



# SCHOOL NEWS

ST. MARY'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL, PUTNEY

MARCH 2023 ISSUE



WORLD  
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# Summer Term

## Key dates & events

- **Thur April 20th** - 3:20-4:30pm - FOSMS social. See details below
- **Sat May 13th** -FOSMS Family Trivia Quiz night - St Mary's Church - 5-8pm
- **Sat July 1st.** - Summer Fair & Art Exhibition - school playground 12-4pm
- **Fri July 7th** - KS2 Sports day - Barnes Elms - all day followed by drinks on the common
- **Fri July 14th** - KS1 Sports day - Putney Lower Common - From 9am followed by family picnic

### FOSMS SOCIAL - THUR APRIL 20th -3:20pm

FOSMS Social in the playground - come along with the children after school for some refreshments and find out more about the great FOSMS events (Sports Day, Summer Fair etc) coming up this term and how you can get involved. Committee members will also be on hand to answer any questions you may have about FOSMS and the additional activities and resources FOSMS funds for St

The Summer Term  
starts  
Tue 18th April 2023  
(Mon 17th April - Inset Day)

Wishing you all a  
wonderful Easter  
holiday!

Parish of St. Mary the Virgin with All Saints, Putney.



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Church of England Primary School



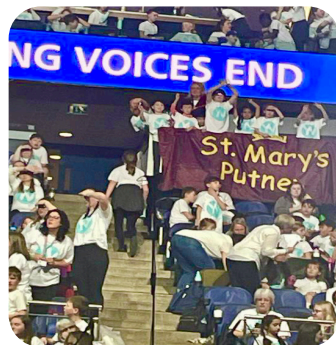
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Council

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### A big thankyou!

FoSMS would like to thank all of the wonderful parent volunteers who supported the school family disco in St Mary's Church on March 4th 2023.



### YOUNG VOICES, O2 ARENA

On 24th Jan St Marys KS2 choir took part in Young Voices, the largest children's choir concert in the world. Made up of over 9000 children from school across London all singing the same songs. Each school practices ahead of the day to ensure they know the tunes and the actions. On the day there is a conductor, a band and appearances from celebrities. This year it was Heather Small singing her song Proud.

### SWIMMING GALA

Year 6 took part in a mini swimming gala at Putney Leisure Centre in Jan 23





## A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

I've just had a first read through this edition of St. Mary's News and you are in for a treat! It is easy to forget all that the staff achieve in school over the course of a term and our magazine is a great way to remember all that has happened. I can't believe that it was only in this term that our Year Five and Six travelled to Sayers Croft for their annual school journey! Year Five carry out an overnight stay before returning in Year Six for three nights. I am always very grateful to all of the staff team who volunteer to provide this memory making experience for the children in these classes. Read all about their reflections of the journey in the Sayers Croft 2023 focus piece.

We are very fortunate at St. Mary's to have YOU - our amazing parent and carer body. While staff are busy providing lots of enrichment activities for the children as part of our broad and balanced curriculum, the Friends of St. Mary's - FoSMS - are busy working hard to pay for them. In particular this term - our PTA have funded workshops on World Book Day and Number Day not to mention dressing the children to impress on both occasions - thank you for all that you do, working in strong partnership with us to provide the highest quality of education for the children that we can.

Our Mother's Day service was an excellent example of why the children of St. Mary's are such a joy to teach and spend time with. As always they put on great performances which made us laugh and cry in equal measures. It was great to be able to lead the service at our Church and to have Reverend Whittaker lead the service. My thanks again to the Parish Team for their unwavering support for our school. It is great to see so many of our children worshipping at St. Mary's on a Sunday, particularly those who take up specific roles, e.g. singing in the Choir or being an acolyte during services.

Below you will see plans for the development of our playground. There are still some tweaks to be made, but hopefully they will give you an idea of what our aspiration is. We look forward to using the funds raised during our Bicentenary and by FoSMS as well as some other funding to transform our outdoor spaces for the children. The first image shows the proposed plan looking from the main gate to the end of the playground and the second vice versa. It is hoped that, as well as creating fantastic spaces for our school community to work and play in that we will be able to hire out our multi-use games areas in order to create additional revenue for the school. The garden area, which we hope will include a gated pond, will be used to enhance children's learning across the curriculum, but especially in Science, Geography and Design Technology. Plans also include an Eco-Classroom for a class of up to thirty children which will hopefully contain energy panels to help us to track our energy use; allowing classes to work outside in all weathers. If you have any comments about the plans we have for our playground space then please email: [info@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sc.uk](mailto:info@st-marys-putney.wandsworth.sc.uk)

You can read more about our plans for sustainability within our three year vision for the school which is available on the school website; and in the very first article from our new Eco-Councillors, which can be read later in this edition.

All that remains for me to say, is a very big thank you to our staff and governor team and to you our wonderful families for another fabulous term! We wish you all a very blessed and restorative Eastertime and look forward to another fun packed term in the summer! See you then!

Cheryl Payne - Head Teacher



Playground development plans



## School Governors news

St Mary's had our first Full Governing Board Meeting (FGB) of 2023 in January. Many thanks to Ms Dunford, St Mary's Inclusion Manager and Nursery Teacher, for attending the meeting to offer governors an overview of Special Educational Needs & Disability (SEND) within the school and explain the vast array of resources and expertise the school employs to support pupils with SEND. Overall St Mary's has an excellent understanding of SEND and its obligations to provide additional support.

Governors are really looking forward to the Learning Walk around the school at the end of March. This will give us an opportunity to understand the school's refreshed approach to Science and STEM learning. A number of governors were in the congregation for the delightful Mothering Sunday Service at St Mary's Church on Friday 17th March 2023. The quality of the renditions was fantastic. A big thank you to the staff and children who came up with very creative lyrics and choreography and to all those who performed so brilliantly. Your performance definitely took the Spice Girls to the next level. I should also mention that the last meeting of the Board was held in the Year 6 classroom and governors were extremely impressed with the quality of the artwork - self-portraits - that the children have produced. Well done!

Clara Lee  
School Governor





# CLASSROOM CLOSE-UPS

## Y3

Doesn't time fly when you are having fun's already the end of the spring term and Year 3 have definitely enjoyed their time at school with all of the learning and various events taking place.

Highlights have included Safer Internet Day, Number Day, World Book Day and our visits to St. Mary's Church for Godly Play and the Natural History Museum for a class trip! The class have thoroughly enjoyed their investigative work on light and shadow in science, as well as the explosive learning about volcanoes and earthquakes in geography. They have more recently been learning about the mysterious Ancient Egyptians in history and for RE the class have explored Jesus through his 'I am' statements and the Beatitudes. In maths the children have worked on multiplication and division, money, statistics and measuring length. In English they wrote their own exciting adventure stories based on the book 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura and more recently have enjoyed reading the information text 'Big Blue Whale' by Nicola Davies. In other news the class have continued to learn to play recorders and are eagerly awaiting the start of swimming lessons at Putney Leisure Centre next term - watch this space!



## Y1

Year 1 have had a very busy and fun Spring term. We have absolutely loved our English sessions based on 'The Curious Case of the Missing Mammoth' by Ellie Hattie. We have had great fun following Timothy and Oscar as they chase Teddy on his path of mammoth mayhem though the museum!

We have also enjoyed learning all about the history of our school and exploring how it has changed over the years as well as the role the church played in the founding of the school. It was fun thinking about how different life would have been for the very first St Mary's students and interesting to find out how it all started!

Our favourite subject this term, though, has been science in which we have been learning all about different animals! We have learned all about how to identify, describe, sort, and classify animals. We love animals and even had a go at creating our own animals!

We have loved having several fun, off-timetable days too including World Book Day and Anti-Bullying Day! We especially enjoyed learning about myths and legends, finding out which characters everyone was dressed as and writing our very own myths!



## Y5

Year 5 have had such a wonderful spring term. Our minds were put to the test recently when we tried to complete some ancient Maya maths.

This involved representing the Maya numeral system using only shells, pebbles and sticks. Once the numbers were bigger than 19 this became particularly challenging! Whilst learning all about Ancient Maya we have also designed and built our own Mayan cities using Lego (although I am not sure that is what they would have used at the time).

