



NEWSLETTER

6th June 2025

Clubs

Day	Club
Monday	Knitting (4.30pm finish)
Tuesday	Tennis (4.30pm finish)
Wednesday	French Football Class 3 TT Rockstars (4.30pm finish)
Thursday	Photography (4.30pm finish) Cricket (4.30pm finish)
Breakfast club daily	From 7.30am
After school club daily	Until 5.30pm

FAB AWARDS

- ★ Oakley
- ★ Maisie
- ★ Harriet
- ★ Lacey
- ♥ Evie
- ♥ Sophia
- ♥ Alana
- ♥ Alice

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

94.6%

Quick glance dates...

JUNE	Event
10 th	Y5 safety event
13 th	Father's day event
13 th	Boys Football Semi Final (home)
16 th -18 th	Class 4 residential
20 th	Sports Day & Summer Fayre

This week we wish Happy Birthday to...

Charlotte



This week at St Mary's...



If you look at what you have in life, you'll always have more. If you look at what you don't have in life, you'll never have enough.

Oprah Winfrey – American talk show host

The bible says...

'In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God'
1 Thessalonians 5:18

This week in collective worship we have begun to explore the value of 'Thankfulness' and how this aligns with our St Mary's Way. Children discussed how important it is to be thankful for all we have and recognised that sometimes that can be tricky to do.

It was lovely to join Class 1 at The Ark this week where they heard the story of Joseph and his technicoloured coat and the children entertained the babies with their super singing!

House Leaderboard



Oak

220



Birch

176



Pine

163



Willow

221



Save the date...

Friends of St Mary's



Raffle
Games

Refreshments
Book Sale

Teddy Tombola

Cash only...

SPORTS DAY 2025

20th June from 12pm

We are all looking forward to this year's sports day that will be held on the **Friday 20th 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 13th 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



Friday 13th June 9am

We are excited to invite Dad's to enjoy a sweet treat and play games with their child. **One adult per child** please, this could be Dad, Grandad or another family member.

Class 1 & 2 – 9am

Class 3 & 4 – 10am

* We are happy to accommodate where children are in different classes and time slots. Please let a member of staff know!



Match Report: **Bilsthorpe Primary 1 – 7 St Mary Primary**

Date: June 5, 2025

Venue: Bilsthorpe Primary School

The visitors started brightly, with Wilf opening the scoring in the 6th minute after a precise pass from Leo. Lucas quickly added a second with a composed goal followed by a further 2 to complete his Hatrick. Dylan showcased his defensive strength and scored a stunning goal from outside the box, following a corner clearance. The whistle blew for half time, and we were up 5 nil!

In the second half, Lucas added a fourth goal with a clinical finish, maintaining the pressure on Bilsthorpe.

Bilsthorpe pulled one goal back midway through the second half, but Jonathan's excellent diving save kept the lead intact.

Near the end of the match, Will had a powerful strike saved by the Bilsthorpe keeper, denying St Mary an eighth goal.

The match finished 7-1, another great game for our lads, we are still unbeaten.

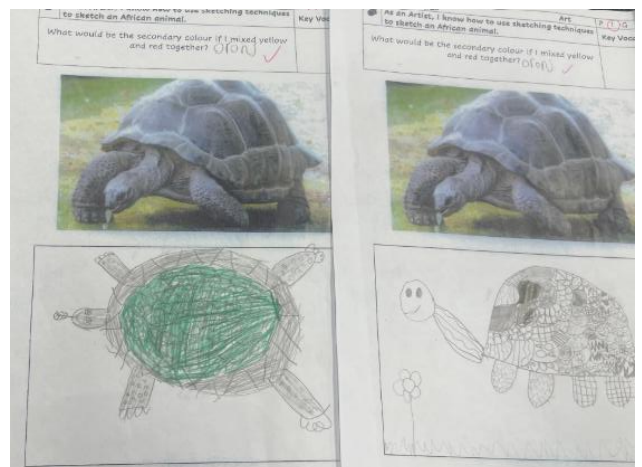
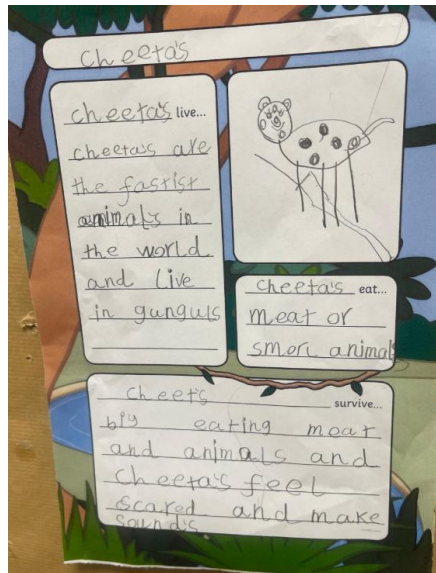
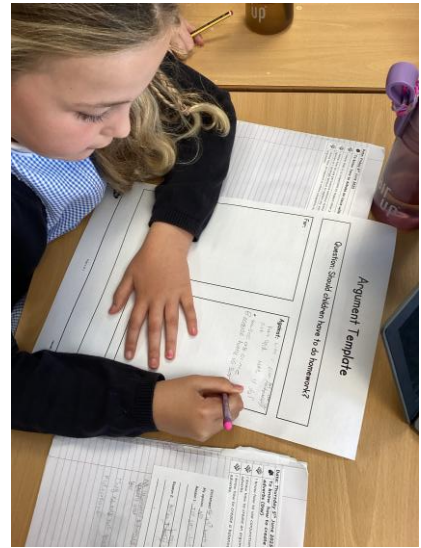
Player of the Match: Lucas Ford – Four clinical goals and relentless attacking threat.

