



# NEWSLETTER

11th July 2025

## Clubs

Day	Club
Tuesday	Tennis (4.30pm finish)
Wednesday	French (4.30pm finish)
Breakfast club daily	From 7.30am
After school club daily	Until 5.30pm

There will be NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July

If anyone is interested in offering a club next year, please get in touch.

A HUGE thank you to all staff, volunteers and coaches for the support in providing lots of extra-curricular clubs this year!

## FAB AWARDS

- ★ Ethan
- ★ Robin
- ★ Martha
- ★ Jake
- ♥ Bleu
- ♥ Giorgio
- ♥ Edie
- ♥ Hannah

Whole school attendance this week: **93.4%**

## Quick glance dates...

JULY	
15 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 performance 6pm
16 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 performance 2pm
17 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 trip to Southwell minster
29 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers service 2pm <b>LAST DAY OF TERM</b>
SEPT	
1st	<b>Inset Day</b>
2nd	<b>Return to School</b>
NEXT YEARS INSET AND HOLIDAY DATES ARE FOUND HERE...	
<a href="#">St Mary's C of E Primary School - Useful Dates</a>	

This week we wish Happy Birthday to...

Jasmine & Teighan

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

Despite the HOT weather it has been another great week at St Mary's. Class 2 and 3 visited Yorkshire Wildlife Park and enjoyed their day thoroughly – a huge thank you to all the staff for organizing and the parent volunteers for your support on the day! Class 4 have been very busy preparing for their production ready for next week and Class 1 have had a nice trip to Sherwood forest play park. The girls football team finally got their chance to shine in a friendly match with Kneesall C of E – Thank you Mrs Lee for organising this! Thanks also to the friends of St Mary's who provided a wonderful summer disco to celebrate the end of term approaching!

This week we were also very lucky to have artist Hilary Cartmel visit school to work with the children designing printed artwork that will be added to a metal sculpture at Thoresby Colliery as part of a project to signify the heritage of the grounds.

## House Leaderboard



Oak

221



Birch

260



Pine

139



Willow

152



## Football Match Report

St Mary's Girls' Football Team put on a fantastic performance on Wednesday 9th July, securing a 3-0 win over Kneesall C of E primary in an exciting and hard-fought match.

The game got off to a flying start when Faith opened the scoring early with a confident finish, giving St Mary's the perfect start. The momentum continued as St Mary's earned a penalty, but luck wasn't on their side as Nancy struck the outside of the post, narrowly missing the chance to double the lead.

Faith made up for it soon after with an incredible second goal a thunderous rocket into the top corner that left the goalkeeper with no chance. Olivia came close to adding a third but couldn't quite convert her opportunity. Just before the break, Hannah found the net with a well-taken goal, giving St Mary's a comfortable 3-0 lead at half time.

Despite picking up an injury, Faith showed determination and grit by staying on the pitch until the half-time whistle. In the second half, St Mary's continued to control the game with strong teamwork and solid defending. Kneesall pushed forward and created some chances, but goalkeeper Isabella stood firm, making key saves and ensuring a well-deserved clean sheet.

Well done to all the girls for a brilliant performance!

Team – Isabella, Olivia, Alayna, Alice, Hannah, Faith, Phoebe, Edie, Harriet and Izzy.

*A huge thank you to Mrs Lee for her coaching support and for organising the match, thanks also to Kneesall school for joining us for this friendly game!*





## Can you help?

*As we think about winding up the school year and look forward to a brand-new academic year we are working together in school to tidy and sort across school. If you are willing and able to help with any of the following please get in touch:*

- *Clean the school minibus*
- *Take rubbish to the tip*
- *Jet wash the school building near class 2*
- *Tidy and clean the forest school area*
- *Paint the front of school*

We are looking at ways to refresh some of our outdoor space and would like to create a quiet/reflective area which is fenced. If you know any companies that may be able to help us or offer a discounted rate for this, please let us know!

Thank you

# FAMILY FUN DAY

July 19th ♥ 11am-2pm  
Walesby Club NG22 9PF



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## SPORT4KIDS SUMMER CAMP

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## Bear Pair Escape!

Two cheeky bears caused a roarsome adventure at Wildwood Devon, England, recently! Mish and Lucy, two young brown bears, managed to escape from their enclosure. Don't worry, they weren't after trouble – just snacks! The sneaky pair followed their noses straight to the food store and found the honey cupboard wide open. They gobbled up a whole week's worth of honey – talk about a sweet escape! The park quickly called a 'code red' to keep everyone safe. Sixteen visitors, including children, were kept inside while the bears explored and helped themselves to snacks. Mark Habben from the park said, 'The bears had a feast, played around, pulled



**Pictured:** A European brown bear, just like Mish and Lucy. **Source:** Canva.

some rope out,' and explained that both the bears and the team stayed calm throughout. Mish made her way back home by herself, and Lucy was tempted back with a bell and her favourite treats – because bears never say no to snacks! The park is now investigating how the bears got out, but everyone is safe, the bears are happy, and the honey cupboard is looking very empty! **Bears can sniff out food hidden under snow, leaves, or even locked away. Their noses are about 100 times better than ours!**

## Grand Farewell!

For fifty years, Terry Harper has made sure the pianos at the Sydney Opera House in Australia sound pitch perfect! But now, after tuning thousands of strings, he's saying goodbye. Terry first stepped inside the Opera House as a child when his dad, Ron, was working there. Ron became the first piano tuner when the Opera House opened in 1973, and Terry followed in his footsteps aged just 19. Terry admits he didn't love playing piano himself – he preferred the drums! But when it came to tuning, he had the perfect ear. Grand pianos have



