



St Mary's Newsletter

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School Rules:

Be ready, Be respectful, Be safe

Tweet of the Week

"Faith was passed down from generation to generation through life, through witnesses who brought the flame of the Gospel, the joy of the saving love of Jesus, and the hope of his promise. Faith grows through witness."

Pope Francis (@Pontifex)



Week Commencing 1st May 2023:

Mon 1st: Bank Holiday School Closed

Tue 2nd: Strike Day – please refer to your email sent 26.04

Wed 3rd: Children back at school

Fri 5th: Children to wear Red, White & Blue

Fri 5th: Great British Bake Off Cake Comp

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a wonderful start to the summer term. The children have returned to school well rested and ready to embrace new challenges. It was lovely to celebrate the start of a new term with so many of you at Mass this morning.

In Prayer and Liturgy this week we spent time remembering that we are all made in the image of God and that Jesus is in each and every person. We thought about how important it is to take the time to recognise how special each person is. Getting to know others helps us to see Christ in our brothers and sisters. Let us all love one another as we love Jesus.

Warm Regards

Mrs Berry and Mrs Measham

EAST ANGLIAN YOUNG ARTIST COMPETITION 2023:

The last date for entry donation is THURSDAY MAY 11TH, to enter please send £2.50 in an envelope with your child's name on to the school office.

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.



RAISING AWARENESS OF COUNTY LINES:



Please watch this video to learn more about the risks of County Lines:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DdYq2dhQ3qc>

KING'S CORONATION CELEBRATION: FRIDAY 5TH MAY 2023:

Our celebrations will be happening on Friday 5th May, in the afternoon. We have the following activities planned:

- In the afternoon, on the playground, each child will have a biscuit and a glass of juice in a street party style celebration.
- During the afternoon, in class, the children will have various activities to complete to teach them more about the Coronation and what it means.
- The children can come into school wearing red, white or blue. They may even wear all 3 colours if they wish.
- There will be a Bake Off style competition for pupils and a separate one for staff. We would like participants to bake a nut free cake. We politely request that fresh cream is not used as this can prove problematic on a hot day! A recipe is linked below. The entries will be judged by our own Mrs DN, Mrs Jessop (PTA) and a governor. These cakes will be sold, on the playground, after school to raise more funds. They will be judging presentation as well as taste.
- We will mark the occasion by placing items into a time capsule and burying this. We will also plant a tree in the Willow Garden with a memorial plaque to commemorate this special day.
- During assembly we will share our learning and sing the National Anthem

A recipe for a fresh cream free cake can be found below:

<https://traditionalhomebaking.com/how-to-make-a-victoria-sponge-cake/>

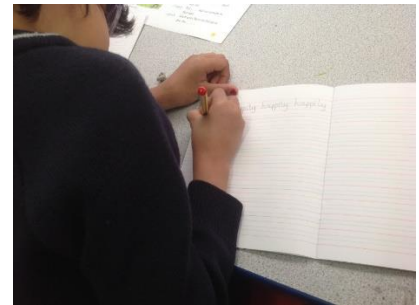
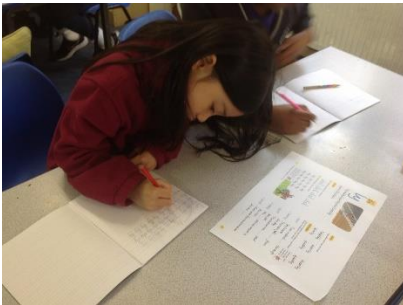




SPOTLIGHT ON YEAR 2

HANDWRITING:

We have been working hard to improve our handwriting. Every morning we practice writing some words in our handwriting books. We are really pleased with the progress we have made this year!



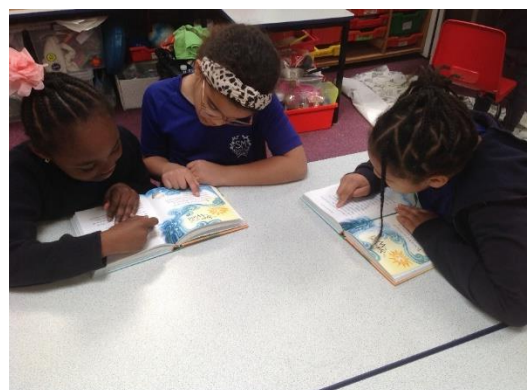
ART

In Art, we have been looking at indigenous Australian artwork, which uses patterns made from dots. We used cotton buds to make our own!



READING

In Reading, we have started to read some of Aesop's fables. We have been developing our skills of summarising, retrieving, predicting, inferring and sequencing.



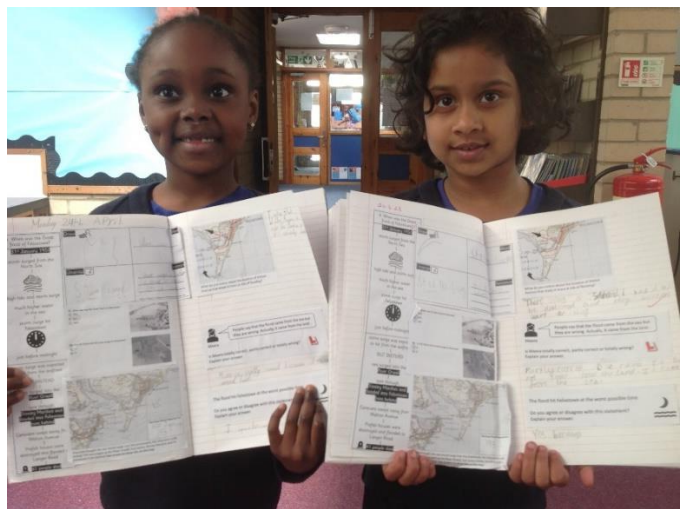
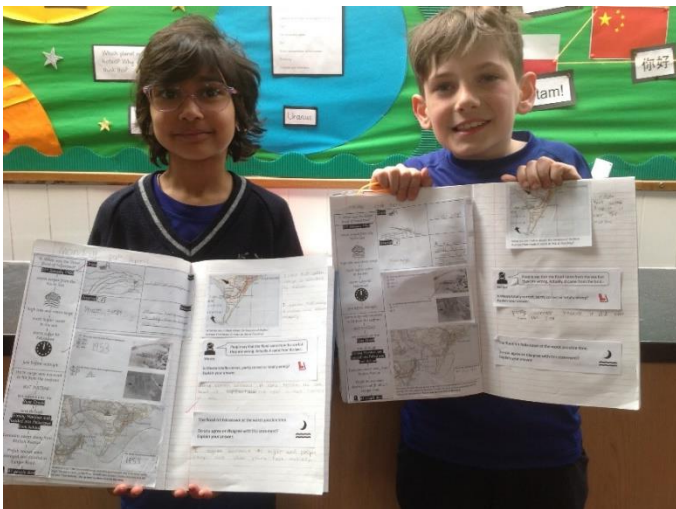
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In RE we have been thinking about Eastertide. We designed crucifixes that show off what Easter is all about — Jesus rising from the dead! We also thought about why the cross is an important symbol to Catholics around the world.



