



11th September 2026

This Week at St Mary's...

It's been a great week with children settling well into new classes and routines. All the staff have been proud of all the children this week with their excellent attitudes towards learning and the care they have taken with our new school building. It has been lovely to see children learn about 'The Grand Hotel of Feelings' this week as a school where we have unpicked just how important it is to understand our feelings, know what to do with them and how to support others feelings.

Whole school
attendance this
week...

98%

Flourishing this week...



ROBINS

Showing Love: Emily
Flourishing: Lola
Dojo Leader: Whole class



WOODPECKERS

Showing Love: Jack
Flourishing: Amber
Dojo Leader: Belle



WRENS

Showing Love: Marsali
Flourishing: Olivia
Dojo Leader: Evanna/Eleanor



OWLS

Showing Love: David
Flourishing: Charlotte
Dojo Leader: Evalyn

House Leaderboard



Oak



Birch



Pine



Willow

Coming next week...

Key Date reminders

September

15th - Open Evening

15th - BOOK FAYRE OPENS

21st World Peace Day

25th Macmillan Coffee Morning

28th Rocksteady Assembly

Celebrating wider achievements



Well done to our fabulous children for achieving awards in Swimming, gymnastics, Park Runs and Cross Stitching.

Next week we will introduce our new House Captains!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To... Hugo B, Phoebe H, Myles, Elsie

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Safeguarding

If you have any welfare or safeguarding concerns about a child or family, please speak with one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Mrs Bailey

Mrs Bee

Miss Wright

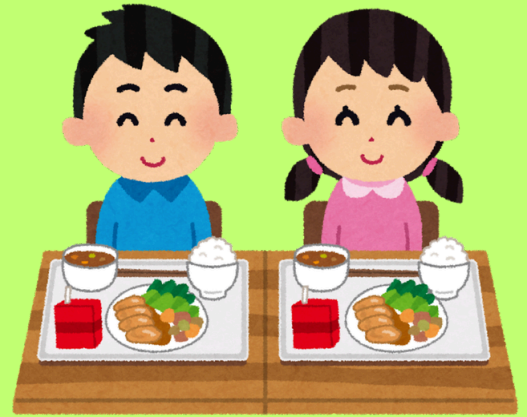
Alternatively email:

esm-safeguarding@stmarysedwinstowe.smat.org.uk



OTHER NEWS...

Free School Meals



Eligibility has changed and you may now be eligible.
Please check here and apply!



THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

Childrens Emotional Health and Wellbeing Webinar

For Parents and Carers (Primary Age)

This one hour webinar aims to provide parents with a understanding of common mental health difficulties in young people. We will explore common mental health difficulties such as anxiety and how this might present in primary aged young people. We will also explore how you can support a young person's mental health and how to refer to the MHST.



Tuesday 17th
November 2026
12-1pm



Parents can join via Web using this link:
<https://www.microsoft.com/engb/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting>
by inputting the Meeting ID and Passcodes from the poster. by scanning the QR code or by clicking this link. Please note, parents won't be able to join until the day.

Meeting ID: 370 826 015 883 475
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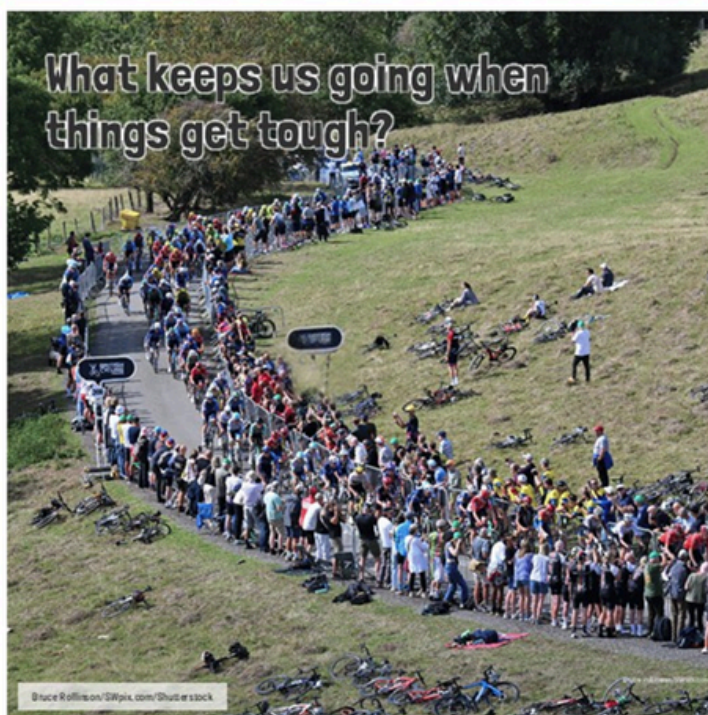


