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## Letter from the Head...

The first term of the year has flown by! Although when I think back to the start of the term it feels like a long time ago and I am reminded that we have packed so much in!

We had our last governors meeting of the term this week and in my Head Teacher's Report to governors I listed well over thirty curriculum enhancement events, that is to say those special events which we carry out above and beyond our basic curriculum offer. I would like to thank our fabulous staff team, not just in their day to day duties, but for all that they do above and beyond to ensure that St. Mary's continues to deliver an exceptional offer to its families.



In less than a week before the governors meeting, I attended the Fair Funding for Schools meeting at Putney Community Church. As you can imagine a bleak picture was painted, but I came away feeling how lucky I was to lead a school with so much support from our families and the local community. Thank you so much to all of you who have supported the school this term; be it through attending parents meetings or exit points, running FoSMs events or volunteering your time to help in school. I appreciate that not all of us are able to be in school during the day time, but want to thank everyone for all of their support, whether it has been something big or small, it has been greatly appreciated.

We are still awaiting the final report, which should be due any day now, from our recent SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) Inspection so I can't reveal the result yet, but I did want to say a particularly big thank you to the Parish Team whose support during the interregnum has been outstanding and whose tireless work ensured that we were more than ready when the inspection came. I would particularly like to thank Laura and Steve who are in school at least once a week working with pupils and leading worship. Our work here has been greatly enhanced through their visits and long may it continue.

We bid farewell to Mrs Barron at the end of the first half of term. After five years at St. Mary's, Mrs Barron relocated back to her roots in Sheffield with her gorgeous family and another one on the way! We are missing her greatly and although I have been working hard to cover her work, I am looking forward – as indeed are many of you - to welcoming a replacement for Mrs Barron to St. Mary's in January... Watch this space...

We have also bid a fond farewell to some of our families this term as well as welcoming new faces. Our new Nursery cohort have settled very well as have all of the children who have started St. Mary's since the Autumn Term began. It already feels like they have always been with us and I hope that our new families are already feeling very much a part of the fabric of our school.

I am really looking forward to our nativity service at the church next week – Christmas Around the World. As yet, I haven't seen it and am very excited to see what the children have been working hard on. It is certainly lovely to hear the increased amount of singing that I can hear around school in the run up to Christmas, hand in hand with an increased amount of glitter all over the place!

In Collective Worship this half term we have been thinking about the A to Z of Advent as we prepare for Christmas. One bible verse has kept coming back to us throughout the season and it is one which is very well known: "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." (John 3:16). We have been thinking a lot about how Jesus spent the majority of his time helping the poor and needy in society and reflecting how we can do this in our own lives, not just at Christmas, but all year round.

I hope wherever you are this Christmas that the home you choose for the festive season is full of glitter, love and good cheer! I wish you and yours a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous 2018!

Cheryl Payne  
Head Teacher



## Governors update

Hello and Goodbyes

We have welcomed five new members to the governing body this term and said goodbye to two. After working with us for eight years, four as a parent governor and four as a PCC governor, Ted Wainman has stepped down. Ted served on both the Resources and Pupil committees and proved to be something of a spreadsheet wizard as well as bringing his accountancy background to bear on budget scrutiny. Alex Lowe served a four-year term on the Resources Committee and provided strong support for the school as we invested in ipads for classroom use.

Katie Turnbull steps down as a parent governor, but is continuing as an associate for this academic year only.

Our five new governors are Paul Jessop, Alex Bird and Chris Carr, all appointed by the PCC (Parochial Church Council); Natasha Hume and Linda O'Riordan, elected by the parent body. All three PCC governors have legal training with expertise in property, human resources and employment. Paul is a father of two and a member of the All Saints' congregation. Chris goes to St Mary's Church and has two small boys. Alex Bird is a St Mary's church parishioner and parent at the school. They will be working on the Resources, Pupil and Leadership & Management committees respectively.

Our parent governors need no introduction and their committee roles have yet to be decided as we have only just concluded the election.

We are delighted to have so many new faces on board and hope you will all get to know them all as they visit the school. For more information on the roles, responsibilities and work of the governing body please see the governors page on the school website.