With this convincing away win, St Mary Primary continue full of confidence heading into their next fixture on Friday 13th June, where we will play Berry Hill in the semi-final.



Our week in photos!

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



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Sparkly Poo to the Rescue!

Water voles in Wales, UK, are in trouble. These small, furry animals used to live near rivers all over south Wales but now there are hardly any left. The Wildlife Trust says they are nearly extinct in most places. A team from the Initiative for Nature Conservation Cymru (INCC) is trying something new – using edible glitter to help save them! The glitter is the same that is used to decorate cakes, and it is safe for animals and the environment. The glitter is mixed with food and when the voles eat it, their droppings (poo) sparkle! This helps scientists track the voles so they can protect them. Rob Parry, the chief executive of the INCC, said his team



Picture: A water vole eating a plant.
Source: Canva.

spoke to vets first to make sure it wouldn't harm the water voles. 'It's something we've done before to help other animals, like badgers,' said Mr Parry. 'We used special pellets with peanuts, which badgers love. So, we took that idea and made it smaller for water voles – using glitter!'

Water vole poo is very small – about the size of a pea or a little bean!

Duck and Slide – a Friendship that Glides!

A little girl in Hubei, China, made a very special friend – a tiny, yellow, fluffy duckling. A video, shared online, shows the adorable moment when the duckling hopped up the metal stairs to follow the girl. The little bird carefully climbed the steps while the girl waited at the top of the red slide, encouraging her feathered friend.

The girl then slid down. At first, the duckling seemed a little scared, but with gentle help from the girl, it soon had fun sliding down, landing safely on

its webbed feet at the bottom! Experts say that pet ducks often form strong bonds and can follow their owners closely during walks and playtime. **Watch the cute video [here!](#)**



Picture: Girl and duck about to go down the slide!
Source: People's Daily, China, on Facebook.

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



Yes, because it will make giving it more special.

Chloe

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Blink and You'll Miss It!

A team of students have built a robot, that can solve a puzzle cube faster than the blink of an eye! Brock Berta, Aden Hurd, Junpei Ota, and Matthew Patrohay, from Purdue University's Elmore Family School of Electrical and Computer Engineering in Indiana, USA, designed the record-breaking machine. Matthew Patrohay said, 'We solve in 103 milliseconds. A human blink takes about 200 to 300 milliseconds. So, before you even realize it's moving, we've solved it!'



Picture: Members of the Purdue's Cube team and their record-breaking machine.
Source: Purdue Electrical and Computer Engineering on Facebook.

The robot, named Purdubik's Cube, (a play on the name of the famous puzzle, Rubik's cube) can complete a 3x3x3 puzzle cube in 0.103 seconds, two tenths of a second quicker than the previous record holder. Matthew continued, 'I always say that my inspiration was a previous world record holder... I thought, "That's a really cool project. I'd love to try and beat it someday". Now here I am at Purdue - proving we can go even faster.'
Have you ever tried to complete a cube puzzle?
Do you think it is a good idea to build robots to solve puzzles?



'Quack' Getaway

A duck has been caught speeding on camera in Köniz, a town in central Switzerland. Local authorities released the photo showing the feathered offender flying at 52km/h (32mph) in a 30-km/h (18.6mph) zone! The police also declared that, strangely, a very similar-looking duck had also been snapped by a speed camera at the same place, time and speed, exactly seven years ago! Mallard ducks can fly at speeds of up to 70mph but cruise at around 30-40mph. They are temporarily grounded for a few weeks, twice a year, after they shed their flight feathers, as it takes a little while for them to grow back! The police inspectorate initially considered 'fowl' play or a belated April Fools' joke to explain the images.



Picture: The duck caught speeding on camera.
Source: Gemeinde Köniz on Facebook.

However, they concluded that the images could not have been tampered with, nor the machine manipulated. The computers and speed cameras are inspected and calibrated every year by Switzerland's federal institute of metrology, and the photos taken are securely sealed and stored. Köniz officials posted the image and commented, 'We wish you a lot of fun sensing about curious coincidences, criminal machinations [plots] of animals and the maximum flight speed of ducks.'
Have you seen a duck flying? How fast do you think they were going?

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Yes, so you can show your love.

Aaleyah

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TAKEHOME

2nd - 8th
June



How does it feel to be the first to do something?



In the news this week

The UK has a new astronaut currently training with NASA for six months. Dr Rosemary Coogan, who has a degree in astronomy, is expected to take part in a space mission within the next five years. It is possible that Dr Coogan could become the first British person to walk on the Moon, and there has also been discussions about future missions to Mars!

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your thoughts on the news that Dr Coogan could be the first Briton to walk on the Moon. Is it something you think you would like to do? Why?
- > Share with someone at home a time when you were the first to do something. Talk about how you felt before and after. Has someone at home ever been the first to do something?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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