

Newsletter

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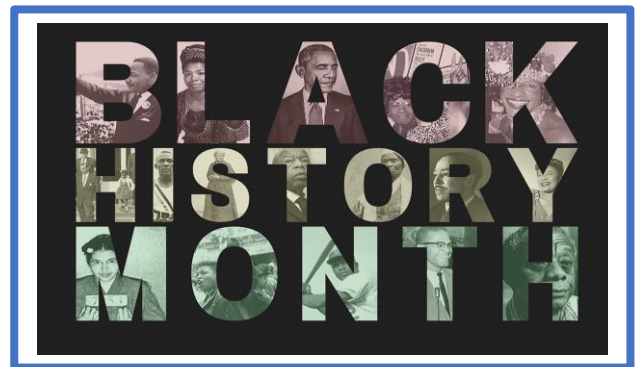
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School Rules:
Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

Tweet of the Week

"The Lord has liberated us from slavery freely,
and set us on the path to walk in the fullness of
freedom."

[Pope Francis \(@Pontifex\)](#)



Key Dates w/c: 18th October 2021
18th Oct: Yr5 Swimming 8.30am
19th Oct: Yr6 Parish Mass 9.15am
20th Oct: Yr3 Class Mass 2.30pm
21st Oct: Yr4 Book Sale After School
22nd Oct: Celebration Assembly 9am & 3pm School Hall
22nd Oct: End of half term

Dear Parents and Carers,

There will be a slight change to the normal routine to enable us to hold our celebration assemblies in person. On this occasion it will be over 2 sessions:

9am will be for Years 4, 5 and 6

3.00pm will be for Years 1, 2 and 3

Both in the school hall, please join us and please follow our guidance

- Encourage social distancing and ensure there are hand sanitising stations available.
- Request that those attending undertake an LFT test before visiting the school
- Advise parents that if they are feeling unwell, they should not attend and should book a PCR test
- We would recommend that all visitors wear a face covering
- Cleaning arrangements remain in place
- Ensure areas are well ventilated



Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham

Reception 2022/2023:

The application portal is now open with Suffolk County Council for parents to apply for their child's Reception class for children starting school in September 2022/2023.

We require a Supplementary Information Form, completed and returned to the school office at before the deadline date of 15th January 2022. Any SIF's received after this date will be dealt with as a late application.

Open Days for Reception 2022 Parents:

We will be holding an open morning on 3rd November at 9.15am and an Open afternoon on 4th November at 1.30pm. Please book an appointment for one of these dates with the school office. Each session will be restricted to 15 adults and only 1 adult per family will be permitted.



Year 6 High School Transfer – Admissions 2022/2023:

The application portal is now open with Suffolk County Council for parents to apply for current year 6 High School Place for September 2022/2023, the deadline for applications is 31st October 2021.

Please check the High School you wish to apply to, to see if they require you to complete a Supplementary Information Form. Completed SIF's will need to be returned to your chosen school by the closing date 31st October 2021.

Gardeners Wanted:

This is a big shout out for any parents/grandparents who would be willing to give up some time on a regular basis each month to upkeep the Willow Garden - weeding, planting, general gardening.

If you would be interested please let the school office know. Many thanks



Dates for your diary:

19th October: Year 6 Parish Mass 9.15am

20th October: Year 3 Class Mass 2.30pm

21st October: Year 4 Book Sale after school

22nd October: Celebration Assembly 9am in the school hall

12th November: Year 5/West Stow Anglo Saxon Village (the children will require a packed lunch and water please)

29th November: Year 6/Ipswich Museum (the children will require a packed lunch and water please)



WANTED by Year 4 Fundraisers

**Pre-Loved Good Quality
Children's Books – suitable for
all ages**

**Please drop off any donations
to the school office marked for
the attention of Mr Bentley /
Mrs Mudd**

Year 4 Fundraising Event - Thursday 21st October 3.15pm:

Year 4 will be raising funds for CAFOD next Thursday 21st October by having a £1 book sale after school in the Hall. There will be lots of bargains on offer with nothing over £1 and plenty on our 2 books for £1 and even 3 books for £1 tables. There will be books for all ages in the school.

If you have any children's books in good condition you'd like to donate to raise funds, please bring them in as soon as possible and leave with the office or in Year 4.

Otherwise don't forget to bring your £1 to spend at the booksale next Thursday. See you there!

Thank you from Hannah, Frankie and all the members of the Fundraising Committee

Wrap Around Care:

Wrap around care has begun and we wanted to remind families that it is available to you all, it is flexible each week with no commitment to use all the time. The school are committed to running the care for a full year before a decision is made on the future of the provision.

If you wish to book a space please return a completed booking form to the school office by 2pm every Friday. Payments will need to be made by in advance of care for your child to attend.

Named Items:

Please make sure that all items, jumpers, lunch boxes, wattle bottles, book bags, that belong to your child have their names clearly printed in them so we can return lost items to the correct owner. We have many children looking for their lost unnamed items that we are unable to reunite them with promptly.



Harvest Festival:

Thank you for your generosity of food donated to FIND, they were so grateful to be able to use this to help many families in need. It was a joy to hear and see our musicians back in church. Great singing too with such beautiful harmonies gave Mrs Sandvig a good send-off!



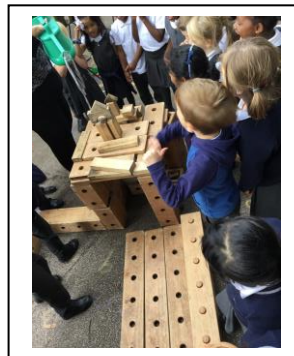
Reception:

As part of Black History Month, Reception have been learning about the artist Alma Thomas. The children used her artwork as inspiration to create in groups their own masterpieces! We then left this out in provision for the children to access by themselves.



Year 1:

In Science this half term, year 1 have been exploring different materials and their properties. They were given the challenge to build a new house for the Three Little Pigs. It needed to be strong enough that the wolf would not be able to blow it down again. Miss Hawkins also tested how waterproof the houses were.



Year 2:

Year 2 had a wonderful time with Josh the tennis coach on Thursday. We learned how to control the ball and hit the ball over a net.

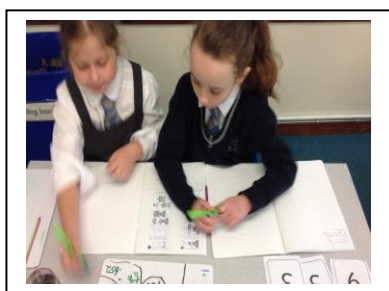


Year 3:

Year three consolidated their knowledge of place value with a practical lesson this week. Our extension was adding and subtracting multiples of 100.

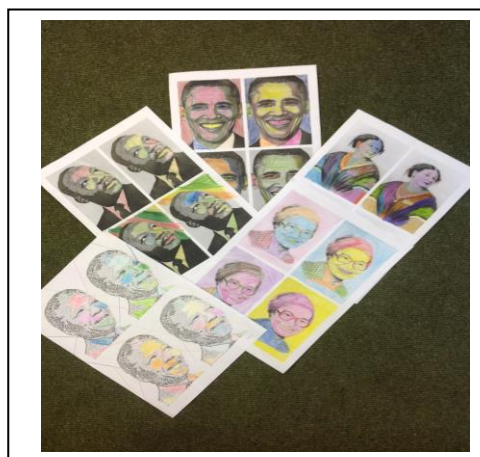
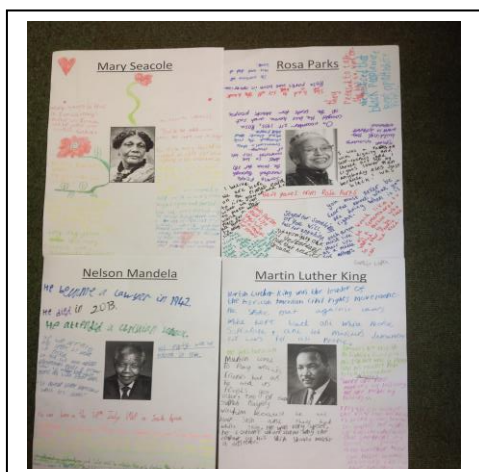
Working in pairs on white boards, the children created 3-digit numbers and identified the place value of each digit, moving on to addition and subtraction.

This collaborative work, moving from pictorial to abstract is an excellent memory aid. Well done year 3!



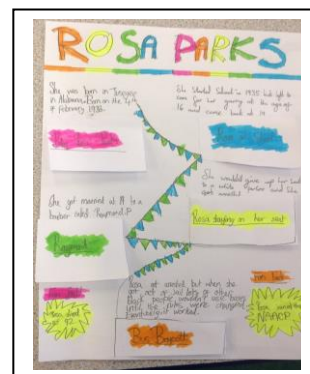
Year 4:

In Year 4 we have been celebrating Black History Month by looking at a number of influential characters from the past. We have explored their lives, learnt facts about them, and performed some of their famous quotes. We also enjoyed creating Pop Art images of these key characters using inspiration from Andy Warhol.



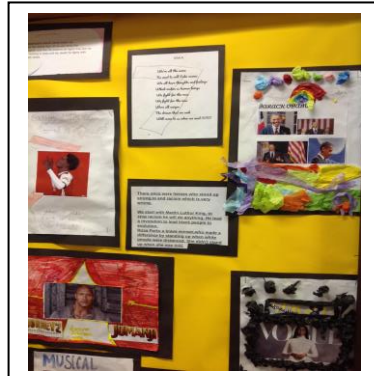
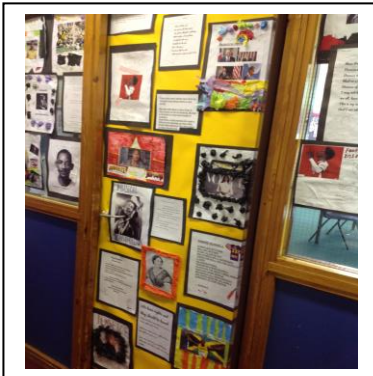
Year 5:

In year 5, for black history month, we researched a famous black person and used what we found out to create an information poster about this.



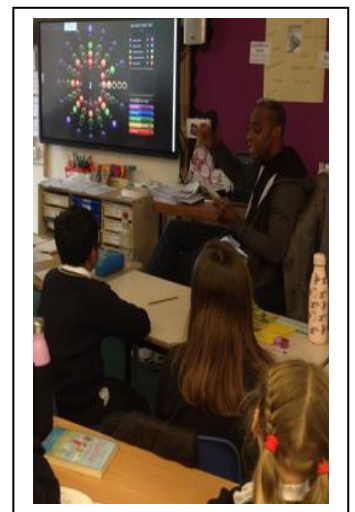
Year 6:

Year 6 have been looking at poetry and art through our learning for black history month. We watched these clips from Blue Peter <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/watch/blue-peter-black-history-month-poems> and from this thought about key figures who inspire us. The children wrote poems and presented about their key figure. Lots of emotive thoughts and ideas. Well done Year 6!



Marcel Workshop:

Year 5 and 6 were treated to a composing workshop by the wonderful musician Marcel. We had great fun and learnt so much in just an hour. Year 5 and 6 now have their own access to his site so we cannot wait to share our compositions with each other.



Tennis Mrs Dyer:

Years R - 3 were treated to a tennis session with coach Josh on Thursday morning. We learnt new skills and practised old ones and cannot wait to extend our learning in weeks to come.



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YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

Calling All Wizards

SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY AND YOU COULD WIN:

Harry Potter & The Cursed Child Family Theatre Voucher & Harry Potter Warner Brothers Studio Family Tour Ticket

- Please help boost school fundraising
- Cash prize every week
- Win up to £25,000
- Tickets cost just £1 a week

To play the lottery, go to:
www.yourschoolottery.co.uk
and search for: St Mary's Ipswich

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 30th Oct 2021. Terms and conditions apply (see website)

Please join our school lottery by searching 'your school lottery', pressing 'buy a ticket' and then typing in 'St Mary's Ipswich'. Here are the answers to some frequently asked questions:

Who runs the lottery? - 'Your school lottery' does. This is an independent company that runs school lotteries across the country. It's all online and remotely drawn so it's very fair and transparent.

Is it COVID secure? - yes. They administer the funds and payments are made electronically direct to them, same with prizes but the other way round, so there's no cash handling or payments going in and out of school.

What's the commitment? - It's £1 a week. Minimum period is one month so you can change your mind easily. You may choose either direct debit or debit card.

What's the breakdown of the money I'm spending? -

Of every £1 :

- 40p goes directly to St Mary's (via PTA)
- 30p goes towards guaranteed local prizes
- 6p makes up the £25,000 jackpot
- 24p covers the company admin costs and VAT.

How likely am I to win something? -

Every week a St Mary's player (someone who has signed up via the St Mary's link) is guaranteed a prize.

You also enter the national draw to potentially win a £25,000 jackpot.

So each week the prizes are :

£25,000 (one national prize won by anyone)

30% of school takings (local prize guaranteed to be won by someone from our school)

When's the draw? Weekly on a Saturday at 8pm.

Term Dates:

Term dates for 2021 - 2022

Autumn Term 2021

Wednesday 01st September – Friday 17th December

Half term: 25th – 29th October

Staff Training day: 01st September

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January – Friday 08th April

Half term: 21st – 25th February

Staff Training day: 4th January

Summer Term 2022

Monday 25th April – Thursday 21st July

Bank holiday: 02nd May & 6th June

Half term: 30th May – 03rd June

Staff Training days: 25th April, 20th & 21st July