



# St. Mary's C of E Primary School

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## Head's Lines:

St. Mary's have enjoyed a wonderful week and the sun has been shining on us throughout. The Summer Fair was a super day and the Families and Friends of the school raised over £3300 profit for the school—thank you everyone who took part for your hard work. A final figure for money raised will be posted in due course by the FAF. Special thanks to the Committee: Ellie, Michila, Wivien, Sara and Jan. The school is blessed to have such committed parents giving their time to raise money when everyone has such busy lives.

Sports Day yesterday was enjoyed by everyone children, staff and parents— it was inspiring for the children to see so many of their Teachers, Mums and Dads taking part with such focus in the racing! The children all took part, all gave their best efforts and had fun -which is what life at St Marys is all about. We have many talented athletes at our school and it was inspiring for them to have the opportunity to perform in front of a really supportive crowd. Well done to all of the children –we are really proud of you! A special thank you to Russ and his team for their tremendous work.

Last week I announced the classteachers for next year. The Teaching Assistants who will be working with them are as follows: Pineapple: Mrs Walter, Mango: Mrs Strange, Papaya: Miss Lewis, Strawberry: Mrs Prior, Blueberry: Mrs Wakeling and Mrs Joslin, Orange: Mrs Searle, Lemon: Ms Wright and Mrs Appleyard, Cherry: Mrs Sheen, Kiwi: Mrs Adams. SEN support: Mrs Strong and Mrs Joslin.

We are looking forward to the Steel pans on Monday at the start of our Summer Arts week led by Mrs Smiley! Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Hodgson

## Class news this week:

**Kiwi:** The children in Kiwi Class have enjoyed playing at being doctors and nurses this week. We have named different pieces of equipment, played a 'hospital sounds' listening game and talked about our own experiences of visiting a doctor or going to a hospital. The dolls and teddies in Kiwi Class have also been thoroughly checked over and given their immunisations!



**Cherry Class:** This week in Cherry Class we have been making the most of the sunshine. We went exploring to see what we could find in the wildlife area. We found water snails and lots of other bugs and wildlife living in the bug hotel. We have also been raising money by having a scootathon for Phab Kids to support Mrs Adams in completing the London Marathon in April. We wish her all the best.

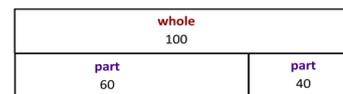


**Lemon Class:** This week Lemon Class had an amazing time on sports day! We all tried our best and were very proud of ourselves. We have been writing letters to some treasure hunters and have enjoyed improving our mental maths skills. We're all looking forwards to expressive arts week next week too!



**Orange Class:** This week Orange Class have written their own version of 'The Storm Whale'. We wrote the story from the point of the view of the whale. The children really enjoyed getting into character. Their stories are fantastic with lots of detail.

**Blueberry Class:** This week, the children in Blueberry class have been using their knowledge of bar models to represent, understand and solve missing number puzzles and word problems. We also considered how our bar models links with



the RUCSAC method (Read, Understand,

Choose, Solve, Answer and

Check) for a great

step-by-step way to tackle tricky problems!

addition (**part + part = whole**)  
 $60 + 40 = 100$   
 $40 + 60 = 100$

subtraction (**whole - part = part**)  
 $100 - 60 = 40$   
 $100 - 40 = 60$

**Strawberry and Apricot Classes:** Strawberry and Apricot Classes have been busy writing stories which are set in a rainforest. They have included some wonderful descriptions that really transports the reader to a rainforest. The children have enjoyed sharing their stories with each other.



**Mango Class:** Mango Class have been writing sections of The Hero Twins, a Mayan Myth, to make it more interesting. They have been exploring the characters and adding description about them. They have also been writing descriptions of how the twins faced their first challenges – crossing the Rivers of Pus, Blood and Spikes. These have inspired some fabulous descriptive writing.



**Pineapple Class:** This week the children in Pineapple Class went to their secondary school induction days. We have 28 pupils in Year 6 who are moving to a total of 10 different schools! They all came back full of enthusiasm and wrote about their experiences, including how they were feeling about making the transition to their new schools in September.



### Stars of the week:



**Lemon Class: Poppy** for super perseverance and hard work at sports day. **Talia** for an incredible home learning project.

**Orange Class: Benjamin** for his amazing perseverance at learning all his times tables and becoming the first ever Key Stage 1 times table champ! **Lilly-May** for always settling quickly to any task and giving all her effort.

**Blueberry: Stanley** for showing improved listening and great reasoning skills. **Grace R** for always being polite, thoughtful and helpful.

**Apricot: Matthew and McKenzie** for being excellent writing partners this week. **Rhys** for his excellent descriptive writing.

**Strawberry: Erin and Evan** for fantastic imaginative poems on the rainforest. **Isaac** for trying hard to make improvements.

**Mango Class: Lillie and Casey** for superb painting in DT.

**Pineapple Class: Oliver and Max** for a consistently positive attitude towards their learning.

**144 Club** congratulations to **Ben** in Orange Class for becoming a member of the 144 Club—well done.

**Congratulations to all of you we are proud to have you as part of our school!**



### Sports Day

A huge thank you to Mr Russ, Mrs Fouracre and all of our wonderful staff for organising a great day yesterday. The children thoroughly enjoyed the competition and showed great sportsmanship throughout. Thank you to all the parents who came and supported—it was fabulous to see so many of you here and taking part on such a wonderful day. Mrs Hodgson



Congratulations to Green Team who won the KS1 cup, and to Blue Team who won the KS2 cup in the afternoon. The Blue team collected the most points throughout the whole day.

The sports trophy for the entire year, the Sports House Cup, has been won by **Yellow house**. The trophy was collected by Max who is their team captain. Fantastic effort by everyone and congratulations!

### Notes from the office:

If your child has prescribed medication they need to take first thing in the morning please can you give it to them before they come to school. As you can appreciate the office is very busy first thing in the morning and do not have time to stop to give out the medicine. Thank you

There are still a lot of items in our **lost property** box. Any items left at the end of term will be sent to charity shops.

### Message from PMG Schoolwear

The deadline for ordering school uniform to guarantee delivery in time for the new term is 11 August.

After this date due to the high demand we may not be able to guarantee uniform for the new September term.

Please do not leave buying uniform until the very end of the summer holidays i.e. last week of August 1st week of September, this just causes chaos in the store also this leaves us no time to re-order stock if they become low.

### Attendance & Behaviour:

Whole school attendance this week is 95.6%. Apricot class had the best attendance this week with 96.8. **Well done to Apricot class.**

The class we need to encourage to get to school on time this week is Blueberry Class.

**Please remember the registers are taken at 9am and assembly starts at 9.05am. Thank you for your support in getting the children to school on time.**

### Families and Friends News:

#### **Upcoming events:**

Tuesday 11th July—Summer Disco. EYS, KS1 4.30 to 5.30 and KS2 5.45 to 7pm

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**Diary Dates:** \* = new date **Don't forget!** You can also see a full list of school events on the school calendar which is on our website.

10<sup>th</sup> July Arts Week including Steel Pan workshops

11<sup>th</sup> July – KS1 to Lookout Discovery Centre

**13<sup>th</sup> July– Strawberry Class Assembly**

14<sup>th</sup> July—Reports out to Parents

17<sup>th</sup> July – Class Swap morning

17<sup>th</sup> July—Celebration Evening 6– 8pm

21<sup>st</sup> July – Yr6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am and evening party

**21<sup>st</sup> July – End of term at 12 noon**