



# NEWSLETTER

23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

## Clubs

| Day                            | Club   |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Monday                         | Knitting (4.30pm finish)                               |
| Tuesday                        | Tennis (4.30pm finish)                                 |
| Wednesday                      | French<br>Class 3 TT Rockstars<br>(4.30pm finish)      |
| Thursday                       | Photography (4.30pm finish)<br>Cricket (4.30pm finish) |
| <b>Breakfast club daily</b>    | <b>From 7.30am</b>                                     |
| <b>After school club daily</b> | <b>Until 5.30pm</b>                                    |

## FAB AWARDS

- ★ Joshua
- ★ Giorgio
- ★ Beth
- ★ Faith
- ♥ James
- ♥ Elijah
- ♥ Grace
- ♥ Izzy

**Children achieving  
100% this week  
across school**

**94.6%**

## Quick glance dates...

| JUNE                               | Event                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2 <sup>nd</sup>                    | Return                    |
| 10 <sup>th</sup>                   | Y5 safety event           |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>                   | Father's day event        |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> -18 <sup>th</sup> | Class 4 residential       |
| 20 <sup>th</sup>                   | Sports Day & Summer Fayre |

This week we wish Happy Birthday to...

Charlotte, Evie and William



## This week at St Mary's...

We are now almost at the end of a great year with only one more half term to go. It has been a busy half term with Year 6 completing their SATs and a visit from Luke Staton in school. This week children in Class 3 have been busy sculpting with soap, creating a lovely smell around school. Class 2 have been producing some wonderful paper sculptures and Class 1 enjoyed some extra time outside this week celebrating their completed attendance class chart.

There is a lot to look forward to next half term with a residential planned for Class 4, other trips being planned and sports day will soon be upon us.

Thank you for your continued support, everyone.

## House Leaderboard



Oak

205



Birch

158



Pine

196



Willow

214

## Our week in photos!

Reminder that photos accessed on Class Dojo are not to be shared on any social media.



# SPORTS DAY 2025

**20<sup>th</sup> June from 12pm**

We are all looking forward to this year's sports day that will be held on the **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June**. This year all families are invited to join us on the school field from **12pm for a family picnic**. Bring your blankets/chairs and eat with your child. School dinners will still be available for children to eat outside with families and **adults can order a hotdog for £2**. Please order an adult hotdog by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> through your child's school money account. Refreshments will be on sale throughout. Friends of St Mary's will be holding their Summer Fayre afterwards – see below.

The main sports day event will begin at approx. 1pm

*Save the date...*

**Friends of St Mary's**



Raffle  
Games  
Teddy Tombola

Book Sale  
Refreshments

Teddy Tombola

*Cash only...*



**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 9-11am**  
Join us for an hour of fun and games with your child.

Class 1 & 2 – 9am  
Class 3 & 4 – 10am

\* More info will be sent after the May half term.

# It's Turtle-y Time to Help!

Last Friday, it was Endangered Species Day, a day to learn about animals that need our help. These animals are called endangered species, which means there aren't many of them left, and they could disappear if we don't do something to help. Some endangered animals include tigers, rhinos, pandas, elephants – and turtles! This Friday is World Turtle Day, a special day to celebrate turtles and find out how we can help them. Turtles are clever, gentle animals. Some live in the sea, and some live on land. They have been on Earth since the time of the dinosaurs! But today, many turtles are in danger and one big problem is



**Pictured:** A sea turtle eating plastic. **Source:** Canva.

plastic. Sea turtles love to eat jellyfish and seaweed, but sometimes they accidentally eat plastic bags floating in the sea, because the bags look just like jellyfish! This can make turtles very unwell, and some sadly die from eating plastic. There are some things we can all do to help, such as keeping beaches clean, recycling correctly, never dropping litter, learning more about turtles and telling friends and family how to help too! Let's all do our part to protect turtles and keep the sea a safe place for them to live! **Did you know a plastic bag can stay in the sea for hundreds of years?**



**Pictured:** Plastic in the sea. **Source:** Canva.

# Flip-Flops for Bemorefab!

Would you like to walk day after day wearing flip-flops? That's what Henry Moores is doing – and it's all to help children with cancer. Henry is walking a very, very long way – from Manchester in England all the way to the island of Ibiza in Spain. That's more than 1,000 miles! He is not using a car or an aeroplane – just his feet to travel through England, France and Spain. He's walking to raise money for a special charity, called Bemorefab. This charity helps children who have cancer, and their families and schools too. A girl called Florence Bark and her family started the charity after she became very poorly with leukaemia, a type of cancer. Now Bemorefab helps other children who are ill to keep learning whilst in hospital having treatment and gives support to their families too.