In science, we have loved learning all about Space.

The children have enjoyed researching how theories about the Earth have evolved over time, from the Ancient Vikings to modern day NASA. We cannot wait for all this knowledge to be brought together during our trip to the planetarium.

Furthermore, in English we have been reading the inspiring story of Chris Hadfield (the Canadian astronaut) in preparation for writing his biography.

We have had yet another fantastic term and we cannot wait to see what the summer term brings.



## YN

The spring term has been very busy in Nursery! We welcomed several new children this term and they have all settled in brilliantly to St. Mary's! After Christmas, we learnt about Traditional tales.

We enhanced our book area with lots of puppets and the children have enjoyed creating puppet shows retelling the stories they have learnt such as The Gingerbread Man, The Three Billy Goats Gruff and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. We were really impressed by the children's increasing knowledge and recall of these stories. Together we have been ordering stories, joining in with repeated parts, and thinking lots about different characters.

Since half term, we have been learning more about plants and flowers together. We have planted and watched many different seeds and bulbs grow, including beans, daffodils, sunflowers, and cress. The class are growing in their understanding of the world around them and how things grow and change over time.

Children also put in lots of energy and love into celebrating Mother's Day - children planted, made cards and learnt a special Mother's Day song. Together we celebrated with our families in the Nursery classroom. It was lovely to welcome the parents in for our celebration. Nursery should be really proud of all their hard work this term!





## Y4

Throughout our Spring term, Year Four immersed themselves in learning about the digestive system, undergoing an experiment which imitated the function of each organ to assist their overall understanding both kinaesthetic and visually. They also learnt about the mechanics of teeth and animal food chains.

During our English lessons, the class have been exploring a picture-book text called "When the Giant Stirred", where children have placed themselves in the perspective of a villager, learning to empathise with the characters and events that occur throughout the story. The class then created their own narrative that reflects the storyline of the text, from the perspective of the young boy.

Year 4 have been working extremely hard during mathematics, learning about area and fractions. We have used real-world connections to better understand the purpose and use of fractions in our everyday lives, helping us all realise that numeracy is all around us!



Finally, in History we learnt about the invasion and the legacy that the Roman Empire left behind, and the cultural impact they had on Britain. For our World Book Day, our school theme was Myths and Legends, which tied in well. Some students decided to dress as Roman legends! Well done to Year 4 for powering through this term!

## Y6

If you were to stop by Year 6's classroom at any given time, you would see everyone hard at work; we are determined to absorb all the knowledge that we can in our last few terms at St Mary's. Our mathematical abilities continue to astound. In maths this term we became skilled in measurement and conversions, fractions, decimals and percentages. With a lot of hard work and some fantastic texts to inspire us (The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe and Odysseus), our narrative writing skills continue to improve. We now expertly use a variety of punctuation, sentence starters and precise language. Our RE trip to the Buddhapadipa Temple in Wimbledon was fantastic. It helped us to gain a better understanding of the Buddhist faith that we studied class. It is amazing that a temple so serene and impressive is that close to us in Putney. In history, we learned about the Industrial Revolution. We think it is very cool how Britain led the world in innovation and we are especially happy that children our age now have the right to go to school, rather than having to work in factories. In science, we learned how to classify living things and look forward to visiting Richmond Park next term to learn more about invertebrates. Watch out St Mary's next term Y6 will show that the best is still yet to come!



## Y2

Year 2 have had a wonderful term full of fun, learning and enrichment. Linking with our class text 'Major Glad, Major Dizzy' and thinking about the passing of time through the eyes of toy soldier's, we participated in a science and history workshop on toys and their materials at Fulham Palace. We learnt about how toys have changed through the 20th century and got to handle authentic and replica 20th century toys played with by children during the early, mid and late 20th century. After learning about porcelain dolls in our story, the children were able to touch a real Victorian porcelain doll.

Other highpoints of our trip included; sorting toys onto a timeline, and creating imaginary toys, producing our own 'make do and mend' peg dolls, inspired by the Fisher family who lived in the Palace during World War II and lastly, we enjoyed looking at recycling and how modern toys can be made from reused waste plastic.



