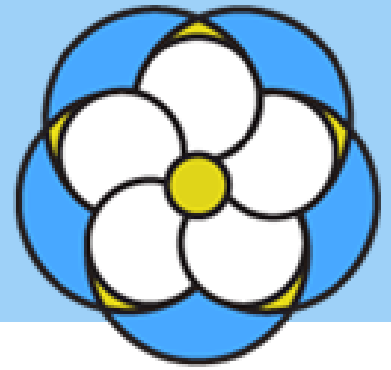


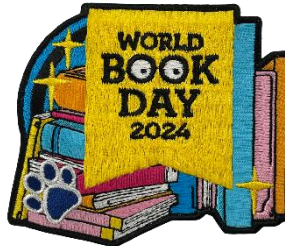
St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 22 – 15th March 2024



World Book Day Winners

What a wonderful day was had by all last Thursday in celebration of World Book Day. It was incredible to see all the magnificent costumes and the time, effort and creativity that was devoted to these outfits. A huge thank you to parents and carers for supporting your child and St Mary's with this. We had a wealth of activities throughout the day, including our science assembly (it is also science week) and online book quizzes, book reviews, character profiles etc.

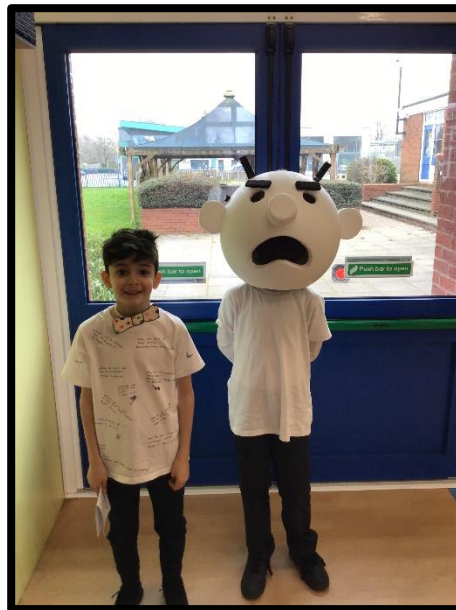


Our school librarians did a fantastic job with organising the library and being there to welcome some parents at the end of the day into our library.

Every child was given their National Book token and we awarded two prizes of Waterstones book tokens for our winners.

Casey in Curlew for Most Original Costume - Rodrick from Diary of a Wimpy Kid

Ben R in Kingfishers - character from 1001 Best Jokes for Best Dressed Costume



More World Book Day photos on the following pages...

CELEBRATING LEARNING

Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:

Week ending 15th March

Robin – Josh K

3 Skylark – Elliot A

4 Kingfisher – Poppy H

4 Woodpecker – Amelia A

5 Avocet – Luke B

5 Curlew – Charlie T

6 Falcon – Isla W

Star Value of the Week

LKS2 – Ella W/Esme J

UKS2 – Ruby A

Dates for your Diary

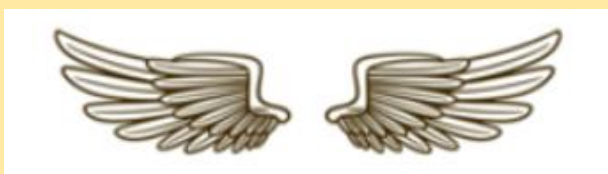
18th March – No Yr 6 SATS Club

19th March – SEND Parents Meetings
3.30 – 5.30pm

21st March – No Yr 6 SATS Club

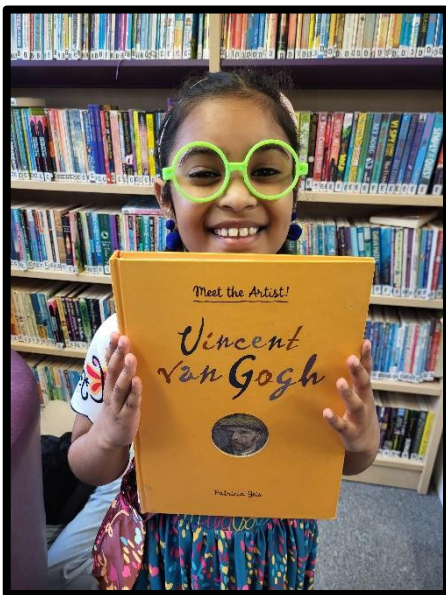
21st March – SEND Parents Meetings
3.30 – 5.30pm

22nd March – Easter Craft Afternoon
For Yrs 5 & 6 – parents invited

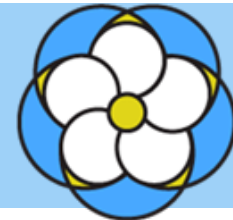




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Easter Craft Sessions

We will be holding some Easter Craft Sessions, similar to the ones we did at Christmas and would like to invite parents in to join their children for these sessions. The dates are as follow:

Friday 22nd March - Year 5 and 6 parents 2.00 - 3.00 pm

The session will be held in the Hall

We look forward to seeing you.

Change to Menu – Wednesday 27th March

On the last day of term there will be a change to the normal menu. Instead of the Roast Dinner and Vegetarian option for that day, we will be serving up Fish Fingers and Chips and Veggie Fingers for the vegetarian option.

Unfortunately, this cannot be change on Parentmail, so please be aware that this will still be as stated on the usual menu, but please order the first choice if your child would like the fish fingers and chips and the second choice if they would like the Veggie Fingers and chips.

Food Vouchers for Free School Meals eligible pupils

We have been advised that Norfolk County Council is extending the scheme for one additional month up to April 2024. If you are already signed up to receive free school meals you will receive your vouchers on 6th April.

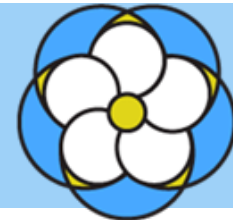
If you are not already signed up and feel that you may be eligible for free school meals, please take a look at the following website for more information:

www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk

Foodbank Vouchers

If you are struggling during the Easter holidays and needs some help from the Foodbank, please contact Early Help Hub who will be able to issue you with a voucher. See below for their contact details

01508 533933 or email helphub@southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk



Big Norfolk Holiday Fun

The Big Norfolk Holiday Fun (BNHF) activity programme provides holiday activities for children and young people aged 5-16 (or 4 if your child is slightly younger but in school) in Norfolk.

Children who receive benefits-related free school meals can claim free spaces on the activities, whilst paid spots are available on many activities for those who don't.

Read more on Big Norfolk Holiday Fun: www.activenorfolk.org/bnhf

The next Big Norfolk Holiday Fun programme will be taking place during the Easter holidays and will run from the **2nd April to 12th April**.

Online booking is now available for most providers visit: <https://www.everymove.uk/inspiration/big-norfolk-holiday-fun-activities>

Find out if your child is eligible for a free place at: www.norfolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



Attendance

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

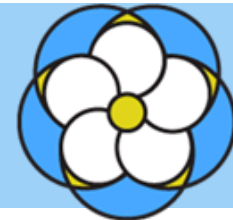
As part of the national 'Everyday Counts' attendance campaign, we will continue to monitor attendance very closely. If you need support on this matter please make an appointment to see Mrs Dale our pastoral officer or visit www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/attendance

Well Done to the following top three classes for their attendance during the week 26th February to 1st March 2024.

6 Red Kite	98.39%
4 Woodpecker	95%
4 Kingfisher	92.38%



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St Mary's PTA Events...

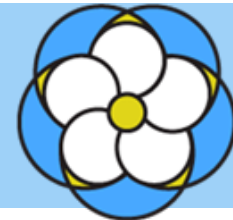
Your child will be bringing home an envelope containing raffle tickets for the Easter Raffle on Tuesday 26th March. If you would like to purchase these, please write your name & phone number, or pupil's name and class on the back of one half of the raffle ticket and pop these in an envelope with the correct cash – no change can be given. This can then be handed into the school office, Mrs Dale or a member of the PTA who you know. If you would like to purchase any more tickets, these are available from the office.

First prize is a hamper full of goodies and there will be at least eight smaller prizes including Easter Eggs.

The PTA will also be holding an Easter Cake Stall on Tuesday 26th March, donations of any cakes would be greatly appreciated and can be brought into the office during the morning.



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Dates for the year ahead:

18/03/24	No SATS Booster Club for Year 6
19/03/24	SEND Parents Meetings 3.30 – 5.30pm
21/03/24	SEND Parents Meetings 3.30 – 5.30pm (No SATS Booster Club for Year 6)
22/03/24	Easter Craft afternoon with Yr 5 & 6 parents
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