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In the news this week

Between 2nd and 6th September, more than 100 of the world's best cyclists competed in the Tour of Britain Men. The five-day race began in Lincoln and travelled through Lincolnshire and Yorkshire, before finishing in the Scottish Borders on 6th September. In the men's event, the cyclists cover nearly 900 kilometres, tackling steep hills and challenging conditions along the way. Thousands have been gathering along the route to watch and cheer the riders on.

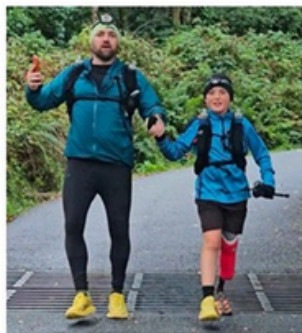
Things to talk about at home ...

- Can you think of a time when something felt difficult, but you kept going?
- What helped you to persevere?
- Who encourages you when you face a challenge?
- When might taking a break or asking for help be the best next step?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

A Mountain of Achievement

A nine-year-old boy has completed a huge mountain challenge in less than 24 hours! Albie-Junior Thomas climbed the tallest mountains in Wales, England and Scotland with his dad, finishing the Three Peaks Challenge in 22 hours and 30



Pictured: Albie-Junior Thomas with his dad, Daniel Thomas. **Source:** Daniel Thomas PT Running Coach on Facebook.

minutes. Albie-Junior was born without the bone called a fibula in his left leg and had his foot removed when he was 15 months old. At four, he became the youngest amputee to climb the highest mountain in Wales, Yr Wyddfa, which is also called Snowdon. Albie-Junior trained for four months for the challenge. He said ham and cheese sandwiches, sour sweets and lots of drinks helped give him energy. His dad, Daniel, called Albie his 'superhero' on radio and praised his determination and mental strength. The pair also raised more than £3,000 for Albie's local football club.

What would you like to challenge yourself to do? Why?

A Rare Bird's Big Family!

The UK's rarest bird of prey has successfully raised six chicks in a secret nest on English farmland. Montagu's harriers are very rare in the UK and are at risk of disappearing. This year, one male bird, known as 'AU', helped raise six chicks in two nests. Four chicks were



Pictured: Montagu's harrier chicks. **Source:** CABS on Facebook.

also raised at the same place last year. The birds are being carefully watched by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) and the farmers who look after the land. Fences have been put around the nests to help protect the chicks from animals such as foxes. The male bird has been working hard to feed the hungry chicks. He drops food in the air, and the female catches it with her feet! Two of the chicks have been given special tags that can help people track where they travel. **Did you know Montagu's harriers fly to Africa for winter and return to Europe in summer?**

How can what we watch be made accessible to everyone?



I think having different sign language options and subtitles in different languages should be available for all TV shows, films and videos. **Cassie**

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'So-re, So-re!'

Thousands of people have gathered together in Hirosaki park in Japan to manually move a castle! Determined shouts of 'So-re, So-re!' could be heard as the volunteers used an ancient method to move the treasured building without having to dismantle it. 1,800 people moved the main tower of Hirosaki Castle by two metres using traditional equipment. Teams consisting of 80 people took it in turns to pull the on 30m ropes to move the keep, which was set on rails. The castle was originally built in 1611,



Pictured: Edo Forsythe preparing to pull the castle. **Source:** Edo Forsythe on Facebook.