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas  
Sally McGeachie

# Classroom Close-ups

## Y5

Year Five's first term has flown by, we have worked hard and had fun. The start of the year saw us channel our inner Greek and Romans as part of our topic, The Great, the Bold and the Brave, a history unit about Ancient Greece and Rome. We learned about the Greek Gods, Greek City States, forms of government, famous battles and Roman Britain. We developed our research skills and collaboration skills, when we wrote pamphlets about the Persian War. We held a lively debate about who should have the Parthenon sculptures (Elgin Marbles) and then visited them at The British Museum.



After half term we began our new topic, Look Hear, with a psychedelic sound and light party. During this science based unit, we learned how the body hears and sees, we communicated using string telephones, played our homemade guitars and conducted other scientific investigations to test our understanding.

In English we continue to perfect our writing skills, using ambitious adjectives and adding more detail with relative clauses and descriptive language. We enjoyed reading The Adventures of Odysseus, although our end of unit debate and persuasive writing task left many of us wondering if he truly was a great hero. Our second book, Clockwork by Phillip Pullman brought us into a mysterious, sinister world. For this text we explored different characters' perspectives and published our own chapter of the story.

Year Five's maths skills continue their upward rise. This term we have worked on mental strategies for all 4 operations, 12 and 24 hour time, equivalent fractions, and written methods for longer multiplication problems.

In RE we have explored faith, our own beliefs and those of others around us. As Christmas draws nearer we will explore how art and music convey the Christmas story.

## Y3

This term, Year 3 have had great fun learning all about Early Man to Iron Age Man in our topic, Scavengers and Settlers. We have learned about how the first people lived, how they changed and developed over time and how the first settlements were created. We really loved solving the mystery of how Ötzi, an Ice Age hunter, lived and died.

We have also learned all about our bodies – how we hear and see, how to keep healthy and all about our bones – in our topic, How Humans Work! We particularly enjoyed testing our sight in our home made eye tests and carrying out various investigations to find out how exercise affects our bodies.



In English we loved reading all about The Iron Man in Ted Hughes classic story. We particularly enjoyed the fact that he began as a fearsome creature to champion Earth against the Space-Bat-Angel-Dragon! We have produced some fantastic pieces of writing, art work and especially enjoyed role playing the reactions of the citizens of the Earth on the arrival of the dragon.

## Y1

Year One have had a jam-packed term of learning and fun! A few Highlights include, RE Day, Anti-bullying Day and DT Day! We are also excited about Christmas and have enjoyed our A-Z of Advent countdown to the birth of Jesus.

Year One started the year investigating materials with a trip to the Look Out Discovery Centre in Bracknell Forest for our topic: What's It Made of? We enjoyed climbing the lookout tower and seeing all the natural materials and building dens out of logs and branches.

This half term we have leapt straight into our new topic; Let's

Celebrate with great enthusiasm and excitement, as who doesn't love a celebration! Highlights include; learning why Bonfire night is celebrated, and getting messy making edible fireworks and firework pictures and even a trip to Eddie Catz to celebrate Ramble's second birthday.



Year One have enjoyed listening to the story "The Tiger Who Came to Tea" and researching to find out if real tigers like to drink tea? Creating great factual posters. They found very amusing hot seating the tiger asking great questions about his insatiable appetite!

This term in RE we have been thinking about Judaism. The children enjoyed Learning about the Jewish faith especially the festival of Sukkot and making a sukkah out of Lego, Duplo or wooden blocks.

## Y4

Year Four have had a fantastic time this term exploring 'Temples, Tombs and Treasures' – an exciting history based topic that began with an exploration of an ancient Egyptian tomb – the classroom!



'Holding torches we entered the dark tomb. We were set the challenge to find fifteen secret treasures and a golden crown. Before we began we felt excited, adventurous and determined. We slowly crept around the mysterious tomb searching for the precious ancient treasures. When we discovered them we carefully sketched them. We tried not to step on any trap doors or wake the mummy. When we thought the mummy was waking up we twirled our torches on the roof to send him back to sleep.' (Y4 pupils)

We also loved reading Varjak Paw by SF Said – lots of fantastic creative writing was produced and an interesting debate was had about whether dogs are better than cats!

We have really enjoyed our RE based topics this term that included a great trip to Southwark Cathedral. The class made reflective and thoughtful contributions to our very successful RE Day in November.

Y4 have made a brilliant start to the year, working well as a team, supporting each other in all they do and rising to the challenges they are set with enthusiasm and interest.

## Y2

In Year Two we have had a busy term with so many activities and experiences including: visits to the Florence Nightingale Museum and The Hindu Mandir, a Famous People party and parade, a Mad Scientists day to launch our Brainwaves Topic and a recorder concert, to name but a few! We particularly wanted to tell you about our new Super Humans topic, where we are learning about how our amazing bodies work. Two parents came to help with our topic launch: Mrs Burfitt, who spoke to the children about the importance of exercise before putting them through their paces and Mr Ghods (a dentist) and Nora (a dental hygienist), who showed the children how to keep their teeth strong and healthy. They finished the session with an all-important demonstration on how to brush teeth properly.



Two books we have been looking at in depth this term are Grace and Family and The Princess and the White Bear King. Not only have we enjoyed reading and listening to these stories but we have undertaken a range of writing activities and related artwork, one of which was designing and making crowns.

## YN

This term in Nursery the children have settled in really well and made a fantastic start at St Mary's! We even moved into our brand new classroom which has been fantastic! We have seen great progress with the classes becoming increasingly independent and enjoying school more and more, exploring the environment inside and outside. A particular highlight has been our weekly cookery sessions.



During our 'All About Me' topic we heard about what makes us the same and different. We measured ourselves, created self-portraits in various ways, and took part in our first circle times, sharing facts about ourselves, and showing special objects from home. The children have worked on differentiating sounds to develop our Literacy skills – we have been singing songs, playing games and going on a 'listening walk' about school.

We investigated changes in the world around us, particularly investigating Autumn and the different coloured leaves. We read stories, used leaves in our art and went on an Autumn walk around school, finding as many colours as we could.

This half term we have learnt more about animals, talking about the similarities and differences between them together. We even made our own "Dear Zoo" flap books, retelling the story simply! We have listened to a whole range of stories, including "Tanka Tanka Skunk" which has given us a focus on rhythm and rhyme.

We have also marked certain special occasions together; we made and painted salt dough poppies to remember the soldiers who have fought for us on Remembrance Day, and, of course, we have eagerly prepared for Christmas, focussing on why there was a special star in the sky at Jesus' birth. We decorated and painted stars, made star biscuits and star Christmas decorations.

## Y6

Year Six have really impressed so far this year! Everyone has made a successful transition into their final year here at St. Mary's and the children have stepped up to the demands of being the oldest children in our school - keep it up! In English the class have enjoyed the Power of Reading text Skellig. Written work produced has included descriptions, recounts, poetry, non-chronological reports, e-mails and letters.

In mathematics the class have worked on number and place value, mental and written addition and subtraction, mental multiplication and division, perimeter and area, 3D shapes, fractions and algebra! The electricity topic - 'Full Power' - was really enjoyed, particularly when finding out about people who discovered electricity, making circuits using different components, comparing series and parallel circuits and making an electric wire-loop game.

The school trip to The Crystal was very informative and enjoyed by all.

The topic called 'What a Wonderful World' is currently being studied and the children have so far enjoyed finding out about the earth, its different biomes and how rivers have shaped the earth's landscape. PE lessons have focused on developing basketball and hockey skills, in art and design the children have looked at renaissance artists and painted self-portraits, whilst in music lessons the class have learnt about body percussion! Wow - what a lot of learning!



## YR

Reception have settled into school life really well and have made a fantastic start at St. Mary's! During the first half term Reception's topic was Nursery Rhymes. The class learnt lots of different rhymes and how to continue a rhyming string. They explored the school environment looking for spiders and drainpipes for Incy Wincy Spider, created clocks for Hickory Dickory Dock and developed their counting skill with Once I Caught a Fish Alive. Independently they furthered their learning around rhymes by acting them out, creating pictures and exploring the sounds made with different instruments.

Reception were very excited to move into their new classroom mid-way through the term. "I like the colour and the walls and I like playing outside with Nursery." The class have settled well in their new space and the big white board and new toilets have been a real hit!

This half term we have been learning about 'Bears' and have particularly enjoyed our Power of Reading books. The class brought, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' to life by acting it out through role-play, dance and music. Reception created wonderful story maps and collage scene pictures. The class then joined 'Biscuit Bear' on his adventures in the kitchen by designing and creating their very own 'Biscuit Bears.'

Reception have been busily preparing for Christmas by reading the Nativity story, creating the advent calendar pictures, making decorations and getting in the holiday vibe with their Hawaiian Christmas song for the Christmas Service.



# Sayers Croft 2017



"Sayers Croft is super fun; I especially liked the long walk today and look forward to archery and abseiling tomorrow." Giulia

"I really liked walking up Pitch Hill for the amazing views." Tommy

## SayersCroftSchoolJourney

### Day 1 - Tuesday 21st November 2017

Year 6 excitedly departed St. Mary's and waved goodbye to their parents. They arrived at Sayers Croft and stepped off the coach into the crisp autumnal air. Everyone was eager to unpack and make their beds! After some fun on the adventure playground, a tasty lunch was served. Afterwards the class enjoyed an orienteering activity and woodland compass trail. The weather in the afternoon was mild with a gentle breeze. Brains were then put to good use in the Team Challenges - a fun collection of puzzles for the children to solve. After dinner the class sat down to start their diary writing. The evening was filled with a 'night walk' into the woods and the class had the opportunity to explore a replica of a Celtic roundhouse. The day concluded with a nice mug of hot chocolate, then everyone went to bed.

### Day 2 - Wednesday 22nd November 2017

It was a chilly morning due to a brisk wind and the first activity was a study along the Coneyhurst stream. The children drew sketches, measured the depth of the stream and looked at levels of pollution by identifying the mini beasts found. There were some hilarious moments with face painting using the wet clay from the banks of the stream. Afterwards the class enjoyed creating natural artworks using the things found in the

woods. The wind picked up for the walk up to Pitch Hill with strong gusts at the viewpoint. Everyone enjoyed the stupendous panorama and the children took a gentle stroll back to the centre. In the evening Year 6 created some clay works of art inspired by their time at Sayers Croft. By now the strong winds were whipping into a storm and so we stayed inside for a fun quiz to entertain us all before bedtime.

### Day 3 - Thursday 24th November 2017

Waking up to the pouring rain after the stormy night Year 6 had an action packed day ahead. There were three activities that got everyone excited: climbing, abseiling and archery. The children had so much fun and the clouds finally cleared to reveal a bright sunny afternoon. What an exhilarating time! The late afternoon "Earthwalk" allowed opportunities for the children to focus on nature - thinking about natural sounds and colours. The evening was full of special moments, starting with the opening of letters from home, followed by a visit to the popular tuck shop and finally the disco - which was epic!

### Day 4 - Friday 25th November 2017

The final day of school journey arrived and so the children packed their bags and stripped their beds! After breakfast Year 6 walked

through the village of Ewhurst in the brilliant morning sunshine to visit the local church. Here the class did a study on the church building and listened to a presentation by the lay minister. Afterwards a special assembly was conducted which reflected on the school journey experience and the achievements of the children. Lunch was then served back at Sayers Croft and it was time for our coach journey back to school. Year 6 arrived safely back after another successful school journey full of wonderful memories! Well done to everyone for such a great week!



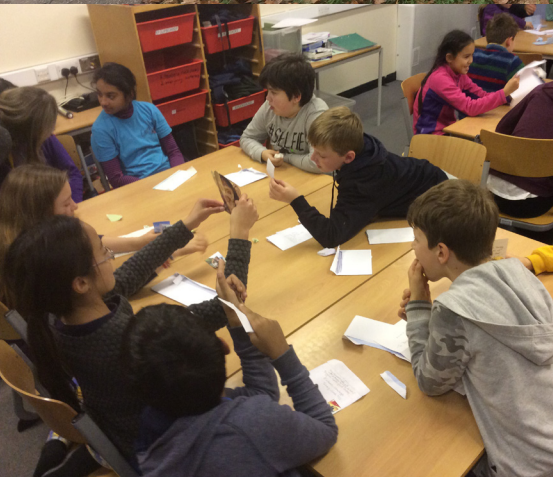


"I had a great time at Sayers Croft because the forest was beautiful, there were lots of fun stuff to do and the food was excellent." Dan