We have also enjoyed, Number Day, Mental Health Week, Safer Internet Day, World Book Day, practising our song for Mother's Day, Anti-Bullying Day, researching habitats in science and lastly DT where we have learnt to join two pieces of fabric together using a running stitch. We were amazed by how tricky this was and gained great appreciation for how our clothes and other textiles are made. We really enjoyed putting our newfound skills to the test by making our mothers a gift for Mother's Day!

## YR

We have had another busy term in Reception! During the first half-term, the children explored our topic, 'Journeys' where we thought about local journeys we make. We looked at different modes of transport including looking at the differences between transport in the past and present.

This half-term, we have been learning about pirates. We had a 50/50 split when reasoning whether we would choose to be a pirate or not with great use of new vocabulary. The children have created wanted posters, written lists of what might be in a treasure chest, drawn beautiful parrots in art, role played as pirates and overall had lots of fun. The children have explored different sea creatures and were able to present to an audience what they had made confidently.

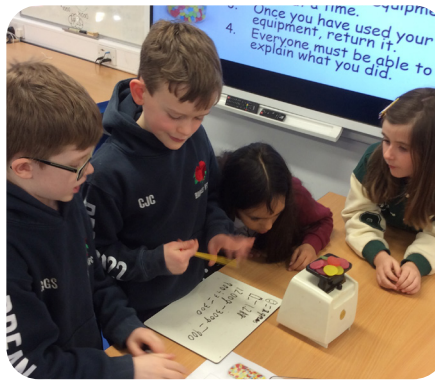
Reception have enjoyed multiple off-timetable days this term. NSPCC Number Day was lots of fun, the children were very excited going on a number hunt. The children thoroughly enjoyed their puzzle workshop.





## NUMBER DAY

On February 10th, St Mary's celebrated Number Day. It was a fun day to 'dress for digits' to raise money for NSPCC, an important charity for children. The costumes were impressive, we had human calculators, examples of Pi and repeating patterns, to name a few. The whole school was off the regular timetable for the day, each teacher hosted a different activity and the children moved around the school learning about different aspects of maths. Every class also attended a workshop from 'The Happy Puzzle Company' that required the children to solve hands-on challenges in order to find a treasure. The day was a huge success, the children were clearly excited about maths and worked collaboratively to problem solve. Many children also brought their learning home; we received numerous pictures of children using maths in their daily lives. Thank you to FOSMs for funding the workshop.



## GODLY PLAY

Year 3 were the last of the Key Stage 2 classes to visit St. Mary's Church for Godly Play this term. They loved their time spent in the Godly Play room and were captivated by the re-telling of the Parable of the Good Shepherd. Taking time out from the busy school day to take part in Godly Play reminds the children of the presence of God and helps them to focus on their own spirituality. We are very grateful to the Ministry Team at St. Mary's Church for providing the opportunity for classes to experience Godly Play and special thanks must be given to Nikki Cornfield for coordinating these wonderful sessions. Next term our Key Stage 1 classes will look forward to their Godly Play sessions.



## WORLD BOOK DAY

We had such a wonderful time celebrating World Book Day at St Mary's this term. When it came to costumes, a fantastic effort was made by all children and staff alike. One child in Nursery even dressed up as the Greek God Artemis - who she is named after! Thank you to everyone for all of the help, support and preparation that went into these.

Throughout the day the children enjoyed a range of activities. Every child had a chance to sit in the 'hot seat', becoming their character and telling the rest of their class all about themselves and the myth or legend which they came from.



The children read a selection of short myths and legends and enjoyed exploring different mythological creatures through storytelling, illustrations and small world characters. Furthermore, each class in Key Stages One and Two created their very own myth or legend which they are looking forward to sharing with another class later on in the term - we can't wait to see what each class has come up with! In Reception and Nursery, every child created their own mythical creature stick puppet and developed a short story or narrative with their stick puppet.

In addition to all this, every class in the school enjoyed a 'Myths around the World' workshop, where they watched a gripping reading of myths from all different parts of the world including Ancient Egypt & Wales.

## Easter Greetings From our church to St Mary's Families

I hope you are all able to have a wonderful Easter Holiday and that, after what seems like a long wait, Spring will finally burst upon us! During the school holiday our church, St Mary's, together with churches throughout the world, journeys through Holy Week remembering the arrest, humiliation, torture and murder of Jesus Christ, with the climax at a service from 12 to 3 pm on Good Friday. Three days later on Easter Day, agony and loss is transformed to mystery and joy as the resurrection of Jesus points towards God's ability to reach out to us. Love and new life is stopped by nothing, not even rejection and death. Early risers celebrate by the Thames at dawn, others wait for a service for all ages, including an Easter Egg Hunt at 10 am. All are welcome! The rich link of church and school has been expressed in many ways this term! Children from St Mary's school have started to receive communion and some have joined the church junior choir and the serving team as acolytes. St Mary's church hosted Godly Play sessions for Y3 to Y6 and we have been thrilled that Tina Thomas has made a comeback to help with this. From assemblies to Burns Night and Bingo Evening, hosting school discos to the Mothering Sunday service and regular Sunday Worship we have valued our triangle of common life: school, church and families. Have a blessed Holy Week and Easter God Bless, Revd John Whittaker (John.whittaker@parishofputney.co.uk)



Mothers Day service - St Mary's Church



# MUSIC

The Music Room has been generating a lot of noise from various projects and activities across the year groups in their music lessons - we often have other classes smiling through the windows as they walk past! The Early Years have been enjoying exploring their creativity through listening and moving to different styles of music linked to their classroom topics and learning how to play the wide range of percussion instruments we have with expression and control. Key Stage One have been honing their understanding of pitch, pulse and rhythm through singing games, playing instruments and listening to music. In Key Stage Two the children have been listening to a wide range of music, from Debussy to Bob Marley and from China to Egypt. They have been using the music as a springboard for their various projects, including exploring the pentatonic scale, creating their own group compositions, playing triad chords as an accompaniment and learning about fusion music. Outside of music lessons, Year 3 has continued to learn the recorder and Year 4 the flute through the Wandsworth Music Service and they all performed a short concert at the end of term. I understand that the children are working well towards earning the coveted different coloured 'belts' that show progress, not necessarily needing the help of the ever-encouraging badgers! The Key Stage One Choir has enjoyed learning several songs, with several seemingly to be about food this term! MTech has also continued after school, with their project being Space this term. I've been invited to listen to their creations when I've popped in and I'm never ceased to be amazed by how intricate their compositions are. Each term the MTech tutors select who they think worked the hardest and produced their best work and these children are awarded with very special Gold Disc awards. The children this term are Arthur and Noah in Year 4, and Anna and Jasmine in Year 5. Well done to you all!



## MOTHERS DAY SERVICE

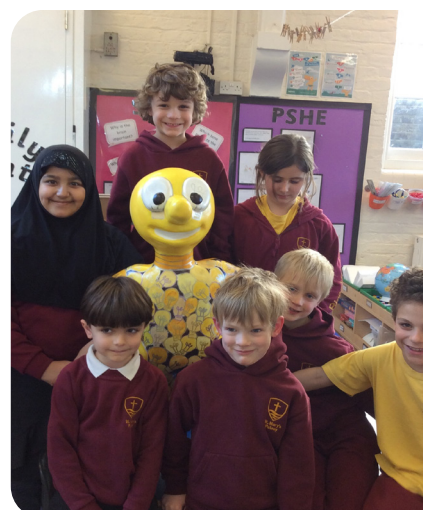
On Friday 17th March parents and carers were invited to St Mary's church for a school service celebrating "those who care for us" through song and prayer. The children presented carers with daffodils and crafted gifts after the service.



## ART



Collaboration and recycling have been key to the success of several projects in the Art room this term. Just before half term a large cardboard box was delivered containing a metre high Morph sculpture. Each class spent time planning how to transform the plain model into a work of art. We chose a design that showcased St Mary's as a school brimming with bright ideas. Every child painted a lightbulb. Our Morph will be part of a London wide trail of sculptures fund raising for Whizz kidz, a children's wheelchair charity. Staff and students have been collecting single use plastics for a Wandsworth schools art project that is engaging students to think about ways to reduce our use of these materials. Year 4 have transformed a recycling bag into a jellyfish that will be displayed 19 April - 5 May 2023 at Southside Shopping Centre. The unused plastic will be used in future collage projects by all year groups.