Pictured: A team of people preparing to pull the castle. **Source:** Edo Forsythe on Facebook. then rebuilt in 1810 after being destroyed by lightning. The castle's wall has now been repaired following damage caused in the 1983 Sea of Japan earthquake, with 2,185 stones restacked. It is now time for the castle to return to its original position. Edo Forsythe, from Hirosaki, Aomori, Japan, posted on social media, 'I got to participate in pulling #hirosakicastle back to its stone wall foundation today! Our group moved it a whopping 5cm!! The castle is 400 tons, so not a bad pull!!! 🙌 So lucky to get to join such a historic event!!' **Would you like to participate in something like this? Should communities come together to protect things important to them?**

Flying High!

Australian educator and kite enthusiast, Angus Johnstone, has flown a kite continuously for over 26 hours! The world record for the longest kite flight by an individual was set by Angus in Killarney, Victoria, Australia at 26 hours 15 minutes and 15 seconds. Angus was supported by a group of friends, and raised thousands of Australian dollars



Pictured: Angus Johnstone's kite during the record-breaking flight. **Source:** Fly with Myanmar - World's Longest Individual Kite Flight on Facebook.



Pictured: Angus Johnstone with his kite during the record-breaking flight. **Source:** Fly with Myanmar - World's Longest Individual Kite Flight on Facebook.

for his chosen charity, to provide health and education resources in Myanmar. He said, 'I feel amazing, I am overwhelmed. Having so many people here is just wonderful.' He added that he was 'beyond tired', yet 'the excitement has carried me through. I am blown away by people's generosity, and I am so thankful we can send that money to Myanmar.'

Have you ever flown a kite? How long do you think you could fly a kite for?

How can what we watch be made accessible to everyone?



I think this is really good but at the same time instead of just children they should do it with adults as well. **Quin**

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WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO PLAY IN THEIR OWN ROCK BAND AT SCHOOL?

ROCK STEADY

Hi Parent or Guardian,

Do you want your child to experience the magic of playing music in their very own band? Rocksteady Music School is the leading provider of in-school rock and pop band lessons for primary age children – and we're delighted to let you know we're teaching in your child's school!

How does it work?

With Rocksteady, children learn to play an instrument through weekly band lessons. It's the perfect way to learn new musical skills, make friends and have fun – all at school! Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost confidence, wellbeing social skills and even academic achievement.

Your child will learn to play songs instantly through listening and playing. There's no music theory involved and lessons are designed to be fun, inclusive and accessible. They will be making progress in every lesson and can also achieve an Ofqual-regulated Trinity Music qualification, without having to take a single exam!

Here's what else you need to know:

- Most lessons take place during the school day. There's **no experience necessary** and **all instruments for lessons are provided**.
- You can choose if they shine on **vocals, keyboard, drums, guitar or bass**.
- Proudly watch as your child performs in their **end of term concerts**, showing just how far they have come!
- Rocksteady band leaders are professional musicians who inspire a passion for music and support your child every step of the way.

Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. There's a **money-back guarantee** for the first month and you can **cancel at any time**.

For more details on availability and cost, visit rocksteadymusicschool.com and find your school on the sign up page or call 0330 113 0330.

Best wishes,

Rachel Hawker | Director of Education

0330 113 0330

(Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)

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BAND LESSONS

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94%
OF PARENTS SAY
ROCKSTEADY
IMPROVES THEIR
CHILD'S CONFIDENCE

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*My daughter loves her
Rocksteady lessons.
She has fun, learns
new skills and builds
her friendships during
school time.*

Sade

*I love the exam-
free qualifications,
as the focus is my
child's enjoyment
of music and
learning without
the pressure of an
exam.*

Juliet

*The concerts are a
brilliant opportunity
for the children to
develop their music
skills and increase
their confidence
together.*

Grace

*Rocksteady has
given my child the
confidence to
perform in front of
his whole school.*

Michelle

*Our child loves
Rocksteady and looks
forward to every lesson.
Watching him and the
whole band was an
honour – it's amazing to
see their progress and
teamwork!*

Stanislava

*My children eagerly
anticipate their
lessons and come
home excited to
share what they've
learned. It's
wonderful to see!*

Emm



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