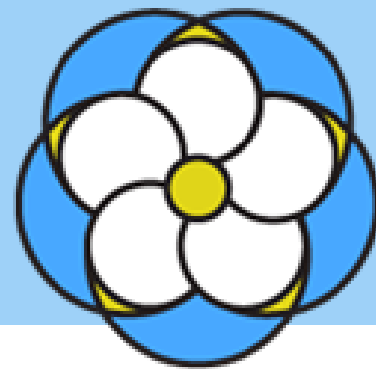


# St Mary's Church of England Junior Academy

Newsletter 23 – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024



## World Autism Awareness Week



**We're supporting**  
**World Autism Acceptance Week**

**To celebrate Autism Awareness Week, we are inviting pupils to come in non-school uniform. Wear something blue on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March.**



**We would like to invite parents to join us for a whole school assembly at 10.15am. This will be a celebration of neurodiversity which encourages acceptance and understanding.**



Donations are not required for this non-school uniform day, it is just to raise awareness.



“They will soar on wings like eagles”

### CELEBRATING LEARNING

*Congratulations to our Stars of the Week:*

#### Week ending 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Robin – Leelan D  
3 Skylark – Hayley L  
4 Kingfisher – Lola H  
4 Woodpecker – Sophia B-K  
5 Avocet – Ellen W  
5 Curlew – Billie M  
6 Falcon – Mason G  
6 Red Kite – Jack C

#### Star Value of the Week

LKS2 – George S, Jamie H,  
Ben R, Jack B  
UKS2 – Billie M

#### Dates for your Diary

25<sup>th</sup> March – Autism Awareness Assembly for Parents 10.15am  
25<sup>th</sup> March – Non-school uniform day  
Wear something blue for Autism Awareness  
26<sup>th</sup> March – PTA Easter Raffle & Cake Stall 3.00 – 3.30pm  
27<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Church Service (pupils only)  
27<sup>th</sup> March – End of Term  
15<sup>th</sup> April – Back to School



## Rocksteady Music Assembly



On Monday, Tommy from Rocksteady Music came to launch our week with a special assembly and music workshops for children across the school.

A band was formed from the audience with a lead guitarist, lead singers, keyboard players and a drummer. Our band members showed our school value of courage in putting themselves forward and we all enjoyed rocking-out!



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## *Year 4 Visit to Harker House*

On Thursday, our second group of Year 4 children visited the residents at Harker House Residential Home to enjoy Easter Crafts and refreshments. They all had a lovely time, making crafts, talking to the residents and playing dominoes. The remaining children from Year 4 will be visiting on 25<sup>th</sup> April.



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## *Norwich City Football Club Women's Team*

On Wednesday, the children were treated to a special assembly delivered by Norwich City Football Club Women's team players, Sarah Quantrill and Katie Knights. Katie, a former pupil at St. Mary's, and Sarah shared with the school their journeys from playing football as children to being able to play professionally for Norwich City. Sarah Quantrill has played for some of the UK's biggest teams (Liverpool & Arsenal) and talked about her career highlights, including playing in the FA Cup semi-final. All children at the school will be receiving a full-colour A3-sized team poster and are invited to come and watch at their upcoming match at Carrow Road, this Sunday (24th March, 2024), vs QPR. Tickets are priced just £3 for kids and £5 for adults. Please see the link below

<https://www.canaries.co.uk/content/gallery-knights-and-quantrill-host-st-marys-assembly>

## *After School Clubs*

There will be some changes to our After School Clubs after Easter, which will be as follows:

Monday – Summer Sports with Premier Education

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

Tuesday – Street Dance with ARTS

Wednesday – Bounce (Trampoline) with Qualified Education

Friday – to be confirmed – Basketball with Norwich Hoopstars (please register if you are interested and we will advise when this will start)

Please email the office if you would like your child to join one of these club. The cost of these clubs is £4.00 per week, payable at the beginning of the half term on Parentmail (this will be put on Parentmail during the first week back after Easter).

**Taekwondo – Unfortunately this will no longer be continuing at the school after Easter but sessions are available at the NMAC Training Facility at Victory House, Chequers Road, Long Stratton.**

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## *Change to Menu – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

## *Red Nose Day*

Thank you to everyone who dressed up on red nose day and gave a donation. We managed to raise £91 for Comic Relief.

## *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](http://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](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

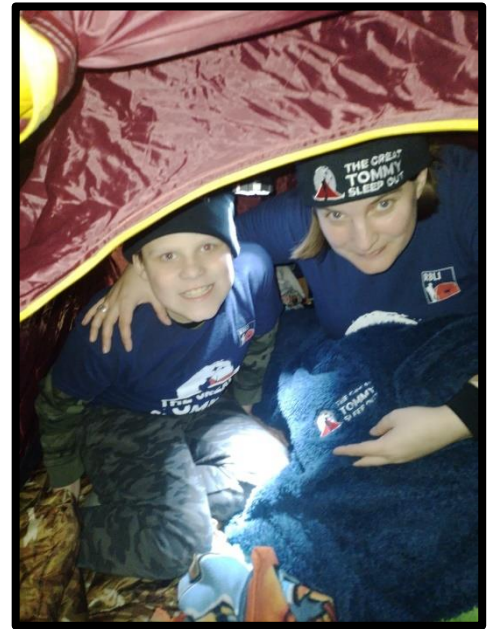


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## *Celebrating Success*

Last weekend, Joshua from Robin Class and his mum slept in the garden to raise funds for homeless soldiers. This is called "The Great Tommy Sleep Out", and can be done any time during March. This is Joshua's second year of doing such an important sleep out. Joshua managed to raise a fantastic £100 and is still waiting for some donations to come in.



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## Water Bottle

Please can we ask that you remind your child to bring their water bottle into school with them every day. Thank you.

## 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 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

5 Avocet	96%
6 Red Kite	94.19%
4 Woodpecker	93.89%

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)

Norfolk County Council

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## St Mary's PTA Events...

If you wish to purchase any raffle tickets for this event, please could these be returned to the school office by Tuesday or handed to a member of the PTA at the event.

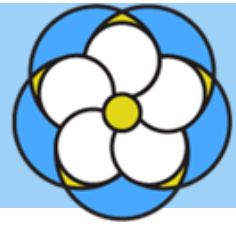
There are more raffle tickets available from the office.

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 26<sup>th</sup> 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:*

25/03/24	Autism Awareness Assembly 10.15am (parents invited)
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

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