## TEACHER UNCOVERED- Mr Newman PE

### Background

I have lived in Surrey all my life with my mum. I have grown up as an only child but I have always had a strong relationship with my cousins who have been like siblings to me. I loved school and had a keen interest in mathematics, DT and PE. I would always be playing football, even if it meant playing with a tennis ball. I have been teaching/coaching for 5 years now and I am currently studying for my Teaching Qualification. In September 2022 I joined St Mary's Putney through the company that I work for - KiCK. I have been given a very warm welcome by everyone I have met along the way so far and have enjoyed watching the progression of the students in the short time I have been lucky enough to teach them.

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

I've got to be truthful; I don't like St Mary's, I love it! The children radiate positive energy and have a great attitude towards learning for all subjects. It is these attributes which make me feel so privileged that I am helping to transform young children's lives through sport and support.

### Who is your favourite actor?

There are just too many good ones to choose from! But I am a sucker for a

bad boy, like Tom Hardy, Cillian Murphy, Brad Pitt, Jason Statham, Taron Egerton and Jason Flemyng.

### What human trait do you dislike?

When people do not use their manners.

### How do you like to relax?

Self-Care time. This ranges from football to soaking in bubbles.

### What is your greatest extravagance?

My golf clubs. I keep on spending money on upgrading them, new accessories, gadgets, tools etc. Just like the old saying goes all the gear but no idea!

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

Make mistakes, that's what helps us learn and believe in ourselves.

### How would you like to be remembered?

I want to be remembered as a teacher



whose lessons were always fun and interactive but children all learnt a lot along the way.

### What's your favourite meal?

I love chicken so .... if anyone wants to grab me a medium double chicken wrap with halloumi and a side of peri peri chips from Nando's for my lunch one time you will be my favourite person.

### What's your favourite past times?

I love staying active, this may be going to the gym or playing football with friends. But I also enjoy, relaxing with friends and family where I can spend quality time with them.

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

If I am ever fortunate enough to own a Pug, I would name him Pau.

### What famous person do you most admire?

There is not one person I admire as I take inspiration from a lot of different people.

### What makes you happy?

Seeing people smile, being happy and laughing.

### Which of your habits would you like to change?

My sweet tooth. Always getting me into trouble by eating delicious chocolate and snacks.

## FOSMS NEWS

It's been another great term for FoSMS fundraising activities with the highlight being the Family Disco held on 4th March at St Mary's Church (see photos attached). Around 100 families joined in the fun, with DJ Mike returning once again with a great combination of music and games, alongside face painting, a very popular tuck shop and glow toys stall, and a bar - all manned by a brilliant team of parent volunteers coordinated by the Y2 organising committee of Heidi, Gabbi, Louise and Karen. Big shout out to Sophie and Tracey as well for their amazing efforts running the tuck shop and face painting. It was a truly wonderful event and we raised just under £2,900 for the school, which is a fantastic total!

In addition to the school disco, each year group has held another Friday bake sale to raise funds which go directly to each class. These have been very well supported and are much loved by the children (and adults - who doesn't love a Friday cake?!). Examples of how recent bake sale funds have been used by the class teachers include a new mud kitchen and equipment for YR, extra craft materials for Mother's Day and Easter activities, and new books and games.

Money raised by FoSMS events and initiatives continues to make a real difference in terms of extra resources and activities for St Mary's pupils and we are very grateful for the support shown by our amazing school community. This term FoSMS funding has paid for some brilliant workshops enjoyed by the children on Number Day (£515) and World Book Day (£495), and will also cover the cost of Y3 swimming lessons which are due to start shortly (approx. £1000). The money raised from last term's World Cup sweepstake has been spent on some great new playground equipment including new bats and balls, skipping ropes, play tunnels and dance wands, and Mr Lally has also selected some new sports equipment which is currently on order and a new 3 X 3m Gazebo. FoSMS also contributes funding to some of the core running costs of the school every year, including a key Learning Resources subscription, teacher resources, books and equipment (typically around £4,000 a year) and various additional extra-curricular activities, including the ever popular Easter egg hunt.

