



St Mary's Newsletter

Issue 24

24th March 2023

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Woodbridge Road, Ipswich, IP4 4EU

<http://www.stmaryscatholicprimaryipswich.com>

School Rules:

Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

Tweet of the Week

"Let us ask the grace to be surprised every day by God's gifts and to see the various circumstances of life, even the ones that are the most difficult to accept, as occasions to do good, as Jesus did with the blind man."

Pope Francis (@Pontifex)



Week Commencing 27th March 2023:

Mon 27th: Yr 4 Swimming – Last lesson

Fri 31st: Non-Uniform Day

Fri 31st: Easter Liturgy 9.15am in Church – parents welcome

Fri 31st: End of term.

Fri 31st: FOSM School Discos

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week in our Gospel Liturgy we heard how Jesus helped a blind man to see again. God has given us the gift of sight to see all the wonderful things that he has made in our world. But we also need to open our eyes to things that are wrong and try to do what we can to change them.

God calls us to use our gifts and not to ignore the problems that we see. We can try instead to make a difference, to care for our earth and to help people who are poor to change their lives for the better.

At school we have been looking out for all the good things that we can see this week. We have also been trying to make a difference where we see things that could be better.

It has been wonderful noticing how kind and helpful the children are to each other. Well done to our peer mentors who try to make a difference everyday by helping our younger children at lunchtimes.

Warm regards

Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham

SCHOOL MEAL INCREASE:

Please be aware from Monday 1st April 2023 a school meal will be increasing from £2.35 to £2.53. This increase comes direct from Vertas who provide the school meals and is not an increase the school have chosen to make.

SPORTS CLUBS – SUMMER TERM

Monday 3.30pm: Football (Yrs 1 & 2) 24th April - 3rd July

Wednesday 8am: Multisports (Yrs 1, 2 & 3) 26th April - 5th July

Wednesday 3.30pm: Cricket (Yrs 4, 5 & 6) 26th April - 5th July

Thursday 8am: Rounders (Yrs 4, 5 & 6) 27th April - 6th July

Friday 12.10pm: Football (KS2 Girls) 28th April - 7th July

Friday 3.30pm: Football (Yrs 3, 4 & 5 Boys) 28th April - 7th July

CLUBS WC 27TH MARCH:

The only clubs running before or after school this week are the rearranged clubs that Mr Hurd has sent out via parentmail.

YEAR3 LAMB VISIT:

Year3 were very lucky to have a visit from a shepherdess with two of her beautiful lambs. We got to hold them and feed them. Here are some of our photos.



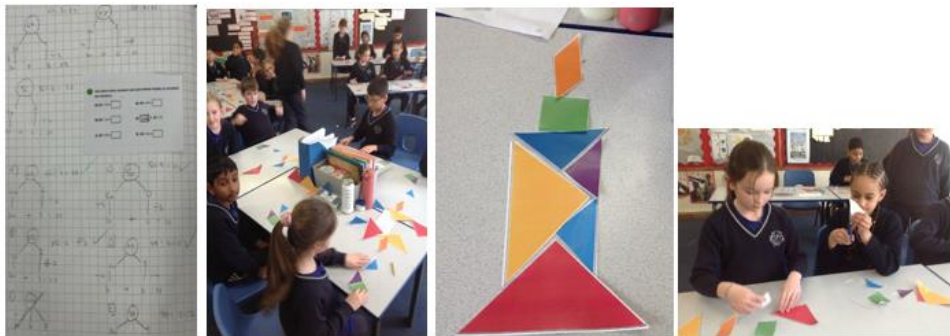


SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 4

As the spring term draws to close, I am thrilled to be able to share some of the amazing learning that has been happening in Year 4. The children continue to show tremendous resilience and great learning behaviours. As we look forward to lighter evenings and hopefully some sunshine, I begin to map out what another hugely busy final term lies ahead. Enjoy the Easter break.

Maths

In Maths we explored area and perimeter and have recently moved onto fractions. Our assessments in the Spring term highlighted some areas that need a short re-visit and we have been focussing more recently on reasoning type questions and those that require subtraction. Presentation has also been a huge focus across the school and I am pleased to say that Year 4 have risen to the challenge of having the best looking books. We are just a little bit competitive! Our learning for International Day of Maths was great fun and we enjoyed making tangram patterns.



Art

Year 4 have been studying the artist Alberto Giacometti and his statues of the human form with elongated proportions. Using photos of athletes in action and jointed card models we developed our ideas about proportion and how the body moves. We created these mini sculptures from pipe cleaners and foil and they are now happily leaping in the classroom. We love how they show flow and movement. Good job everyone!



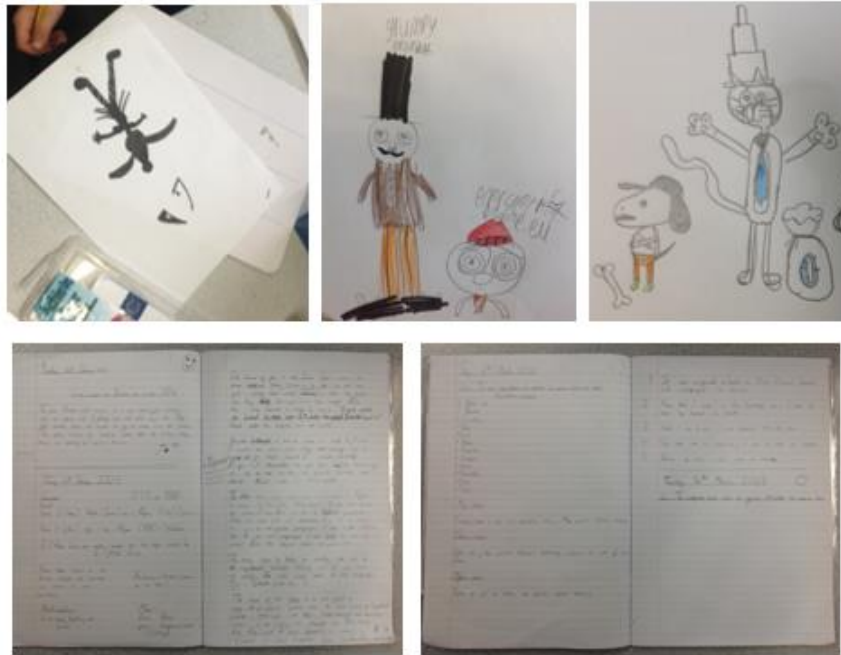
RE

In RE we have continued to learn about 'Jesus the Teacher' and have now moved onto 'Jesus the Saviour'. We have explored how we can be true followers of Jesus and to know how Jesus is truly God and as a man, truly human.

English

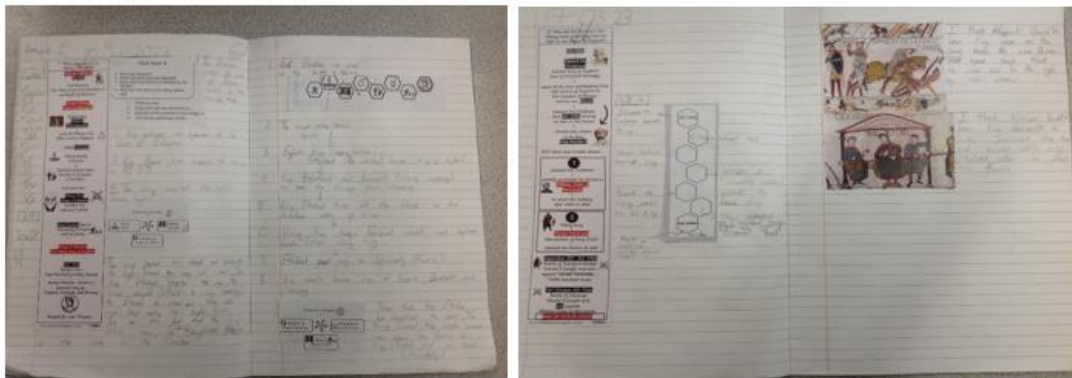
Year 4 really enjoyed the visit from Author Dave Shelton as part of World Book Day. We listened to how he wrote and illustrated his own books and we all had a try at creating our own comic strip characters. Firstly, we had to create a silhouette character, we then added a little more detail using colour, before finally creating 2 contrasting characters. Once we had created our characters, we started to try and write our own comic strips.

We continue to look at different genres of writing and we have enjoyed writing and performing our own persuasive adverts, critical analysis of poetry and information texts. Here are some examples and a few pictures of our comic strip characters.



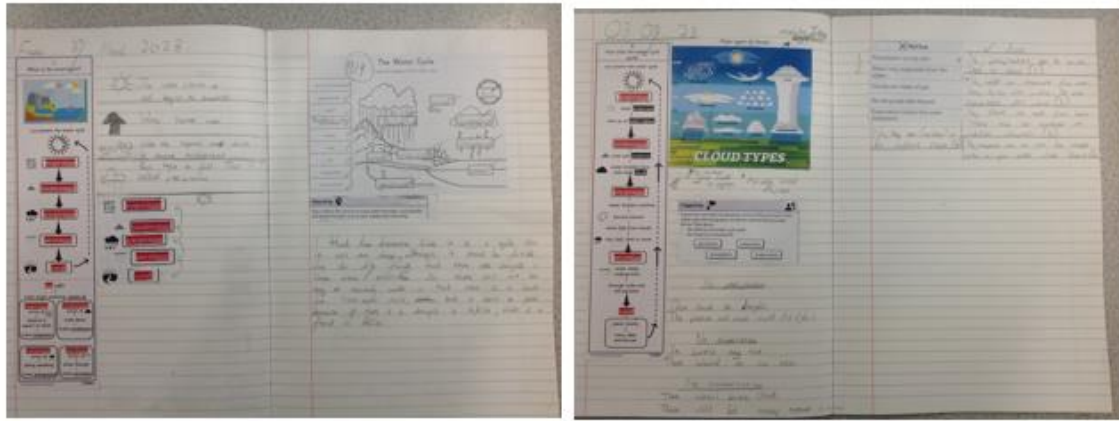
History

The Vikings has been our history topic we have explored the themes of invasion, power and community. We have learned how the Vikings were driven to leave their land and become invaders. Once settled they had to maintain power and develop alliances. We finished the topic by finding out about the reasons behind and the personalities involved in the Battle of Hasting in 1066.



Geography

The water cycle is our current area of geographical investigation and we have been using the new vocabulary of evaporation, condensation, precipitation and percolation to describe the process. We even made our own mini water cycle in a bag to demonstrate the steps - just waiting for some sunshine to evaporate the water!

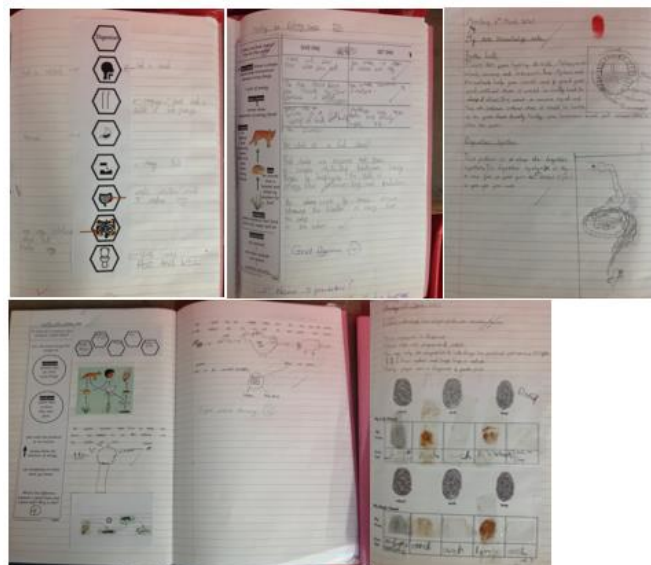


Music

In music we have been making our own compositions on the xylophone in small groups and learning to listen to one another to ensure that dynamics and timings are accurate.

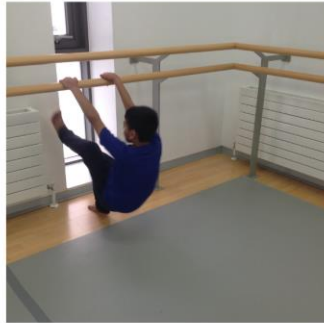
Science

We have continued with our topic in science 'Animals including Humans and The Digestive System'. In addition to this we have now learnt all about food chains and how we can make links between all of our four area's of learning. Our work in science this term has been really exceptional and the children have embraced their learning with much interest and curiosity. For British Science Week we explored how our fingerprints connect us.



YEARS 3, 4, 5 AND 6 WORKSHOPS AT DANCE EAST

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 attended a workshop at Dance East this week. The children's enthusiasm and creativity was a delight to witness. We all had a truly wonderful time. Thank you to all of our volunteers who helped us walk there and back safely. Here are a few photos from the workshops.



FOSM FRIDAY 31ST MARCH NON-UNIFORM DAY:



Friday 31st March will be a non-uniform day, we ask that if you can afford a £1 donation then please donate this in the morning, the FOSM will be in the playground to collect your donations. The children can wear their own clothes but if this is a PE day please make sure that you are wearing appropriate clothing for PE.

FOSM FRIDAY 31ST MARCH DISCO'S:

Friends of St Mary's are preparing for the first school discos to be held in a very long time. Friday 31st March is the date to remember. We popped in to have a chat with the school council last week. The children had lots of great ideas to share, and were very excited to get their song requests put in!

We have divided the year groups as follows:

14:00-15:00 Reception, Y1 and Y2

15:15-16:30 - Y3-Y4

16:45-18:15 - Y5-Y6

Tickets are available via Parentmail (click on 'shop' or 'payments and shop' to find them) for £3 per child. There is a sibling discount which you can access by paying on your eldest child's account.



It is a fundraiser, but we also want to make it accessible, so if you will have any difficulty buying a ticket please let the school office know. The school day itself will be a non-uniform day, for the usual £1.

There won't be a tuck shop for the R- Y2 disco. Instead we hope to offer a sweet/sweet cone sale after school at pick up time. We will offer a tuck shop with sweets, popcorn, and crisps available to buy at the year 3-4 and year 5- 6 discos. Water and squash will be free and available to all children. If you have any questions, suggestions, or feedback, please get in touch.

If you would like to volunteer to help, we would be very grateful, we need helpers throughout each disco, and in between to clear up and reset the hall. So, if you have any time to offer between 1pm and 6:30pm please get in touch and tell us what time you could help at friendsofstmarys@gmail.com

Looking forward to it!

Friends of St Mary's team

FREE SCHOOL MEALS:

Your child will get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit but **no element of Working Tax Credit** and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenues & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- If you are supported under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit during the four-week period immediately after your employment finishes or after you start to work fewer hours per week
- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400 (£616.67 per month), as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).



To check if your child is eligible, apply online:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

If you have applied for Free School Meals over the last few weeks and received an unsuccessful result we are asking that you retry as we have been told that the system rejected all applications. This error has now been corrected so please try again.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR:



Are you looking for a way to live out your faith and serve your local community at the same time? If so, becoming a Foundation Governor could be just the thing for you. St Mary's Catholic Primary School is looking to recruit a governor. You must be a Catholic. Foundation Governors play an important part in maintaining and developing the Catholic character of our school. This link explains the role of a Foundation Governor and how you can go about applying. [governor Booklet \(catholiceducation.org.uk\)](http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/governor-booklet)

If you know of anyone in the community who may be interested, please share this information.

Governor Booklet: <http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/images/Generic-booklet-1.pdf>



School's out Activities

FOR AGES
4 - 16
(SCHOOL GOING)



Designed by Primary School Teachers to aid in the development of children in Early Years.

- Singing
- Drawing
- Creating
- Building
- Dancing
- Painting
- Baking
- ... and more!



Must be school-going 4 year old L4, 5 by the 31st Aug 2022



For GIRLS and BOYS to indulge in their creative side, be active, yet have time to chill.

- Arts & Crafts
- Cooking
- Textiles
- Fashion
- Performing
- Singing
- Dancing
- ... and more!



An action-packed week jammed full of 30+ team sports and adventurous activities!

- Nerf Wars
- Roller Racers
- Dodgeball
- KinBall
- Football
- RC Cars
- Mario Kart
- ... and more!



Developing leaders of the future with our '5 Levels to Leadership' programme.

- Working Journal
- Build Confidence
- Work Experience
- Gain Rewards



Choose to assist in any of our courses!

FREE SPACES THIS EASTER Holiday Activity Fund

Free School Meals

Calling all parents currently in receipt of 'Benefit Related Free School Meals'... through the HAF programme we are able to offer up to **4 days this Easter**... This is worth over **£170!**

A free lunch is provided, with choices of sandwiches, snacks, and drinks.

Dates

CHOOSE ANY 4 DAYS FROM...

**Monday 3rd – Thursday 6th and
Tuesday 11th – Friday 14th April
2023**

Times

Drop Off 9am-9:30am
Lunchtime 12:30pm-1:30pm
Pick Up 4:30pm-5pm

Early Bird
8am-9am

Extended Fun
5pm-6pm

Early Bird & Extended Fun each charged at £5 per session



**FELIXSTOWE
SCHOOL**

High Street, Felixstowe,
Suffolk, IP11 9QR
Ofsted Number: EY2726195



**COLCHESTER
GRAMMAR SCHOOL**

Leaden Road, Colchester,
CO3 3ND
Ofsted Number: EY548121



**SOUTH LEE
SCHOOL**

Newton Road, Bury St Edmunds,
IP33 2BT
Ofsted Number: EY2593837



**WOODBIDGE
SCHOOL**

Burkitt Road, Woodbridge
IP12 4JH
Ofsted Number: EY556142



**IPSWICH HIGH
SCHOOL**

Woolverstone, Suffolk
IP9 1AZ
Ofsted Number: EY551272

Learn More

www.schoolsoutactivities.co.uk

Questions? Phone us on: 01473 942990

TEAM IPSWICH SWIMMING TRIALS:



Team Ipswich Swimming Trials

**Nearing the end of swim school?
Does your child want to continue swimming...**

Team Ipswich Swimming is one of the biggest clubs in Suffolk and most successful clubs in the East Region and have had numerous athletes go on and represent the club at county, regional, national and international level and both junior and senior level. We offer many different pathways to all levels of competitive swimming.

If your swimmer has completed or is about to complete level 6 of swim school and if your swimmer wants to continue swimming in a fun, safe and friendly environment then Suffolk's premier swimming club, Team Ipswich Swimming, is definitely for them.

Our training takes place at Crown Pools and Fore Street, both in Ipswich.

For more information, please contact our trials organiser directly at trials@ipswichswimming.org

TERM DATES:

Term dates for 2022 – 2023

Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4th January – Friday 31st March

Half term: 13th – 17th February

Staff Training day: 3rd January

Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 18th April – Thursday 20th July

Bank holiday: 1st May & 8th May

Half term: 29th May – 2nd June

Staff Training days: 17th April, 21st July

Term dates for 2023 – 2024

Autumn Term 2023

Tuesday 5th September – Thursday 21st December

Half term: 23rd – 27th October

Staff training days: 4th September & 30th October

Spring Term 2024

Thursday 4th January – Thursday 28th March

Half term: 19th – 23rd February

Staff Training day: 3rd January & 26th February

Summer Term 2024

Monday 15th April – Friday 19th July

Bank holiday: 6th May

Half term: 27th May – 31st May

Staff Training days: 12th April