



St Mary's Newsletter

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School Rules:

Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

Tweet of the Week

"We need daily prayer, time dedicated to God, so He can enter into our time. We need frequent moments in which we open our hearts to Him so He can daily pour out his love on us and nourish our faith.

Pope Francis (@Pontifex)



Week Commencing 16th January 2023:

Mon 16th Jan: Yr 4 swimming lesson

Thu 19th Jan: Travelling by Tuba – in school

Thu 19th Jan: School Lunch for Census Day

PARKING AND CHILD SAFETY:

May we ask that you all think about child safety whilst driving around the carparks and the school. We are fortunate in that we have use of a school and church carpark. We would like to remind everyone to use the carparks and we should always think of the need to park safely to keep our children safe.

CENSUS: SCHOOL LUNCH

Our school census day will be held on Thursday 19th January and we need as many children to have a school meal that day as possible as the more we have the more funding the school receives from the DfE. We will be giving a meal to all children in Reception, Year1 and Year2 for them to try to see if they like school meals.



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/>

COOL MILK:

If any other parent would like to pay for morning milk and their child is older than 5 they can register, using the link and pay cool milk.

<https://www.coolmilk.com/>

A promotional banner for Cool Milk. The left side features a blue background with a white milk bottle icon and the text 'FREE and subsidised school milk Register your child today!'. Below this is a photo of a child in a red school uniform holding a glass of milk. The right side has a white background with a flowchart titled 'Is your child entitled to FREE milk?' showing two paths: 'Child under 5?' leading to 'Every child under the age of five is entitled to FREE school milk' and 'Child over 5?' leading to 'Every child over the age of five is entitled to milk at a subsidised price of around £34 per term'. Both paths lead to a red button that says 'Register your child online for FREE school milk today.' Below the flowchart, there is a blue section with the text 'Register your child for school milk today. Sign them up in a few clicks...' and 'Go online and quickly register your child for school milk at www.coolmilk.com'. It also includes contact information for the Customer Service team: 'Need help? Contact our Customer Service team on 0800 323 3243 or via email at register@coolmilk.com'. The Cool Milk logo and website URL are at the bottom right.

Parents Evening Survey :

Following on from the feedback of our parents survey. We would like to know how you wish to attend parents evenings going forwards? We have found more parents are able to attend having virtual meetings but would welcome your response.

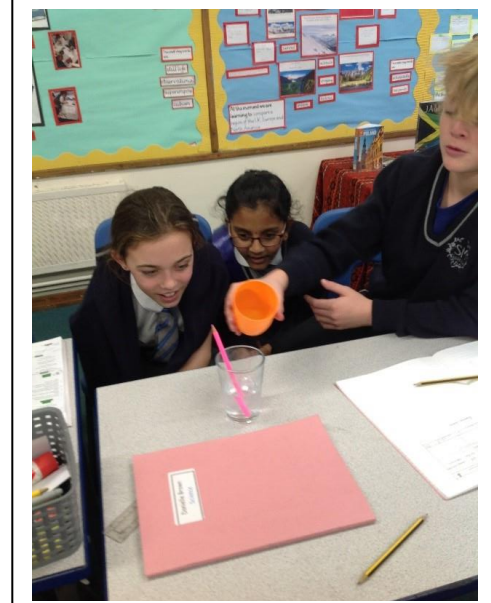
This survey will be open for 1 week and will close on Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 12pm. Many thanks for your ongoing help and co-operation

<https://forms.office.com/e/PdN3fdX8i2>



SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 6

Year 6 have come back from the Christmas break with a spring in their step and ready to learn. Please see below for some of things they have been up to.



This was a science experiment before Christmas, but we had to include these images as they show the fascination and enjoyment on their faces. In this lesson, they were learning about refraction and adding oil to the water to see if what happened matched their hypotheses.

Last Friday, Year 6 tried their hand at learning a new game — volleyball!

This was met with approval. The children developed their skills for accuracy

of hitting over the net and being able to keep a rally going — this was tricky

but they kept challenging themselves to better what they did before. They

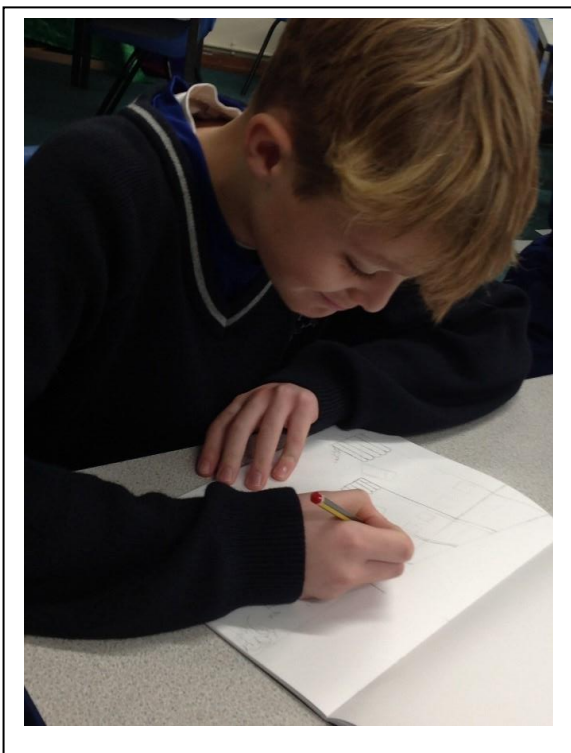
learnt about the three different ways to hit the ball and their names.



In RE this week, Year 6 started their new topic on Jesus the Bread of Life. Their first lesson was learning about and reflecting on the Passover story. From this they made some detailed storyboards to retell the story.



In art this week, Year 6 started their new unit on printing and textiles. The first lesson as you may be able to see required a lot of focus and detail as they had to create a simple linear one-point perspective drawing of a row of houses and trees. They learned how diagonal lines drawn from the vanishing point to the edges of the paper can be used as guidelines for the base, rooflines, windows and doors of the houses. They could explain that objects in the foreground will be larger, darker and more evidently detailed, whereas objects apparently further away will be smaller, lighter in colour and less detailed.



READING FOR PLEASURE:



Welcome to the PiXL Reading for Pleasure Newsletter for Spring One. It seems like it was not that long ago that we were saying welcome back at the start of the academic year and we are already a full term through! We have a wealth of wonderful books to share with you, including some award winners that you may wish to share with your children, as well as key events for the half term.

TOP TIPS TO ENCOURAGE READING FOR PLEASURE AT HOME

Model being a reader to your children, do your children see you read?

Remember reading doesn't have to be a novel, it can be newspapers, magazines, recipes, instruction, anything with words!

Encourage children to read everywhere, involve them in reading the recipe for dinner, shopping lists in the supermarket even the TV listings when choosing what to watch, shared reading times don't have to be snuggled up with a book - however lovely that is.

Use your voice to help bring books to life. You can work with your child to decide what voice characters should have and do the sound effects! It may feel a little silly to begin with, but your child will love to hear you involved in their story.



Whatever you and your child choose to read, we hope you enjoy it!

Please note that the following texts are suitable from the age group stated, but please do research the books before selecting them to ensure that they are appropriate for your child.

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PiXL Reading For Pleasure

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Please take a moment to read the PiXL Reading for Pleasure information.

[Reading For Pleasure Home Newsletter – Spring 1 2023.pdf](#)

TERM DATES:

Term dates for 2022 – 2023

Autumn Term 2022

Monday 5th September – Friday 16th December

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