Huge thanks to all parents for their continued support, both in terms of money and volunteering their time. Next term we are looking forward to a Family games night, Sports Day, and of course the Summer Fair on 1st July. See you there!





# FOSMS FAMILY DISCO



## ST. MARY'S ECO-COMMITTEE NEWS

This term we began our journey towards St. Mary's becoming an Eco-School. We have formed a group of fifteen pupils from Y3 - Y6 who are extremely passionate about the environment - we are called St. Mary's Eco-Committee. The Eco-Committee's target is to reach 100 points to achieve an Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation. Every action we do grants us points! We meet together every two weeks with Mrs Bishop and this term we have completed an audit to find out what our focus for the school should be. We have already asked classes to ensure whiteboards are switched off whenever they are not in the room to save energy and for classes to ensure they have a plant that the children can take care of! We have many more environmental issues we would like to tackle. Please support our actions next term! You can find out more on the Eco-Schools website here: <https://www.eco-schools.org.uk/>  
(Written by George and Isabella Y6 Eco Committee Members)



St. Mary's Eco-Committee



Poster designed by Max Y3



# SAYERS CROFT 2023



*'For every step you take don't be afraid to take another.' 'It was a challenging but lovely experience to go on the High Rope Course. When I got to the end I felt so amazing!'*  
Isaacdwell

*"Everybody participated in climbing the MASSIVE climbing wall. Although the wall was high, everyone persevered showing great endurance. It was an amazing experience."*  
Isabella

*"We walked to St. Peter and St. Paul's Church in Ewhurst for a fantastic morning learning about the fascinating history of the building. I really enjoyed climbing the tower and seeing the bells."* Anton

*"When we read our letters sent from home it was extremely emotional – some children even cried while reading these thoughtful items"* Emma

*"I was partners with Sasha when we did pond dipping. After ten minutes, our bucket was full of interesting and fascinating creatures. It was quite hard to identify them."*  
Andrea

*"On the night walk we went into an air raid shelter. It was very dark and were bombarded with interesting facts and authentic audio!"*  
Euan

*"The Sayers Croft disco was AMAZING! It started quietly but got better and better. Everyone was shattered at the end but we all had so much fun!"* Karmen-Ocean

## YEAR 6

Y6 had four fun-packed days away from home at Sayers Croft Field Centre in Ewhurst, Surrey. Sayers Croft is a beautiful, safe site with 56 acres of woodlands, meadows, ponds and fields and has been providing quality outdoor learning for our children in Year 5 and Year 6 at St. Mary's for a number of years now. This year was one of the best! Lots of adventure, exploration, challenge and teamwork was on offer. Y6 created many memories and certainly demonstrated the St. Mary's core values of 'Endurance, Compassion and Thankfulness' through out!





*"It was a very good time. We played on pitch with a good ball. I enjoyed it, it was fun!" Yaroslav*

*"The clay activity was the only artistic thing we did at Sayers Croft and that is why I loved it! I had never worked with clay before so excited to try it. I made a beautiful tile. Harper*

*"Teddy Talk was amazing. We got to make up our own stories or tell a true story about our teddies, it was so fun! The best story won a chocolate." Ella*

*"The compass trail was amazing! " We were put into pairs (my partner was Valerie) and we ran around a forest to look for posts with a direction on it to find the next post. Valerie and I read the posts wrong and it forced us to run across a field six separate times. We were exhausted." George*

*"We went on a really long walk, we thought it would be easy but it wasn't! It felt like we walked for the whole day. It was an amazing day – I enjoyed seeing all the different houses and their designs." Ruby*

*"On the first night lots of people were chatting and I couldn't fall asleep however it was really fun to be with all my friends." Connie*



## YEAR 5

Year 5 had a wonderful time on their first School Journey. Though it was the first time away from home for many of the children, they all returned with big smiles on their faces, many saying 'it was the best time of their lives!'. It was wonderful to see the whole class truly embrace the opportunities of the trip. From blindfolded orienteering, pond dipping and even a wild animal encounter workshop, every child got involved in everything and made the most of their time there. They can't wait to do it all again and more in Year 6!





