



St. Mary's Newsletter

26th April 2024

Stars of the week

- YR** **Maya** for accurate answers on doubles in maths.
Eve for excellent effort in phonics.
- Y1** **Liyla** for putting in a lot of effort with her phonics and reading.
Rosie for writing an excellent non-fiction report on Arctic foxes using topic vocabulary.
- Y2** **Mia** for lovely writing about Stone Age people and how they lived.
Isla B for creating excellent comparisons in her poetry work.
- Y3** **Bella** for fantastic work on capacity and excellent progress in reading.
Abigail excellent recall of information in History.
- Y4** **Isaac** for showing a helpful and kind attitude inside and outside of the classroom
Sophia C for excellent responses and good listening in reading lessons this week
- Y5** **Lily-Mae** for working very hard on your maths and making excellent progress
Grace M for your excellent storyboard for the Greek and Persian Wars
- Y6** **Shane** for demonstrating a good attitude to his work and applying himself well all week.
John W for showing great resilience and determination when calculating difficult reasoning and problem-solving questions.

End of Year Pupil Reports

Although it is sometimes unavoidable, we will always try our best to let parents know as early as possible about forthcoming changes. We are, therefore, giving you advance notice that your child's end of year annual report will have a 'new look' this year as part of a Trust initiative. The report will be sent to you via Arbor. You will also have access to this on your Arbor account. This will reduce the likelihood of a GDPR breach; save the school money on ink, paper and envelopes; and will give your child's new teacher instant access to their previous report. If you would still prefer a paper copy, we can organise this for you. We will aim to have reports out to parents on 12th July 2024.

Question of the week:

- YR What happened to Jesus' friends at Pentecost?
- Y1 What did Jesus promise his friends before he returned to his father?
- Y2 What are the names of the top and bottom numbers in a fraction?
- Y3 What can you tell someone about the 3 battles of the Greek-Persian Wars?
- Y4 What is electricity?
- Y5 What was the Greek City-State called where a soldier ran to inform of their victory?
- Y6 What are the names of the 7 continents?

Dates for
your diary are
on the
following page





new date

Dates for your diary

Event	Date	Time	Details
Y6 trip to Nissan	Mon 29 Apr	All day	Children only
Y4 Youth Village residential	1 - 3 May		Children only
Y6 SATs week	13-16 May		Children only
Y5 trip to Centre for Life	Wed 15 May	All day	Children only
Fri 24 May break up for Spring 1/2 term - Mon 3 June return after Easter			
Y1 trip to Beamish	Wed 12 Jun	All day	Children only
Y2 trip to Beamish	Fri 14 Jun	All day	Children only
INSET day	Fri 21 June	All day	School closed to children
Y6 @ Youth Village	Mon 24 June	All day	Children only
Sports week	24 - 28 June		Children only
Whole school sports day	Fri 28 June	2.00-3.30	All parents welcome
Y6 transition day @ St Bede's	Mon 1 July	All day	Children only
Y6 transition day @ St Bede's	Tue 2 July	All day	Children only
Whole school moving up day	Tue 2 July	All day	Children only
Y6 residential to Kingswood	3 - 5 July		Children only
Y5 taster day at St Bede's	Fri 5 July	All day	Children only
Y5 Trust Athletics	Mon 15 July	All day	Details to follow
Fri 19 July break up for Summer holidays			
INSET day	Mon 2 Sept	All day	School closed to children
INSET day	Tue 3 Sept	All day	School closed to children
	Wed 4 Sept return after Summer break		

Attendance

- Best class this week - Reception & Year 1 - both 99.2%
- Best class Year To Date - Reception - 97.4%
- Whole school Year To Date - 95.9%

Thank you all so much for your continued effort to get your child into school as much as possible. We are so close to reaching 96% and therefore closer to our target of 97%.

We have recently analysed attendance data along with end of year outcomes. There is very clear evidence that most (not all) of our children who are currently receiving intervention to plug gaps in their reading knowledge have a lower school attendance percentage throughout their primary years compared to their peers who are reading at the right level for their age.

YEAR 1 AND 2 EARLY BIRD READERS

Next week will be the last week of Early Bird readers in Y1 and Y2. This will allow us to focus our attention on children who require the most support so they can catch up to their peers. Parents of these children will receive a personal invitation via email in due course for their child to attend an early bird session.

MASS

Dates for KS2 class Mass at St. Mary's church and for EY and KS1 to attend Mass in school will follow soon.