**Pictured:** Florence Bark and Henry Moores. **Source:** Bemorefab Children's Cancer Charity on Facebook.

The charity also works with schools to help children learn more about cancer in a gentle way. 'What Henry's doing is absolutely amazing! He's going to help lots of children like me and their families', Florence shared on social media. Henry has completed epic walks before and has raised thousands of pounds for charities. He is hoping to raise £50,000 for Bemorefab. Good luck, Henry, we're *to-e-tally* cheering you on!

**You can follow Henry's journey via social media! @henryscarmoores or via @bemorefab**

## What makes somewhere special to visit?



I think trips are even more special when you can share the memories with your family. **Ollie**

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# Axolotl Success!

A group of endangered axolotls has been released into special wetlands near Mexico City, and they're doing well! Scientists released 18 of the smiling amphibians, which were bred in captivity, into clean water habitats. Each one had a tiny radio tracker to help researchers follow them. All the axolotls survived, and many gained weight, meaning they were hunting and eating. Dr. Alejandra Ramos, from the Autonomous University of Baja California, called it an amazing result. Axolotls were once common in Mexico's lakes, but pollution and city growth pushed them close to extinction.



**Pictured:** An axolotl. **Source:** Canva.

Now, farmers and volunteers are helping clean up the habitat. Dr. Luis Zambrano, from the National University of Mexico, said, 'If we lose this species, we lose part of our Mexican identity.' He also said, 'If we can restore this [wetland] habitat and restore the axolotl's population in a city of more than 20 million people, I feel that we have hope for humanity.' Dr. Ramos added, 'You don't need to be a scientist to get involved; everybody in the world can help out.'

**Do you know any facts about axolotls? How would you feel if you saw an axolotl in real life?**



**Pictured:** An axolotl. **Source:** Canva.

# Record-breaking Runners

On 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025, the TCS London Marathon celebrated its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary in a big way, setting new Guinness World Records and welcoming thousands of runners from around the world! This year, the marathon set a new record for the most finishers ever at a marathon, with 56,640 runners crossing the finish line



**Pictured:** The TCS London Marathon has broken the Guinness World Records title. **Source:** TCS London Marathon on Facebook.

at The Mall in London! The marathon also had a record number of people applying to run. So many people wanted to be part of this special event that it broke the record for the most people entering a marathon in history! And while some runners were focusing on speed, others had a lot of fun setting quirky records! Jason Burbury set the record for the most underpants worn during a marathon – a whopping 52 pairs! 'It was a fantastic occasion to see so many people reach the finish line and be part of such a special day,' said Hugh Brasher, the CEO of the London Marathon Events. **Have you ever trained for a long run? Which record do you find the most interesting?**



**Pictured:** Jason Burbury broke the record for most underpants worn during a marathon. **Source:** Guinness World Records @GWR on X.

## What makes somewhere special to visit?



I think places are made special by the people that you go with to visit them and the memories that you make whilst you are there. **Joshua**

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# TAKEHOME

19th - 25th  
May



## Can donating something important be a powerful way to show you care?



# In the news this week

## Things to talk about at home ...

A vehicle once used by Pope Francis to wave and greet people—called a popemobile—is being turned into a mobile health clinic for children in Gaza. Pope Francis, who recently passed away, was the head of the Catholic Church and often spoke about helping others. One of his final wishes was to help children affected by the conflict in Gaza. The vehicle will be refitted with medical equipment, as found in ambulances, so it can be used to aid children in areas where hospitals may be hard to reach. The project aims to deliver essential medical care to those who need it.

- What is your opinion of Pope Francis' decision to donate the popemobile? Why do you believe he decided to do this? Ask someone at home about their thoughts.
- Have you ever donated something? Could it be harder to donate something that's important to you?
- Can you think of examples of different times when people might donate items to help others?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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