



NEWSLETTER

7th November 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

- ★ William
- ★ Ethan
- ★ Marlie
- ★ Alana
- ♥ Emmelina
- ♥ Kaison
- ♥ Harriet
- ♥ Holly

**Children achieving
100% this week
across school
98.9%**

Quick glance dates...

NOV	Event
10 th	School photos
11 th	Remembrance day
11 th	Parents evening
14 th	Children in Need
27 th	Edwinstowe light switch on

This week we wish Happy Birthday to...

Harriet H, Holly, Jonathan, Iver, Lucas, Edie, Belle



This week at St Mary's...

We've had a fantastic start to the new half term! Class 4 enjoyed a visit from the Mental Health Support Team, focusing on self-esteem and wellbeing, while A1 Multisports delivered the first of our whole-school inclusive sports events – a brilliant day for everyone involved.

Across school, children have been learning about Remembrance Day, exploring the impact of the World Wars and how they continue to shape our world today. Their beautiful artwork and reflections are now displayed in our main entrance for anyone who would like to visit and see how we've remembered those who gave their lives and those who continue to serve in conflicts around the world.

We ended the week on a high note with Rocksteady beginning their music sessions and forming our very own school rock bands. What a wonderful start to the half term!

House Leaderboard



Oak

158



Birch

159



Pine

161



Willow

135

Our week in photos!

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





AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

It was wonderful to share all the additional achievements this week with our children. It was great to hear about children receiving first aid recognition as well as gymnastics successes.

How great to see children also flourishing outside of school.



PUMPKIN PARADE

Well done to the children who got involved in our pumpkin parade – the creations were super. Here are our winners!

Children in Need 25 Challenge!

Complete 25 Acts of Kindness
Complete 25 Acts of Kindness – Let's spread smiles everywhere!



Dress up in spots & stripes – £1 donation!



Try mini classroom challenges throughout the day



Sports circuit – 25 reps to the beat!



Join us on Friday 14th November for a day full of Children in Need activities. The children will be able to dress up in spots & stripes for a £1 donation.

🎄 Friends of St Mary's Stall – Edwinstowe Light Switch On 🎄

The Edwinstowe Light Switch On is just **three weeks away**, and preparations are well underway!

We are still in **great need of more bottles** for our stall – **especially bottles of alcohol** 🍷 😊

At the moment, we only have a handful of donations, but we'll need **at least 100 bottles** for the stall to be successful (or even to go ahead!).

If you're able to help, please bring any donated bottles to the **collection box in the school entrance hall by Friday 21st November**.

Thank you so much for your continued support ❤️
Friends of St Mary's



TAKEHOME

3rd - 9th November



Should fireworks be changed so we protect animals and people at the same time?



In the news this week

An animal charity, called Redwings Horse Sanctuary, has asked the government to make fireworks quieter to help protect animals and people. Loud fireworks can scare pets, wildlife, and some people who find sudden noises upsetting. Supporters of the campaign say we can still celebrate with low-noise fireworks or light shows that keep everyone safe and happy.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Do you celebrate Bonfire Night or an occasion with fireworks?
- > Do you enjoy fireworks? Discuss with someone at home.
- > The campaign suggests low-noise fireworks and drone shows as alternatives to traditional fireworks. For each, think about the pros and cons.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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Time for a Change?

What do you think about changing the clocks twice a year? Do you notice it? Do you like the lighter evenings or the extra hour in bed? Perhaps, like Spain's Prime Minister, Pedro Sánchez, you think it might be time to stop.

Pedro Sánchez has said he wants to end the clock changes in the future. He believes moving the time forward in spring and back in autumn doesn't save much energy anymore and can make it harder for people to get used to a new routine.

He now wants to talk to other European countries that are part of the European Union about the idea and see what they think. If everyone agrees,



Picture: A clock in autumn leaves. The time is moved back by one hour in autumn. **Source:** Canva.

the clock changes could stop from 2026 for some countries. The UK government has not yet said what it thinks.

Over 70 countries across the world change their clocks each year, but they do it on different dates and at different times of the year!

If you could vote, would you keep changing the clocks twice a year or stop it?

Mosquitoes Move North

For the first time, scientists have found mosquitoes living outdoors in Iceland. They discovered three of the tiny insects, two females and one male, near a garden in the Kjós area, just north of the country's capital city, Reykjavík. Until now, Iceland was one of the few places in the world with no mosquitoes living there.

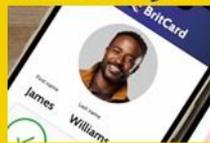


Picture: A *Culiseta annulata* mosquito. **Source:** Canva.

That's because Iceland is a very cold country with long, freezing winters, and mosquitoes usually need warmth to survive. The mosquitoes found belong to a type called *Culiseta annulata*, which can survive in colder weather. Experts think the insects might be able to live in Iceland now because the winters have become a little warmer. 'It shows how the climate is changing,' said scientist Carla Vieira. Only a few mosquitoes have been spotted so far, but scientists are keeping an eye out to see if more arrive next summer.

What do you notice about insects in the summer and winter?

Should everyone have an identity card?



I think people should only need to have a digital ID if they choose to.

Annabelle

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Scaffold-free Parthenon

Visitors can now view the Parthenon temple in Athens, Greece, free of scaffolding for the first time in 200 years! The most recent construction shell had been installed 20 years ago, part of ongoing work by conservationists to restore and maintain the western facade of the structure. There is currently an unobstructed view of the iconic white Pentelic marble temple. The magnificent Parthenon on the Acropolis hill was built in honour of Athena, the Greek Goddess of Wisdom and War. It was erected after a victory over the Persians in the 5th century BC. The Parthenon measures about 70 metres long and 31 metres wide. There were 46 outer columns and 23 inner columns, each with 20 flutes. The roof used to be covered with large, overlapping marble tiles. Right now, people will get the clearest view of the monument for centuries, before work begins again



Picture: Parthenon temple in Athens, Greece. **Source:** Canva.

later this month. 'At least two generations have not seen the Parthenon visually free,' said Greece's culture minister Lina Mendoni. 'To see the Parthenon completely free, as it stands today, is something that has not happened for at least 200 years.'

Do you know any facts about the Parthenon?

Are there any monuments that you would like to visit?

Double-decker Trains



Eurostar has revealed plans to run double-decker trains through the Channel Tunnel for the first time. It has ordered 30 double-decker, high-speed Celestia trains from manufacturer Alstom, with the option to order 20 more! They expect the first six trains to be on the tracks in 2031. Each will be 200 metres long and 4.33 metres high. If two trains ran together, as they do now, there would be room for 1,080 people. The Eurostar trains will operate in Germany, Belgium, France, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom, pulling into London's St. Pancras International railway station via the Channel Tunnel.

Picture: Eurostar trains. **Source:** Eurostar on Facebook.

The only other time a double-decker passenger train was on Britain's rail tracks was during an experiment that began in 1949! 'By choosing Avelia Horizon to renew its fleet, Eurostar is confirming its desire to combine technological performance, energy efficiency and passenger comfort. This new-generation train, designed to meet the demands of international very high-speed traffic, embodies our vision of sustainable and competitive European mobility,' said Henri Poupart-Lafarge, Chief Executive Officer of Alstom.

Would you like to travel on a double decker train?

Should everyone have an identity card?



I think it will be easier if adults can just show a card on their phone instead of needing lots of paperwork.
Sana

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