



NEWSLETTER

18th July 2025

Clubs

Day	Club
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ALL CLUBS HAVE FINISHED NOW

There will be NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB on Tuesday 29th 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

- ★ All Class 1
- ★ All Class 2
- ★ All Class 3
- ★ All Class 4



Whole school attendance this week:
96.7%

Quick glance dates...

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

This week we wish Happy Birthday to...
Ernie and Wilfred

This week at St Mary's...

Another wonderful week here at St Mary's. The parish council have funded another project that we've been able to get involved in which has resulted in our school gaining 2 more pieces of permanent art on the drains outside. This raises awareness of pollution within our drain systems and the impact it has. Our Year 6 children have had 2 exciting trips this week, one to Southwell Minster to take part in the 'Stepping Up' day followed by a secret trip out. They were owed their 'Tea party' with the head from a few weeks back so we did this in style. We had a lovely fish and chip dinner followed by a day at Rufford Park, playing, laughing and having lots of fun! One more FULL week left – and it proves to be one to remember!!

House Leaderboard



Oak

203



Birch

224



Pine

203



Willow

223

Our week in photos!

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



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Thank you Friends of St Mary's!

*We're delighted to share that our wonderful Friends group has generously provided a **St Mary's rucksack for every child** in school, ready for the new academic year in September. These will be handed out to all pupils at the start of the new term.*

This lovely new initiative means that all children, including those starting in Reception, will receive a St Mary's bag when they begin their journey with us. As a small school with limited space, these rucksacks will really help us keep our cloakrooms neat and organised, as they are perfectly sized to fit each child's peg space. From September, it will be an expectation that all children use the St Mary's rucksack, and no other bags will be permitted in school.



We're so grateful to the Friends group for their continued support!

FAMILY FUN DAY

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



Wristbands £7
unlimited inflatable use

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A Royal Bridge!

Do you remember when we brought you the Picture News pack about the memorial for Queen Elizabeth II earlier this year? Well, the winning design has now been picked, and it's fit for a queen! The new memorial will be built in St James's Park, close to Buckingham Palace, London. It will include peaceful gardens, two statues of the Queen, one of her on horseback and one with Prince Philip, and a glass bridge called the Unity Bridge. The bridge looks like the sparkling tiara the Queen wore on her wedding day in 1947. Visitors will be able to walk across the bridge and enjoy views over the park and lake. The memorial is designed by the architect Sir Norman Foster. He



Pictured: The Picture News poster and big question: what are some special or meaningful ways to remember someone?
Source: Heatherwick Studio.

says it will remind people of the Queen's kindness, leadership, and the way she brought people together. The new space is expected to be ready by 2028, just in time for what would have been the Queen's 100th birthday. It will be a lovely place to remember Britain's longest-reigning monarch, and with a little royal sparkle too!
Would you like to visit the memorial in 2028? How old will you be then?

Flip-Flop Hero Henry!

Can you think back to when we told you about Henry Moores, the man walking all the way from Manchester to Ibiza? Well, he's only gone and done it... in flip-flops! Henry, aged 22 from Macclesfield, England, walked 1,200 miles to raise over £55,000 for BeMoreFab, a charity helping children with cancer. It took him 82 days to finish the journey. Each day, Henry shared videos online, saying 'Day [number] walking from Manchester to Ibiza!' and then did something funny, such as sliding down a slide or



Pictured: Henry Moores about to 'sail' to Ibiza!
Source: @henryoscar moores on Instagram.

falling into a swimming pool! He also always thanked everyone who supported him and donated. His final challenge was an 8-hour sea crossing from Spain to Ibiza on a rubber ring, wearing a tuxedo and armbands! Henry's videos have gone viral, with over 400,000 people following his adventure.
Well done, Henry – you're toe-totally fab!

Are driverless taxis a good idea?



I think they're a good idea if they're really safe and have buttons you can press to stop them if you need to. **Ahment**

Let us know what you think about this week's news



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Sculptures in the Sand

Mark Lewis, a part-time church minister who lives in York, has been creating sand art of everyday items to 'put a little joy into the world'. His recent works include a giant pair of crocs, a toothpaste tube, plug and plughole, dragons, castles, mermaid tails, Spongebob Squarepants, and a giant ice cream cone. He practises in a sand pit in his garden and displays his work on various beaches. Each sculpture



Pictured: Sand sculpture of a toothpaste tube.
Source: Lewis Sand Art on Facebook.

takes around seven hours to make. Describing why he does it, Mark said, 'There's all sorts of horrible things happening in the world so if I can put a little bit of joy into the world or put a smile on somebody's face, then it feels like a good thing to do.' He allows people to take photos wearing the crocs and mermaid tail. He says that, 'You're creating ephemeral art - it's a temporary medium. You really can't be bothered about what's going to happen to it afterwards.' Ephemeral art is art that only lasts for a short amount of time.

Do you enjoy making sandcastles? What would you like to see sculpted from sand?



Pictured: Sand sculpture of a giant pair of crocs.
Source: Lewis Sand Art on Facebook.

Sign Language Challenge!



Pictured: Gowen class performing a song in sign language.
Source: Vicarage Park Church of England Primary School on Facebook.

Here at Picture News, we love it when schools get in touch to let us know what they have been up to, especially when they have been inspired by one of our assemblies! Vicarage Park Church of England Primary School proudly shared on Facebook that Gowen class had learned to perform 'You've Got A Friend' using sign language! The pupils were inspired after learning about a new K-pop band from South Korea, Big Ocean, who use sign language in all their songs. The school posted, 'At the end of celebration assembly this

morning, Gowen class showed us a very special performance they have been working on. A few weeks ago in Picture News, we learnt about a new K-Pop band who use sign language in all their songs. So, Miss Mousdell challenged them to learn 'You've Got A Friend' using sign language!! They have done amazing!!
Which Picture News packs have inspired you this year? Did they encourage you to act and make an impact?

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I think it would feel quite weird to begin with, but I think they could be a good idea.
Ali

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In the news this week

After fleeing the war in Ukraine, Yuliia Brykailo moved to the Isle of Man with her daughter, Veronika. Yuliia has since written a children's book inspired by Veronika's experience of settling into a new school. The story, Veronika's Treasure Adventures on the Isle of Man, follows a young girl exploring the island and discovering that the real treasure is friendship. Veronika was warmly welcomed by her new school, where pupils even learned Ukrainian words to help her feel included.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you think writing a book is a good way to help share an experience?
- > Ask someone at home about their favourite book. What is it they like about it? Tell them about yours. Are there any lessons you can learn from your favourite stories or books?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments