

# St Mary's C of E Primary School

## Whole School Newsletter Friday 7th February 2025

Dear families,

We can't believe we only have one more week left of the half term, leading us to the halfway point of the academic year! We have had a very busy 2 weeks, with theme days, assemblies and trips out. Please make sure you have noted any of the diary dates listed below so that you know what is happening in the weeks ahead.

We would like to remind you that unless your child has a specific reason not to, we require children to bring water (rather than squash or flavoured water) into school each day. We like to promote healthy choices and want to keep the children hydrated throughout the day.

### Key dates:

**Monday 10th February** - Year 1 cake sale

**Friday 14th February** - Year 2 visit St Mary's church

**Wednesday 26th February** - We welcome our new vicar

**Wednesday 26th February** - Year 5 and 6 visit Morden Mosque

**Friday 28th February** - Mufti day

**Monday 3rd March** - Year 3 class assembly at 2:30pm

**Thursday 6th March** - World book day (more information to follow)

**Monday 10th March** - Butterfly cake sale

**WB 10th March** - Science week (Workshops for Yr 1-6)

**Friday 14th March** - Year 3 at Natural History Museum

**Monday 17th March** - Year 1 class assembly

**Friday 21st March** - Mufti day

**Friday 28th March** - Rocksteady concert at 2:30pm

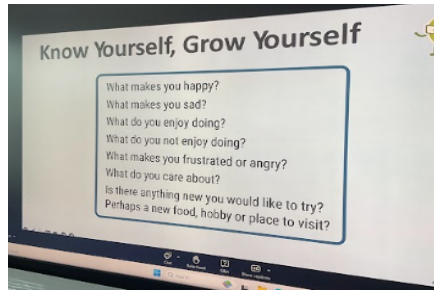
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### Mental Health Awareness

This week marked Children's Mental Health week and the theme has been 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. It has been all about taking notice of our emotions, connecting with our feelings and getting to know what makes us feel a certain way. Children across all classes have been taking part in a variety activities and online workshops to help them reflect on these questions:

What makes you feel joyful and happy?  
 What makes you feel sad and nervous?  
 What do you enjoy learning about?  
 What are you good at?  
 What is important to you and makes you who you are?  
 What makes you laugh?

We love promoting this important issue and hope it gives the children tools to help them in a variety of different situations.



## Young Voices

This week, our wonderful school choir joined with thousands of other children across the country to take part in “Young Voices”, held at the O2. Young Voices is known as the “world’s largest choir”. As individual schools, you learn the same songs, then join to sing them together. The experience was incredible and the concert itself was electric! It was a real highlight in the St Mary’s calendar last year and this year did not disappoint. We wanted to say a big thank you to all the staff who were involved in making this happen - Mrs Rose, Mrs Hadley, Miss Reeve, Miss Dunne, Miss Eustace and Mrs Sage. We are already looking forward to next year! Well done choir!





## Sporting events

Over the last two weeks, St Mary's have taken part in 3 different sporting events. Our Year 5 and 6 children competed in a netball tournament, our Year 2 children in a dodgeball festival and Year 3 and 4 in a range of football matches. Our children all represented us so well and put their heart and soul into every game. For some of our children, this was their first time competing and we couldn't be prouder of them. Thank you Mr Redmond for your continued passion for sport at our school.



## Year 2 Assembly

This week, Year 2 bravely took to the stage to perform their assembly to their families and the whole school. They confidently spoke about the topic, "The Great Fire of London". We know that a lot of work went into this performance, both from Mrs Romeril and the children. You did yourselves proud - well done.



## Visit from Godstone Farm

Reception thoroughly enjoyed their visit from Godstone Farm, linking to their topic of "Animals". They loved finding out about what these animals need and how to look



after them. Lots of the children said they want to care for animals when they are older. These opportunities are always so enriching and help bring learning to life. Thank you Mrs Davies for organising this visit.



## Lunar New Year

Last week, the whole school went off timetable to celebrate Lunar New Year. The children had a lot of fun learning about what this celebration means, who celebrates it and what the celebration looks like. They also had a wonderful time making a variety of crafts. You will find a post about this on our school Instagram account, but here is a snapshot of the day.



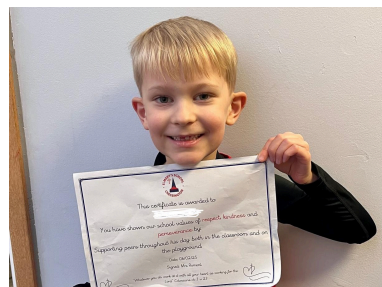
## Collective Worship

This week, we continued learning about King David as we looked at the very famous story of David and Goliath. The story shows us how God helped David bring justice to his people, through five small stones and a determination to stand up to unfairness. We reflected on the fact that sometimes something needs to be done about injustice. David knew God loves fairness, and he also knew God would help him win. We thought about how much courage it takes to stand up for people like



We are very excited to share with you our new “values” certificates that were introduced in Collective Worship last week. Our school values are:

In addition to our “Stars of the week” certificates, staff will be looking out for children who have shown these values at school. We want to recognise and celebrate these values as we believe it is these traits which help our children to grow in their love for themselves, others and their learning. It is also a way of them putting into action the values that Jesus speaks of and demonstrates in the Bible.



Today, the children celebrated National Number Day. The first part of the day was “dress as a number”. We are always blown away with their (your!) creativity when it comes to costumes. We’d also like to thank you for bringing in the longest carrots and heaviest potatoes you could find! We look forward to seeing the results of this competition next week. Not only have the children really enjoyed completing different maths activities and puzzles throughout the day, we have also been able to raise money for the NSPCC. Thank you Mrs Rose for planning this fun day.



Kind regards,  
The St Mary's Team

*"You shall love your neighbour as yourself."* **Matthew ch 22 v 39**