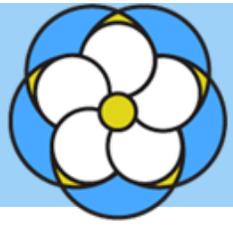
Our French learning is *tres bien* and we are beginning to construct sentences and use our reading skills and pictures to translate some words and sentences.

PE this term is learning tennis and fitness. Computing is linking with our music and is learning to programme music, ready for the festive season.

We are so proud, in year five, with how the children have settled in and working hard across all their learning.



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New School Facebook Page

One of the things that the school has been thinking about for some time is creating a school Facebook page. This was mentioned in some of the feedback from the parent questionnaires we sent out last year and it is important for schools to have a social media presence.

Facebook is the largest social media platform in the world and has over [50 million active users](#) in the UK. The most significant advantage to having an official page is that we can control the school's digital presence. This means that there is a huge potential for us, and other schools, on Facebook to reach prospective parents. The main purpose of our Facebook page will be to market and communicate with parents and the community. It's our opportunity as a communicator to get the message we want out in front of the most interested audience around.

I understand that some of you may feel like this is another thing for you to check, however, I want to reiterate above that the main point of a Facebook page is a way to market ourselves and reach a wider audience and the community. We will continue to send the weekly newsletters with the school events on as normal.

There will be no photographs of children put onto Facebook at the moment until a separate permission form has been sent to you for this. There are also rules about expected use of the page and you may also find that commenting is turned off for most posts. We have a few admins of the page so it is monitored by more than just one person and the rules state clearly that anyone not using the page correctly will be blocked from it. It is also not a way to contact the school.

Please be aware that it has just finished being built so is quite sparse at the moment but it will be built up. Please feel free to share it with family and friends!

Here is the link to the page

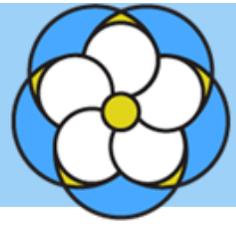
- <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61553051575236&mibextid=LQQJ4d>

We would also ask that you fill in a short form to let us know if you give us permission for your child's photograph to appear on our facebook page. Please fill in this form by Friday 10th November by using the following link.

<https://forms.gle/KRFRh4bVvgsLMKac7>

Thank you to those of you who have let us know about your child's photograph. If you have not yet done this, please could you do this as soon as possible – Thank you.

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Scholastic Book Fair

We will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair from 24th to 29th November in our Library from 8.30am – 9.00am and 2.45pm to 3.30pm each day.

We have some great ideas for presents and stocking fillers for Christmas, so please come and take a look, to see if there is anything you would like to purchase. There will be over 200 books available from award-winners and new releases to beloved favourites and best-sellers. Plus, for every book bought, you help to **earn free books for our school**.

Scholastic state "There is something for every pocket on the book fair to assist with the rise in the cost of living. **Approximately 30% of titles are under £5**".

What form of payments can I take to the fair?

- Unfortunately, we are **unable** to accept cash at the book fair.
- There will be a QR code that you can scan so that you can pay online
- Parents can also purchase pre-buy Book Fair Vouchers which can be used to pay for the books at the fair (available in multiples of £5.00 – please read T&Cs). This could be helpful if you are not coming to the fair with your child.
- There will be a card machine available at the fair (TBC)
- If parents are unable to attend the fair in person, their child can order books via a Wish List (see attached), which can also be downloaded from the scholastic website. Any Wish Lists need to be back in school by Monday morning to enable us to order the books in before the end of the Book Fair.
- To pay for books online you will need to go to the following link <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay/1308800>
- **All payments for books will need to be made by 3.30pm on 29th November, as the books need to be returned to Scholastic after this date.**

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME TO the BOOK FAIR!

A POP-UP BOOK-STORE WITH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £5.3M BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

PERCE JACKSON £7.99 ~~£2.99~~

SPEAK UP! £7.99

OH MAYA GODS! £7.99

TOM GATES STORIES £12.99 ~~£7.99~~

The Baddies £7.99

BLUEY BARKY BOATS £6.99

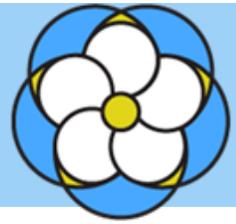
Date: Friday 24th November
Monday 27th November
Tuesday 28th November
Wednesday 29th November
Times: 8.30 – 9.00am and 2.45 – 3.30pm (each day) In the Library

Scan the QR code to pay online!

Please take a look at the books available on the scholastic travelling books website:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books>

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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

Well Done to the following top three classes for their attendance during the week 6th to 10th November 2023

4 Kingfisher	99.09%
5 Curlew	99.05%
3 Skylark	98.67%

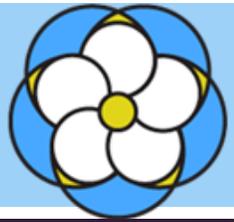
St Mary's PTA Events...

The PTA are holding a Christmas Market at the school on Friday 17th November from 3.10pm in the School Hall.

There will be an 'Elfridges', for children to buy and wrap gifts for their families, a raffle and a tombola.

Any donations for the raffle and tombola will be gratefully received. Please bring any donations into the school office during the next couple of weeks.





Long Stratton Community Christmas Event

1st December 4pm-8pm

Christmas market, Local Handmade Crafts and Homemade Bakes at the Netherton Steakhouse, Tea & Cake and The Queens Head 4pm-8pm

Santas Grotto and Kids Bingo at The Queens Head 4:30-7:30pm

Youth groups and Community groups with festive activities at The Tea & Cake, Vintage Horse Box, The Queens Head and Netherton Steakhouse 4pm-8pm

Carol Singers at The Chip Inn between 4pm-8pm

Head and hand massage and Angel card reading at The Doll House 4pm-8pm

Raffle and Prize draw at the Tea & Cake, Oh My Cod, JJ'S Vapes, Painted & Polished, Huggers and The Doll House 4pm-8pm

Kids Festive Temporary hair colour at the Hairmale 4pm-8pm

Late night shopping, special deals and discounts and other surprises at the Made To Craft, Dark Force Comics, Each, Gracie's Dog Grooming, Oh My Cod, Cheshut Hair Studio, Chicken Planet, Courthouse Occasions, Cole's Clearance, Pete's Pets, Party & Prom & New Hong Kong

All money raised to benefit Long Stratton Community Christmas Lunch and local voluntary organisations supporting those in need.

Long Stratton Community Christmas Event 2023
organised by Local Businesses with the support of Town Council

Please be advised that the public toilets (near the Co-Op carpark) will be open for the duration of the evening. First Aid person to be at the Netherton Steakhouse and The Queens Head. Please be advised to walk where you can and if driving please park sensibly. Please be aware that not all businesses will have card facilities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

PLEASE SCAN HERE

Santa is coming to town

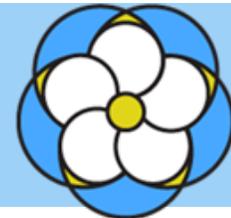
Come and see Santa and his helpers at the Queens Head

FRIDAY	DECEMBER 1ST	4:30-7:30PM
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THE STREET, LONG STRATTON

£2.50





Dates for the year ahead:

24/11/23 – 29/11/23	Scholastic Book Fair – Opening Times 8.30 – 9.00am and 2.45 to 3.30pm (daily)
27/11/23	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.30pm
29/11/23	Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.30pm
30/11/23	Flu Immunisations for all Year Groups
01/12/23	Long Stratton Community Event 4pm – late (St Mary's choir singing at event at 5pm)
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 – 5.30pm)
13/12/23	SEND Parent/Teacher/Pupil Meetings to review Autumn SEN Support Plans (3.30 – 5.30pm)
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
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
19/07/24	Last day of Term

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