St Mary's

Newsletter

6th November 2026

This Week at St Mary's...

Welcome back to a new half term, everyone. It has been lovely to see all the wonderful pumpkins arrive at school for the competition this week. So much creativity and imagination have gone into creating them. Owl Class enjoyed a very special visit to the Holocaust Centre this week, which helped to consolidate their learning about World War II and provided an opportunity to pay their respects and reflect on this important period in history.
We have also been delighted with the addition of the new Forest School fence, which has been a fantastic improvement to our school site this week.

Whole school attendance this week...

96%

Flourishing this week...



ROBINS
Showing Love: Loxley
Flourishing: Cerys
Dojo Leader: James



WOODPECKERS
Showing Love: Phoebe
Flourishing: Faith
Dojo Leader: Annie



WRENS
Showing Love: Bleu
Flourishing: Louie
Dojo Leader: Teighan



OWLS
Showing Love: Harriet
Flourishing: Imogen
Dojo Leader: Charlotte Be

House Leaderboard



Oak — 158



Birch — 112



Pine — 173



Willow — 132

Key Date reminders

November
9th Individual School photos
11th Remembrance Day
13th Children in Need Day
26th Edwinstowe light switch on

Celebrating wider achievements







HAPPY BIRTHDAY

To.... Belle

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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.snmat.org.uk

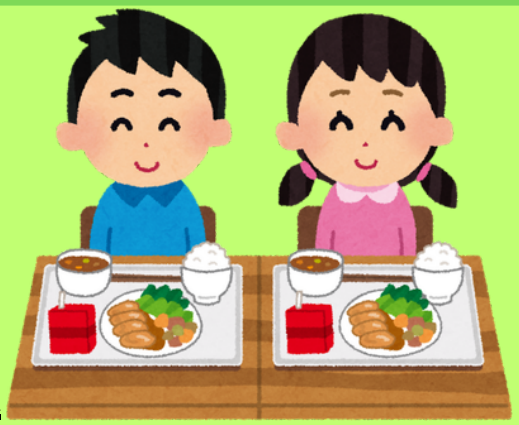


PLEASE NOTE

DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS MORE CCTV IS BEING INSTALLED TO COVER MORE EXTERNAL AREAS OF THE SCHOOL AS WELL AS CLASSROOMS AND COMMUNAL AREAS SUCH AS HALL/CORRIDORS.

POLICY CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE

Free School Meals



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

ALLERGY NOTICE

We have children in school with severe allergies. Please DO NOT send any nut or nut based products into school.

Only SEALED food which clearly states ingredients can be sent into school to be shared in class for celebrations such as birthdays. These will then be sent home and not consumed in school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Arbor

All parents/carers should have received an email before half term regarding our new ARBOR Parent App.
Going forward, this app will be used to:

- Keep your contact details up to date
- Manage permissions and consent forms
- Receive important communications and updates from school

It is essential that all parents/carers sign up using the information provided in the email as soon as possible.
Further information and guidance will be shared after half term.

Thank you for your support.

NOT LONG NOW!

PLEASE SHARE WITH YOUR FRIENDS/NEIGHBOURS AND FAMILY. THE GRAND OPENING EVENT IS AN EVENT FOR EVERYONE TO COME AND HAVE SOME FUN WHILST EXPLORING THE GREAT REFURBISHMENT THAT HAS TAKEN PLACE.





Christmas light switch on.

Please join in the fun - Our school choir will be performing and the PTA will be holding their annual christmas stall to raise money for the school



A Code of Conduct for Parents, Carers and Visitors

As a school within the Southwell and Nottingham Multi-Academy Trust, we kindly remind all parents, carers and visitors to communicate with staff in a courteous and respectful manner at all times. Staff may end a conversation or interaction where this standard is not maintained. Thank you for helping us maintain a positive and supportive school community.

PTA NEWS

Our Friends group are busy preparing for the next big event - Christmas! More information will be posted about these events after half term.

In the meantime, if you haven't already - please sign up to Easy Fundraising. When using this to purchase items online, the PTA can raise additional money as cashback. So far we have raised over £200 which is fantastic!

The more that sign up, the more money for school to treat the children!

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In the news this week

British adventurer Karl Bushby has returned to the UK, after spending almost 28 years travelling around the world on an incredible journey home. Since leaving Chile in 1998, he has travelled through jungles, deserts and icy landscapes, even swimming across seas to continue his adventure. Karl's journey has been filled with amazing experiences, challenges and achievements.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Karl spent almost 28 years travelling. Why might he have chosen to take on such an enormous challenge?
- What do you imagine Karl may have learned about himself during his journey?
- Can you think of a time when you enjoyed working towards something more than actually achieving it?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

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Back To The Wild

Eight orangutans have been released back into the wild in Borneo, after wildfires made their homes unsafe. The orangutans were rescued in August and September when fires damaged the forests and food sources where they lived, meaning they had to move closer to people. Those saved included three mothers and their daughters, as well as two adult males. International Animal Rescue Indonesia (YIARI) rescuers have moved the orangutans to a safe forest reserve where they can find food and water. The reserve was chosen because it is connected to other forest areas, giving the orangutans more space to explore.



Pictured: A baby orangutan with a wildlife rescuer. **Source:** IAR Indonesia (YIARI) on Facebook.

Rescuers hope the animals will be able to live safely in this new natural home. Orangutans are endangered animals so protecting their forest homes is very important. Now, these eight orangutans have a fresh start in a safer place where they can begin settling back into life in the wild. ***How could we help protect orangutans and their homes?***

Type, Tap, Talk!

Apple is helping Indigenous communities keep their languages alive, by making them available on iPhone keyboards. One example is Cherokee, a language spoken by the Cherokee Nation in the United States. It became the first Native American language added to Apple's iPhone software in 2010.



Pictured: A phone. **Source:** Canva.

Today, the company supports more Indigenous languages, including Blackfoot, Comanche and Northern East Cree. Many Cherokee speakers are older adults, so the community is working hard to help younger generations to learn the language. Children can even watch films dubbed in Cherokee, while others are learning to type words and their own names using Cherokee characters. Making languages easier to use on phones can help more people read, write and share them in everyday life. ***Can you say any words in a different language?***

Should age decide what we're allowed to do?



I think some things shouldn't just be a no because of our age - like some puzzles say you have to be 12 but I can do them now!
George

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Speedy Skate-boarder

Diego Poncelet Sanchez-Cuenca, from Spain, has set a new world record for fastest downhill standing skateboard speed, at 151.83km/h (94.34 mph). The high-speed skateboard run took place on a closed part of Route des Éboulements in Quebec, Canada. The previous record was also achieved on the same road nine years ago. The course is about 2.5km long and includes a 600 metre straight, with a gradient of up to 18%. The two-time world champion began preparing for this record attempt four years ago. He zoomed down the track on a specially-made 14kg skateboard, wearing an aerodynamically-designed suit and shoes soled with car tyre rubber! The Red Bull athlete said, 'If a record has stood for nine years, you don't just break it by a little bit, you destroy it... If I'm honest with myself, my real objective was 150km/h. That was the dream.' Diego described what it felt like to travel so quickly on his skateboard, saying, 'I like to say it's as if there's a wise person inside your mind and you let that person take control. That wise person is your subconscious. It's an incredible feeling, everything feels perfect. It's like high-consequence meditation!'

Have you ever skateboarded? Would you like to try?



Pictured: Diego Poncelet during his world record-breaking skateboarding attempt. **Source:** Guiness World Records on Facebook.

Mars Moon Mission

Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) has launched a mission to Mars to bring back samples from one of its moons. The Martian Moons eXploration (MMX) mission set off from the LA-Y2 pad at the Tanegashima Space Center (Japan's largest large-rocket launch site) on a H3-24L rocket. The mission is expected to take five years. Astronaut Yoneda Ayu explains the mission on JAXA's website saying, 'Many of you have probably spotted the red planet, Mars, floating in the night sky. MMX is humanity's first attempt to travel to the Martian sphere, land on Mars' moon, Phobos, collect samples, and bring these back to Earth. Nothing has ever been returned from the Martian sphere before. These samples may provide clues to the origins of life and the planets and expand the possibilities for humans to explore Mars.' Scientists believe that investigating the samples will allow them to learn how the two moons of Mars – Phobos and Deimos – were formed. ***Do you think Mars exploration is exciting? Would you like to learn what is returned in these samples?***



Pictured: A mock-up image showing Mars, Phobos and the spacecraft sent to take samples. **Source:** European Space Agency on X.

Should age decide what we're allowed to do?



Yes and no. Sometimes your parents and teachers need to decide what you are allowed to do, so that you are safe and happy.
Arabella

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