**Pictured:** The Sydney Opera House where Terry tunes pianos. **Source:** Canva.

over 200 strings, and Terry could tell if one was out of tune in seconds. Over the years, he's worked with world-famous musicians, but his favourite stage has always been the Opera House. 'For me, it's a very happy place. It's pretty much been my life,' he says. Now, after half a century of music and memories, Terry's leaving on a high note! **Have you ever played the piano?**

### Why do people explore the past?



To find out what happened long ago!  
**Clara**

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## Capture the Cosmos

Scientists say the first images from the largest digital camera ever built have provided a 'peek of the cosmos'! The 3200-megapixel images are from the world's newest and most powerful survey telescope! The NSF-DOE Vera C. Rubin Observatory team have begun their ten-year project, during which they aim to capture the cosmos in exquisite detail. The telescope has been built on a mountain in the Andes, in Chile. This special location was chosen as it has dry air and dark skies, which make it the



**Pictured:** Image of the Trifid and Lagoon nebulae. **Source:** Rubin Observatory on Facebook.

perfect place for an observatory. The team of scientists from the U.S. National Science Foundation (NSF) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will repeatedly scan the sky for the next decade to create an ultra-wide, ultra-high-definition time-lapse record of our universe. 'NSF-DOE Rubin Observatory will capture more information about our Universe than all optical telescopes throughout history combined,' said Brian Stone, from the NSF. 'Through this remarkable scientific facility, we will explore many cosmic mysteries, including the dark matter and dark energy that permeate the Universe.'

**Have you ever seen an observatory?**

## Make an Impact!

There is still time for your school to apply to our very special Impact Awards! It's a great opportunity to showcase the positive actions you have taken in response to what's happening in the world around you. The Picture News Impact Awards celebrate the incredible ways children, schools, and communities are making a real difference.



**Pictured:** Schools making an impact. **Source:** Picture News on Facebook.

Have you made a difference to your local community, the country or even the world?

Did you have to overcome any barriers or difficulties when trying to make a difference?



Explain what you did. Why did you do it?

What did you learn from the project?

Who has it impacted? Consider everyone involved. How has your project made an impact?

All schools who achieve Bronze, Silver or Gold will receive their own trophy! Please get in touch to tell us about all that you have achieved. Applications can include photographs, quotes, and supporting documents, and should be no more than two sides of A4. Ask your teacher to get in touch for more information.

**What have you done to make an impact? Could your school apply for an award?**

### Why do people explore the past?



Because without history and the past we wouldn't know how things have changed.

**Sophie**

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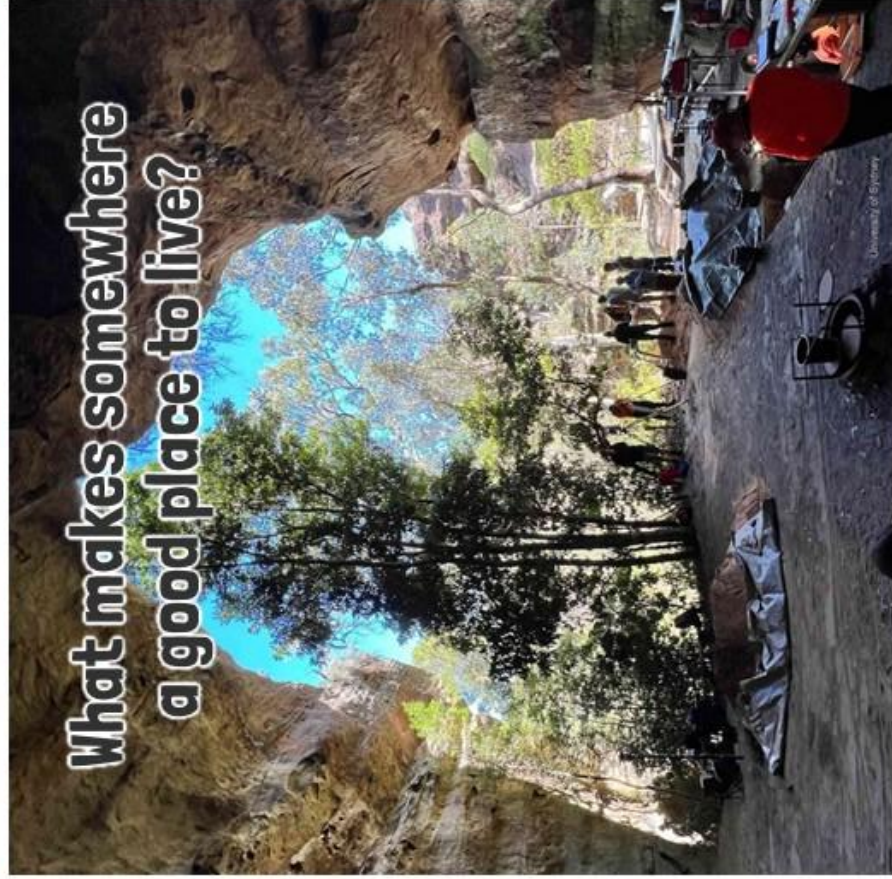
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# TAKEHOME

7th - 13th  
July



## What makes somewhere a good place to live?



Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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## In the news this week

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Why do you think people chose to live in mountain caves? Share your response with someone at home. Do you think it's important to learn about the homes of people from the past?
- > Considering where you live, what are the things you need to live a comfortable life in your home? Have these things changed over time?

Scientists in Australia have discovered that human beings lived in high mountain caves nearly 20,000 years ago. They found tools, burnt wood, and other artefacts deep inside the caves of Australia's Blue Mountains, showing that people once cooked and lived there. The discovery is one of the earliest records of people living within this mountain range. The caves were likely a safe and useful place to shelter during cold winters in the mountains.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments