



# St Mary's Newsletter

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## School Rules:

Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

### Tweet of the Week

"It is only by following the Lord that we come to know him each day, only by becoming his disciples and listening to his words that we become his friends and experience his transforming love."

*Pope Francis (@Pontifex)*



### St Mary's School Summer Fair

Saturday 8th July  
2-4pm



SPECIAL GUESTS: SCIENCE  
BOFFINS!  
Amazing visual experiments  
Including...  
Elephant's Toothpaste and  
Dragon's Breath!



### Week Commencing 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023:

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> and Mon 17<sup>th</sup>: Yr3 Swimming

Mon 10<sup>th</sup>: Reception, Year 1 and 2 Sports Day 9am in school

Mon 10<sup>th</sup>: KS2 Sports day – Sidegate Primary School 12.20 – 2.20pm

Wed 12<sup>th</sup>: Yr1 Christchurch Mansion Trip

Tue 18<sup>th</sup>: Yr6 End of Year Play 2pm

Wed 19<sup>th</sup>: Yr6 End of Year Play 9am

Wed 19<sup>th</sup>: Yr6 End of Year Celebration Assembly 2pm in school

Wed 19<sup>th</sup>: Yr6 Leavers Festival 5.30pm in school

Thu 20<sup>th</sup>: End of Year Mass 2pm in Church

Thu 20<sup>th</sup>: Last Day of Term, children finish at 3.30pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to welcome so many from our school community to Arts Week exhibition. The school was alive with excitement at the exhibitions set out in each classroom.

School reports will be coming home next week. If you would like to discuss the report with the class teacher please email the school office to arrange a telephone appointment.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham

## TEACHERS SEPTEMBER 2023:

Reception – Mrs Woods

Year 1 – Miss Southgate

Year 2 – Mr Cook

Year 3 – Miss Maskery

Year 4 – Mr Bentley

Year 5 – Miss Godbold and Mrs Snowden

Year 6 – Mrs DN

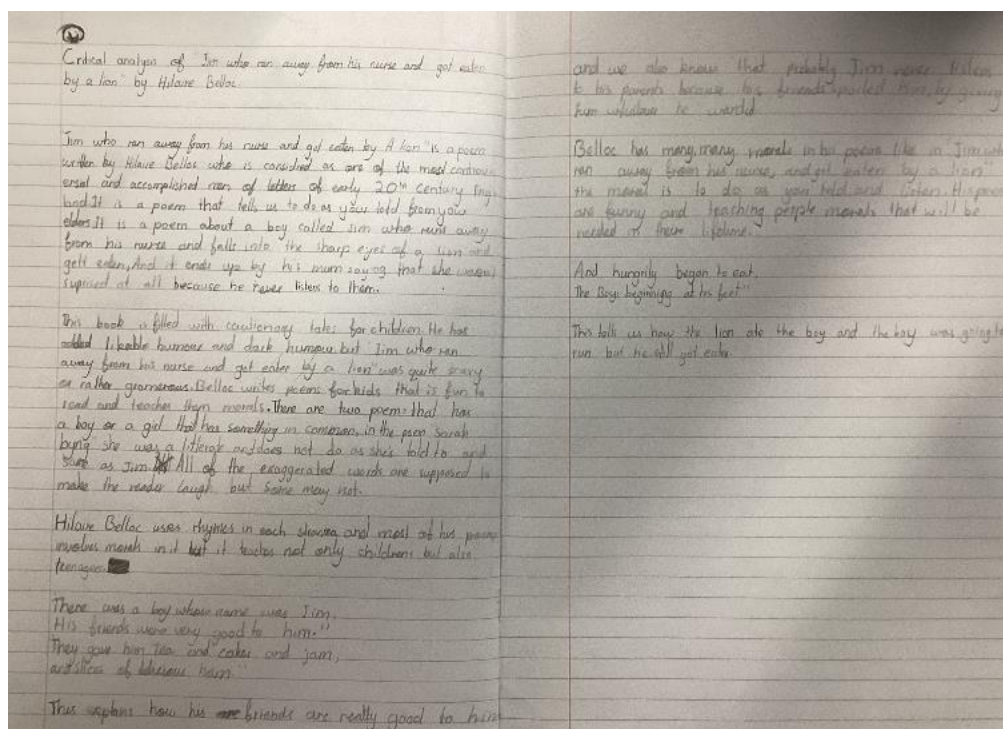


# SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 4

As the summer 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 the summer break and hopefully some more sunshine, I think about how much the children have developed over this academic year and wish you all a happy and relaxing summer break.

## English

We have been engrossed in our learning in English over the last term and have enjoyed writing, diary entries, news-paper reports and a critical analysis of a narrative poem.



## Guided Reading

Our class text, this term, Varjak Paw has really captured our imagination and made us think all about belonging and how being part of something can be really special. This has linked nicely to our learning in both RE and PSHE where we have looked at communities, belonging, kindness and acceptance. There have been many groans when Mr Bentley had tried to leave us on a cliff hanger and then the sound of pleading for just one more chapter! Oh OK then... Our new text – The Girl Stole an Elephant, appears to be equally inspiring.



## Art

Year 4 enjoyed a tremendous Arts Week where we were inspired by the Artist Alexander Calder. He was most famous for his giant mobiles and portrayals of people and animals modelled from wire. Known to many as Sandy, Alexander Calder in 1923, travelled the world with his Circus in a suitcase and entertained many. We were fortunate enough to be able to recreate this during Arts Week inside Mr Bentley's grandfathers wooden suitcase which dated back to 1920.

Below are some of the amazing images from Arts Week.







## KS2 SPORTS DAY MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023:

This years KS2 Sports day will take place at Sidegate Primary School, access to the sports field is close to the new Little Acorns Nursery near Sidegate Avenue. Please do not go to Sidegate School office or enter the school building. There is **no parking** at Sidegate School, street parking only.

Sports Day will begin at 12.30pm promptly and should finish by 2.20pm

Parents cannot be admitted before 12.20pm so please **do not arrive before then**. Portaloos are available on the field.

All KS2 children will need to wear PE Kit and bring a packed lunch, a water bottle, a hat and please make sure they are wearing suncream.

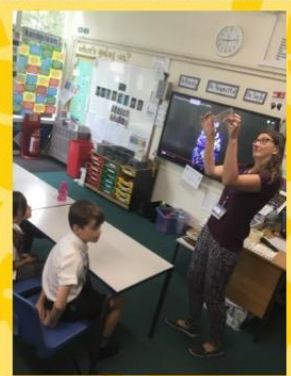
If you wish your child to be walked back to school, please email the office if you haven't already done so. Thank you.



27 June 2023



The whole school took part in our Mash Up Morning where classes mixed up and worked collaboratively in one of 14 small workshops creating art together!



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Reception  
Clarice  
Cliff

Year 1  
Andy  
Warhol

Year 2  
Dale  
Chihuly

Year 3  
Marc  
Chagall

Each class studied a different  
artist during Arts Week 2023

Year 4  
Alexander  
Calder

Year 5  
Banksy

Year 6  
John  
Constable



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On Friday 30 June we invited our families to visit our classroom galleries at the end of Arts Week



Mind blowing!



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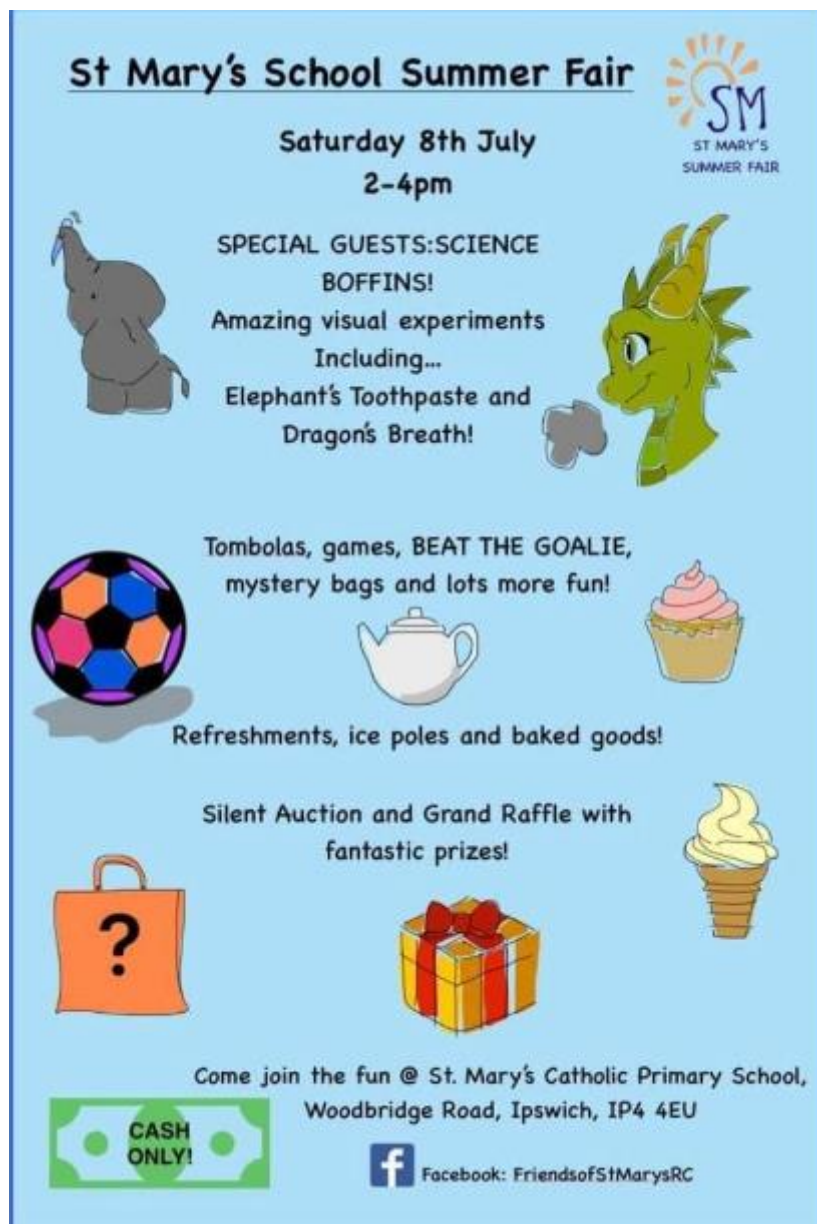


## MUSIC SHARE:





Friends of St Mary's Summer Fair – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July at the school from 2pm to 4pm.



Booking now open – book your child's place on our 'Science Boffins' crazy chemistry sessions at the school fair–

We are delighted to welcome the 'Science Boffins' company to our fair on Saturday 8th July.

They will be performing a set of sessions with exciting visual interactive experiments to amaze the children. They are demonstrations, so suitable for all ages, if you google 'elephant's toothpaste' or 'dragon's breath' you will get the idea. There will also be a draw at the end of each demo, and a lucky child in each session will win a science book and science kit.

To help us understand demand, we are offering some pre bookable slots.



[Book your child's slot here](#) to guarantee your child's preferred Science Boffins session at the summer fair, for a discounted price of £2.50 per child (booked in advance, but payable at the session).

To accommodate all fair visitors, we will try to hold back some sessions to book at the event, it will be £3 to book on the day.

An adult may accompany their children for free but should please stand at the back, the children will be seated to give them the best possible view. Please read the information on the booking tool carefully to avoid disappointment, and any questions please contact [friendsofstmarysipswich@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstmarysipswich@gmail.com) or check out the 'Science Boffins' website.

On the day, please go to the area outside KSI classrooms, any time in advance of your session, say you've booked in advance, and pay for your session in cash. If you have booked on to the 2:05pm session, the fair gates will be open five minutes early at 1:55 to accommodate this, so head straight round and pay for your session then.

### Grand Raffle tickets –

This week, a book of five raffle tickets will be sent home with the eldest child in each family. The grand prize is an Echo Dot 5 smart speaker and smart plug bundle, plus prizes of £50 cash, £25 shopping voucher, and much more. Tickets must be returned to the school office by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July in the morning, or can be brought to the raffle stall at the school fair on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

- If you would like to enter the raffle, please follow the instructions on the ticket (return completed tickets and money to the school office, in a sealed envelope, marked PTA raffle).
- If you do not want to enter the raffle, no problem at all, but please may you return unwanted tickets to the school office for resale?
- If you require more tickets, then please ask at the school office, who will hold a small supply for us.

### Volunteers on the day of the fair still needed please –

This year we are still very short of volunteers to help on the day of the fair. We know it's still a little while away, and will not be on everyone's radar yet, which is completely understandable. However, it will really help to know if you're intending to volunteer, so we can be sure of covering everything, or streamline plans (or worst case scenario cancel the fair).

We currently have spaces everywhere – stalls, refreshments, and games, plus setting up and clearing away. You are welcome to choose what you'd like to help with, or just volunteer an hour of your time and we'll allocate you where you're most needed.

We'd also love any older siblings/parents that could take a turn in goal for our very popular 'beat the goalie' activity. We've got volunteers to cover the first hour but not the second.

Please sign up here at [Summer fair help](#) if you feel able to help. Even an hour of your time will make a huge difference, and still allow you to enjoy the fair with your family – we can't do it without you! Thank you.



### Would you like a stall at the summer fair?

If you are, or know of, a business who would like a stall, please get in touch via [friendsofstmaryspswich@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstmaryspswich@gmail.com) for more information, as we may be able to accommodate some external stalls.

Thank you  
Friends of St Mary's summer fair team

### TERM DATES:

#### Term dates for 2022 – 2023

##### Summer Term 2023

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Half term: 29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Staff Training days: 21<sup>st</sup> July

#### Term dates for 2023 – 2024

##### Autumn Term 2023

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Half term: 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> October

Staff training days: 4<sup>th</sup> September & 30<sup>th</sup> October

##### Spring Term 2024

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

Half term: 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Staff Training day: 3<sup>rd</sup> January & 26<sup>th</sup> February

##### Summer Term 2024

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Bank holiday: 6<sup>th</sup> May

Half term: 27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May

Staff Training days: 12<sup>th</sup> April