



NEWSLETTER

26th 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

- ★ Marsali
- ★ Danny
- ★ Charlotte
- ★ Fearne
- ♥ Maddison
- ♥ Evanna
- ♥ Phoebe
- ♥ Jonathan

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

Quick glance dates...

SEP	Event
30 th	Y3/4 Football match
OCT	
2 nd	Poetry Day
9 th	Harvest Festival 2pm in the church

This week we wish Happy Birthday to...

No Birthdays this week!



This week at St Mary's...

We were delighted to welcome *RockSteady* into school this week, inspiring us all to form our very own rock bands! Both children and teachers had a fantastic time trying out the instruments, and we are hopeful that this opportunity can become a regular feature in school.

In worship, we reflected on how we can show love towards everyone, thinking about the Bible passage: "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

Across school, our new school councillors have now been elected. Their first meeting focused on improving our playground and creating a school garden – exciting plans we can't wait to bring to life!

House Leaderboard



Oak

169



Birch

189



Pine

208



Willow

129

Our week in photos!

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



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:

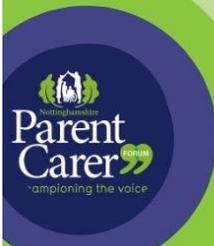
- St Mary's CofE Primary School

For further information please
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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!



AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

As part of our FAB assembly, we love to celebrate children's achievements both in and out of school. If your child has received a certificate, trophy, medal, or any other recognition for something they take part in outside of school, they are welcome to bring it to the office on Friday morning. We will then share and celebrate their success with the whole school during our FAB assembly.



Can anyone break a record if they try hard enough?



Guinness World Records is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. The book was first published in 1955, and is now sold in over 100 countries. Each year, it collects unusual and amazing records, from the fastest runners to the tallest buildings and silliest challenges. To mark its birthday, the 'global authority' on record-breaking achievements shared some records that no one has tried yet and is encouraging people to have a go.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Ask someone at home whether they are familiar with the Guinness World Records. What records can they recall?
- Discuss the skills required to break records. E.g., hard work and ability.
- Think about something you would like to get better at this year. What goal could you set and how might you achieve it? Share with someone at home.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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ST MARY'S NEWS...

We are delighted to share that **Miss Selby is expecting her first child** in the coming months! 🎉

To cover her maternity leave, we have advertised a **temporary KS1 teacher post** and are now recruiting a **fantastic teacher** to lead Class 2.

Rolling Rubbish Collectors!

Balls that look a bit like fluffy tumbleweed are washing up on beaches in Spain. They're called Neptune balls, and are made from the leaves of a special type of seagrass which grows in the Mediterranean Sea.

When scientists cut them open, they found little bits of plastic inside. The Neptune balls are trapping plastic that would otherwise float around in the ocean. That means less rubbish for fish, turtles and other sea creatures to swallow.

'We never expected seagrass to collect so much plastic,' said Dr Anna Sánchez-Vidal, a scientist studying the sea. 'It's nature



Picture: Neptune balls washed up on the beach. **Source:** Canva.

helping us tidy up!' Seagrass also grows in huge underwater meadows. These meadows give food and shelter to animals, help clean the water, and even make oxygen for us to breathe. That's why they are sometimes called 'the lungs of the ocean!' **Seagrass meadows can be found all around the world, including along the coasts of the UK!**

Strictly Come Spider Dancing!

In Australia, there are tiny spiders that love to dance! They are called peacock spiders and are only the size of a pin head. The males show off bright colours and do special dances to find a mate. They even make drumming sounds with their feet – like a little spider song! There are more than 100 types of peacock spider. Scientists think that the spiders' DNA could be the reason there are so many types of them! DNA is a special gene code found within living things. 'Peacock spiders are very varied, and that makes them exciting to study,'

said researcher Jonah Walker. By studying them, scientists hope to learn why plants and animals everywhere are so different.

Do you think a Peacock Spider's drumming song would be loud or quiet if we could hear it?



Picture: A male peacock spider! **Source:** Canva.

What makes a building special?



My grandma's house is special because it always smells nice.

Sanako

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Sunflower Walks

Two brothers, Lloyd and Mat Smith, have raised more than £3,000 for Thorpe Hall Hospice in Peterborough. They invited people to visit their farm in Ramsey, Cambridgeshire, and walk through huge fields of sunflowers. Over 1,000 visitors came during the three-week event. The brothers grow the sunflowers as part of their bird seed business, but they also wanted to raise money in memory of Lloyd's



Picture: A visitor at the sunflower farm in Ramsey, Cambridgeshire. **Source:** Wendy Ansell on Facebook.

father-in-law, who was cared for at the hospice. Lloyd said, 'We are really happy. The activity is gaining popularity each year and we had over 1,000 people this year. It's all about giving something back.' This was the third year the farm has held the walks, and the brothers hope to continue every summer. The hospice said they were very grateful for the support, and the brothers were proud of the blooming sunflowers that helped make it possible.

Would you like to walk through a field of sunflowers? What other fun ideas could raise money for good causes?



Picture: The sunflowers farm. **Source:** Wendy Ansell on Facebook.

Shark Surprise!

The sailback houndshark has been spotted again for the first time in 50 years! It lives in the waters of Papua New Guinea, possibly in a small area called Astrolabe Bay. Fishermen caught five of the sharks while scientists were researching the area for the country's National Plan of Action on Sharks and Rays. Two years later, another shark was caught, which became the first male sailback houndshark ever seen. The shark has a large head, a small mouth, and a long fin that looks like a sail. Scientists say it is very rare and unique. The meat is not popular, which may have helped it survive. Scientists are studying it to learn more about how it lives, what it eats, and how many there are. Papua New Guinea has many sharks that live nowhere else in the world. The sailback houndshark is part of a special group called houndsharks. Researchers hope it will become a



Picture: The sailback houndshark. **Source:** 'Rediscovery of one of the world's rarest sharks, the sailback houndshark, in Papua New Guinea', Jack Sagumai.

symbol of marine life in the area. They are starting to monitor and protect it to make sure it stays safe.

Why do you think it is important to protect rare animals like the sailback houndshark?

What makes a building special?



A building can be special if it makes people feel safe or happy.
Hoshi

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