"Sayers Croft is fun, exciting and all about team work." Jack

"It was really nice to visit the church because we learnt a lot about its history and it was great to listen to the minister." Matilda



"I liked the Team Challenges because it was fun working with different people." Caitlin



"DJ Letty is the best!" Siena



## Autumn Term Music at St Mary's

As usual there has been lots going on in Music this term, especially with Christmas around the corner. For the first time this year, we were invited to participate in carol singing at Putney Railway Station to raise money for charity and we took Year 6, who were in fine voice, at lunchtime on Monday 4th December. The charity was Health Poverty Action, which aims to help strengthen poor and marginalised communities with their health throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America. The children were worried that there wouldn't be that many people as it wasn't during rush hour, but we needn't have worried, Putney station is always busy and we raised £130 in just half an hour! The organisers sent an email afterwards: "Your children were absolutely fantastic and with so much energy! The amount you raised is testament to how great they were - thank you so much." So a big well done to our Year 6s.



We were also invited to take part in the Community in Music project, Britten's cantata "St Nicolas", which was held in All Saints' Church on Putney Common. The organisers came to school to hold a workshop with Year 5 where we learnt the hymns from the production and the children impressed them with their knowledge of St Nicholas and his connection with Santa Claus.

Years 1, 2 and 3 were able to show off their new instrumental skills at the first Wider Opportunities concert this year and demonstrated how quickly they have mastered playing the flute or recorder in such a short space of time.



The M:Tech project this term was Star Wars, which was as popular as ever, and we now have children who have completed Grade 7! And of course we have all been busily rehearsing for our Nativity "Christmas Around the World". The children have loved singing and learning how different music can be in different cultures.

## Harvest



Our Harvest service took place at St Mary's Church on Friday 6th October. This year we brought donations into school and had a virtual altar at church showing our collection. We chose to support The Wandsworth Food Bank. We collected urgently needed donations for those in our community who struggle to have enough to eat.

Rev. Laura Fawcett and Steve Emerson, Parish Assistant, welcomed us all to St Mary's church. The children took turns to show us paintings and drawings, read poems, prayers and act out scenes. Every child at St Mary's took part in a wonderful Harvest service.



- Year 1 – Harvest Paintings
- Year 2 – God's Great Big Family
- Year 3 – Harvest Poem
- Year 4 – Harvest Prayer
- Year 5 – Our Harvest Charity
- Year 6 – Harvest For The World

## ART

My first term has been a busy and rewarding one and I am grateful for the warm welcome from at St Mary's children, parents and staff.

In the first half of this term we have focused on developing our drawing skills using images from pre-historic cave drawings at Lascaux, the bust of Queen Nefertiti, Greek fables and the drawings of Leonardo da Vinci as our inspiration. We have practiced "drawing what we see" and where possible we draw from a three-dimensional object.

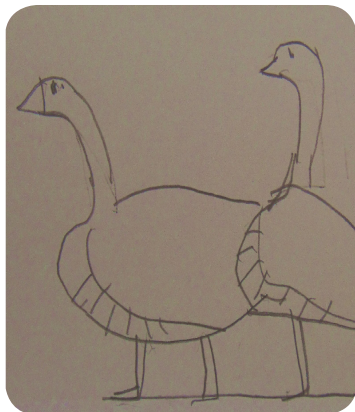
In the second half of the term we have developed our painting skills. We have created rainbows, colour charts, Christmas trees and "rainbow snow" scenes, using primary, secondary colours and understanding complementary colours. Our pencils are filed as warm, cool, monochrome colours.

I am also keen to include three-dimensional work in our lessons. Several classes have used air-drying clay to model three-dimensional mini-sculptures. Reception class turned their cones into lovely Christmas trees and other classes have made snowmen and snow women, Christmas hats and stockings. Year 5 have just finished miniature Greek red and black urns.

We introduce the children to art history in our lessons and have started a 'Painting of the Month'. This will be mostly from a free London gallery or museum, giving everyone the opportunity to see the work "in the flesh". The classroom posters were changed at half-term to include images from the Albertina and the Belvedere Museums in Vienna and Christian icons from the pre-Renaissance period. All donations of 2017 fine art calendars gratefully received!

The children are very proud of their Christmas card designs and I hope you enjoy sending their work to family and friends. I am looking forward to a very creative 2018 in the art room.

Susan Forsyth



## Platt Centre Visit

On Monday 11th December the Infant Choir went to the Platt Centre on Felsham Road to sing Christmas carols to the clients before their lunch. The children practised very hard in their rehearsals and it was a great opportunity for them to perform in a different venue. The clients at the centre very much enjoyed the children singing and even joined in!



## Wandsworth Mixed Tag Rugby

On Tuesday 7th November Year Five and Six pupils were at King George's Park playing in the annual tag rugby tournament. Our teams contained a mixture of experience: some members were proficient club players; while for others this was their first rugby event. Children had been working hard, afterschool on Putney Common, honing their attacking and defensive skills, in preparation for the event. They were eager to get started! With schools placed into a pool of six, each team was guaranteed at least five games but only the top two would progress!

The Year Five team faced last year's beaten finalists in their opening group game. Despite a brave defeat, the team improved game on game but didn't gain enough points to pass the group stage.

The Year Six team were in scintillating form winning four games and drawing one. This meant they progressed to the knockouts as group winners. Unfortunately they came up just short against OLV, losing by one try, in a tightly contested affair.

A big thank you needs to go to parents and school staff who helped with training on the common and by supporting teams at the event.



### Competitors

#### Year Five:

Arthur, Arwenna, Daisy, Faris, Hugo, Imogen, Nathaniel, Ptolemy, Ruby and Vance.

#### Year Six:

Daniel, Emese, Emily, Holly, Jack, James, Jason, Kate, Katie, Noah, Sebastian and Tommy.

## School Council

School Council is a great opportunity for Year Six to show leadership skills by leading council meetings. This term school council have had their first whole school meeting (we used to do it in key stages). The purpose of school council is to make the school a better place. We are encouraging children to make their opinion heard. We have meetings once a month to discuss our opinions.

The four named positions of responsibility for Year Six In school council are the Treasurer (Giulia), the Chair (Caitlin), the Secretary (Holly), Vice-Chair (George). The Treasurer is in charge of the money and keeps us updated with how much we spend. The Chair keeps the meeting running smoothly and goes through the agenda. The Secretary organises the agenda and makes sure we have everything is ready for the meeting. The Vice-Chair fills in for the Chair if they ill.

Recently, we have been discussing the playground and how to make our school more enviromentally friendly. Ideas we have been discussing are: introducing more green space and starting a gardening or cooking club.



Caitlin and Holly Y6

## FoSMs News

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...Do I hear sleigh bells ringing? Well, as we ended the term with our record breaking Christmas Fayre, I certainly heard the sound of festive cheer and merriment from all. FOSMS HQ have seen a fabulous start to our fundraising efforts for the year, kickstarting the year with our AGM and the term culminating in our smash hit Christmas Fayre.

The children's creative juices were flowing as they designed their own Christmas cards for us to purchase – who needs M&S when we have our own artist's impressions to enjoy, so thank you Nina Parsons for organising! We had the Christmas Party organised by Year Six, giving parents the opportunity to begin the festive season with the pleasure of a wonderful evening out getting to know each other.

The Christmas Fayre was another triumphant success and really is a favourite in our FOSMS calendar. I love watching the children's faces throughout the day as it all comes together and then seeing them so excited by it all. The children's faces lit up as they met the real Father Christmas in his grotto and the joy it gave them reinforced the meaning of what we do – definitely my favourite, as well as theirs! Angie and Michelle (Y3 reps) did a superb job with the Fayre and it had a wonderful feeling throughout with both new and old stalls and something for all.

So, as we relax over the Christmas holidays let's not forget there are more adventures in the pipeline. In the Spring term it will be time to get out your dancing shoes for the Family disco and then swap them for your walking boots in Richmond Park. We have an exhilarating calendar of events for next year so get ready for more fun and frolics and make sure those dates are in your diaries...you don't want to miss out!

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas with many blessings for a peaceful and Happy New Year.

Michèle Williams - FoSMs Vice-Chair



# Irene Ford Y3 Teaching Assistant UNCOVERED



## Background

I was born in Westminster and grew up in Battersea. I'm the eldest of three siblings. When I was growing up I wanted to be a plumber but I ended up becoming an accountant. I became a teaching assistant six years ago. My son has SEN which meant I wanted to find a job that would fit around him. I have been at St Mary's School since October this year.

## What do you like best about St Mary's?

The staff, children and community and how it all works together. Everyone made me feel very welcome and were very helpful when I started.

## What makes you happy?

My family. I see my two sisters and their children regularly. We have big family gatherings and my mum and dads. Christmas is a special time in our family.

## Where was your best holiday?

My best trip was to Cyprus in 2016 when my husband and I got married. We had been together 17 years before getting married so it was a really amazing time. Our whole family came to Cyprus for the wedding it was very special.

## What subjects did you like best at school?

I really enjoyed art and maths at school, I was great at both. When I was younger I was accepted into the BBCI Art School.

## How do you like to relax?

I like listening to music and playing darts. I'm in the ladies' darts team at my sisters pub.

## What is your greatest extravagance?

I am not really extravagant but I like to have my nails done and go out for a quiet meal with my husband.

## What pet do you have or would you like?

I don't have any pets of my own but my father in law, who lives with us, has a Doberman. I'm not a huge fan of animals myself.

## What are your favourite memories?

Spending Christmas with my grand-parents. We would go to midnight mass on Christmas eve then come home and open presents and have turkey sandwiches. I think it gave everyone a lie in the next morning!

## What human trait do you most dislike?

Dishonesty is the human trait I dislike most.

## Describe a favourite meal?

My favourite meal is a Greek meze. I love being able to have little bits of different tastes and flavours.

## What's the most important lesson life has taught you, so far?

Don't take things for granted and don't hold grudges, you may not get the chance to mend them. Life is too short.

## How would you like to be remembered?

I would like to be remembered as being the lively, bubbly person that I am and always happy to help people.



## Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

This term the school have had their first Anti-Bullying Day of the year. The focus was 'All Different All Equal'. We aim to make all ages of children aware that bullying is wrong. The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors (ABAs) have had several meetings and have discussed the protected characteristics and why they are important. The ABA's have also talked about making a new video to continue to raise awareness of bullying in our school.

The Anti-Bullying Day was very successful and we hope the other years felt an impact and learnt a lot more about bullying and how to spot it. The day started with an assembly featuring the book Ronald the Rhino, followed by an intriguing workshop led by Miss Payne. Another one of the highlights of the day was the poster competition. We hope the school found the day fun and interesting. We are looking forward to the next one and hope it will have the same effect as the last one. There was a lot of positive feedback.

The ABA team is aiming to stop bullying in our community to make everyone happier. The Anti-Bullying Ambassadors are made up of five pupils each from year's four to six. In year four: Alex, Francesca, Ananya, Joseph and Isobel. In year five: Nathaniel, Samuel, Beatrice, Maya and Bianca and in year six: Kate, Siena, Noah, Katie and James.

Kate and Noah Y6



## Starters & Leavers

Hello....

Sofia - Y1  
Benjamin - Y3  
Gonzalo - Y4  
Salik - Y4  
Adam - Y4  
Mariam - Y5  
Muzammil - Y6



Goodbye.....

Aarika - Y1  
Scarlett Jones - Y2  
Maia - Y3  
Any - Y5  
Poppy - Y5

## St. Mary's Church

St Mary's Christmas Crib Service 4:00 pm Christmas Eve. A family Service where children read and act out the Christmas Story.

Midnight Mass 11:30 pm Christmas Eve

The first Holy Communion of Christmas with carols by candlelight Christmas Day 10:00 am. A service of Holy Communion for children and adults (There will be no 6pm Caritas on Christmas day and New Years day)

**SPRING TERM STARTS ON  
WEDNESDAY 3rd JANUARY 2018**