



# NEWSLETTER

19<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## Clubs

Day	Club
Monday	
Tuesday	Dance / Multi-skills
Wednesday	French / Football
Thursday	Young Voices
Breakfast club daily	From 7.30am
After school club daily	Until 5.30pm

## FAB AWARDS

- ★ Olivia
- ★ Albie
- ★ Charlotte
- ★ Lucy
- ♥ Ryker
- ♥ Nora
- ♥ Henry B
- ♥ Hugo F

**Children achieving  
100% this week  
across school  
95%**

## Quick glance dates...

SEP	Event
22 <sup>nd</sup>	World Peace Day
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rocksteady visiting
OCT	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Poetry Day
9 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Festival 2pm in the church

This week we wish Happy Birthday to...

No Birthdays this week!



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

What a super week we've had for our BOOK WEEK & Grandparents' Day. The Book Fayre has been very successful, thank you for all your support – your purchases will allow us to purchase new books for our classrooms and library!

It was wonderful to spend some time reading stories to the children at Bedtime story and to see so many families enjoying time together at our Reading Café. Our new 'Starbooks' reading challenges are now in place and the children are buzzing with excitement about completing these!

We are VERY excited for our upcoming Rocksteady assembly next week – we hope that there will be enough interest for us to hold weekly Rock Choirs in school. Information will be sent home about this next week.

## House Leaderboard



Oak

139



Birch

158



Pine

156



Willow

149

# Our week in photos!

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





Rocksteady visiting 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025  
Assembly and workshops will be taking place in school. Your child will be given information to bring home and hopefully we will be able to offer ROCKSTEADY sessions within school.

## Coffee & Chat Group

Project for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools [PINS]

### FOR

- Any parent/carer of a child with any additional needs – no diagnosis needed.

### SESSION 1 – You, Your Child, and School

- Connect with people who 'get it' and understand
- Share the challenges and what really helps
- Use your experiences to suggest ways inclusion could work better in schools
- Get information and signposting to services

### WHEN:

- Fri 3rd Oct, 9:30 -11am

### WHERE:

- St Mary's CofE Primary School

For further information please  
contact: [enquiries@nottpcf.org](mailto:enquiries@nottpcf.org)



*These sessions are being run by Nottinghamshire Parent Carer Forum - an independent charity run by and for parent carers.*

**NO NEED TO MAKE EVERY SESSION – EVERYONE'S WELCOME!**



# TAKEHOME

15th - 21st  
September



## In the news this week

Schools in the UK will soon need to give more lessons on democracy, how voting works, and how the country is run. This is because the voting age for the general election is being lowered to 16. Many agree that young people need to be ready to make informed decisions. At first, these lessons will be for children aged 14 and over, but the plan is to begin teaching these issues from 11 years of age, so everyone has plenty of time to learn.

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

- Talk to someone older at home, and ask them to share their experiences of voting and their thoughts on the news that 16-year-olds will be able to vote.
- Can you think of times when you have taken part in a vote? What was the outcome?
- Do you believe it's important for young people to learn about voting and democracy? If so, what age do you think the lessons should start?

### Why do we vote?



Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT 1 NEWSPAPER 15th - 21st September

### Glow For It!

A new science story is lighting up the news! Scientists in China have made special succulent plants that glow in the dark. The trick? Tiny glowing particles go inside the leaves. After soaking up sunshine in the day, the plants shine at night. They can glow for hours, in lovely colours such as green, blue, red, or yellow.

One day, these glow plants might be used as little streetlamps. Lead scientist, Shuting Liu, says, 'Imagine glowing trees replacing streetlights.' That would be *tree-mendous!* For now, the glowing succulents live safely in a lab. Scientists hope they could one day grow bigger plants, bright



**Picture:** A glowing succulent plant.  
**Source:** Canva.

enough to light paths, parks, and even whole streets. Glow plants could also help save electricity and make cities greener. Now that's what we call a *bright idea!*

**Did you know some animals glow in the dark too? Fireflies, glow worms and even some jellyfish can make their own light!**

### Cuthbert's Big Surprise!

The supermarket, Aldi, has given its famous Cuthbert the Caterpillar Cake a special makeover, to celebrate September being the most popular birthday month! Inside the cake is a sweet little surprise: when you cut into it, you'll find pink filling for a girl or blue filling for a boy. Aldi ran a special competition this month, giving away free limited-edition cakes to some lucky winners! Aldi's boss, Julie Ashfield, says, 'We know how special gender reveal moments can be



**Picture:** Limited edition gender reveal Cuthbert cake!  
**Source:** Aldi UK on Facebook.

for expectant parents, so we wanted to offer something fun... transforming our popular Cuthbert Cake!' So, whether it's pink or blue, this new cake makes baby news extra exciting!  
**If you could design a caterpillar cake, what flavour would it be?**

### What do you think makes something a wonder of the world?



A wonder of the world is something that is really special!  
**Polly**

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## New Giraffes

Giraffes are loved by many people and were always thought to be just one species. However, scientists at the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) now say they have identified three more species of the world's tallest mammal. Researchers studied giraffes closely and compared their skulls and head shapes. They also looked at how natural features, such as rivers, deserts and mountains, may have separated giraffes in the past, meaning they evolved differently. Southern giraffes live in South Africa,



**Pictured:** Northern giraffes (left) and a Masai giraffe (right). **Source:** Canva.

Angola, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Mozambique. Reticulated giraffes are found in Kenya, Somalia and Ethiopia. Northern giraffes live in Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan, and Uganda. Finally, Masai giraffes (with their leaf-pattern hide) live in Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda. The IUCN says this discovery is very important. Michael Brown, co-author of the report, said, 'The more precisely we understand giraffe taxonomy, the better equipped we are to assess their status and implement effective conservation strategies.'

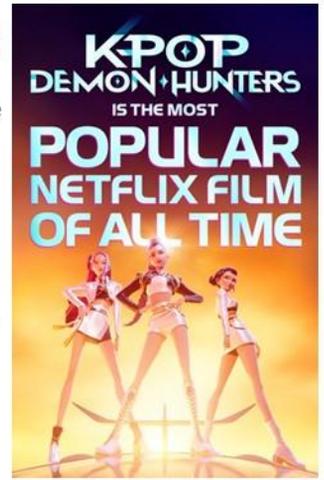
**Do you think it is important to protect giraffes? Why?**



**Pictured:** A Southern giraffe (left) and Reticulated giraffes (right). **Source:** Canva.

## 'Golden' Movie

KPop Demon Hunters has become Netflix's most-viewed movie ever! Since it was released in June, the animated musical has been watched more than 236 million times. The film tells the story of K-pop girl band, Huntr/x, who use their music and fighting skills to protect humans from demons. It was made by Sony Pictures Animation and has been praised for its bright animation and showing both traditional and modern Korean culture. The songs from the movie are very popular, with 'Golden' reaching number one on the Billboard Hot 100. Other tracks by Huntr/x and their rival, Saja Boys, appeared in Spotify's Global Top 10. Many of the soundtrack's producers have worked with famous K-pop groups, like BTS and Twice. Netflix released a sing-along version in cinemas, which also became the number one film at the US box office.



**Pictured:** KPop Demon Hunters poster. **Source:** @Netflix on X.

Plans for a sequel are reportedly in the early stages!  
**Have you watched the film? Which song from the film is your favourite?**

### What do you think makes something a wonder of the world?



A wonder of the world is something that you can't stop looking at. It is beautiful!  
**Effie**

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