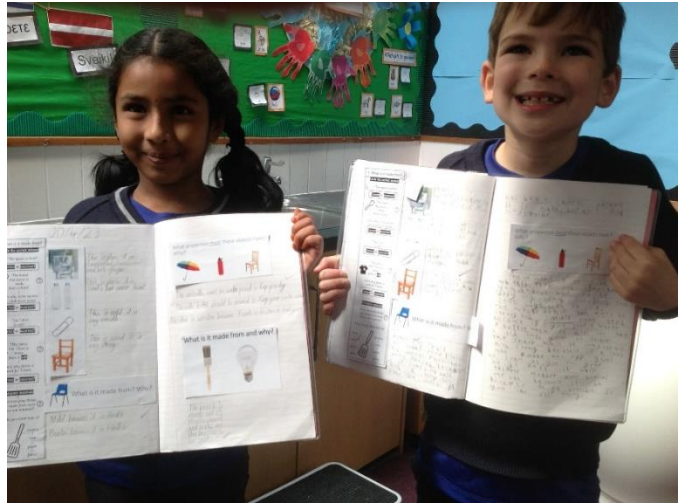
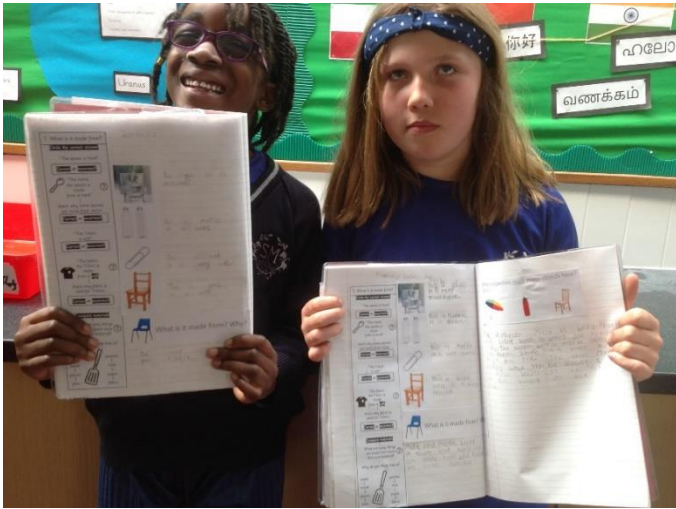
HISTORY

In History we have learned about the Great Flood of Felixstowe, which happened on 31st January 1953. We learned how a storm surge meant that the waves did not hit the promenade as expected, but flowed into the River Orwell and hit Felixstowe from behind.



SCIENCE

In Science we have begun to revisit our learning from earlier in the year. We revisited Materials and thought about why certain objects are made from particular materials.



P.E

In PE we have been developing our skills in Cricket. We have been playing games that hone our catching, fielding, throwing and batting skills.



OLYMPIAN VISIT MAY 2023: We are very lucky to be having a visit in May from an Olympian Athlete. Part of this process involves watching a short video, to view the video please use the link below

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9fOFD+POuPo&feature=youtu.be>

The children have also all been given a sponsor form, please take a moment to read it and if you are able to get some sponsors that would be amazing. The visit will take place on 16th May 2023.



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YEAR 3 & 4 SCHOOLS COUNTY FAIR:

On Thursday 20th April 2023, the children from year 3 and 4 were incredibly fortunate to be invited to attend the Suffolk School Farm and Country Fair at Trinity Park.

We started our day by visiting the Wildlife and Conservation Zone where we enjoyed visiting exhibits from the Suffolk Owl Sanctuary, Beekeepers, Wildlife Trust and Wild Play. We then moved to watch some of the gundogs who were showing their skills in the small arena before moving on to the first of the two food halls. Here we were able to sample some delicious venison burgers and sausages from the Ladies in Pigs. We moved on to the STEM Zone (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) to visit the stands provided by EDF Energy, Kinetic Science Foundation and Power Networks. Our next stop was The Sheep Show and a chance to have a snack and a sit down.

Later in the day we were able to go into the area with the Hamilton Bloodhounds and stroke a beautiful Suffolk Punch horse. We finished our exciting day by exploring the large machinery that farmers use and even a robot! Our final stop was the livestock area where we were able to view many cute, calves, kids, lambs, piglets, ponies, donkeys and alpacas. Some of us were also extremely lucky to talk to 'Princess Sophie Duchess of Edinburgh'



JOB VACANCY:

Effective as soon as possible, we have vacancies in school for midday supervisors to help with our busy lunchtimes during term time.

The hours are 11.40am – 12.50pm (70mins per day); five days per week

The current hourly rate is £10.98 (subject to pay rise in negotiation) for 38 weeks per year (plus 5 weeks paid holiday)

This is an excellent opportunity to get paid experience of working in a school.

If you would like to know more or know of someone who would like this role, please email:

lindsey.ling@st-marys-ipswich.suffolk.sch.uk



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>

SENDIASS: SEN SUPPORT IN SCHOOLS



sendiass
Special Educational Needs
and Disability Information
Advice & Support Service

SEN support in schools

SENDIASS is offering a relaxed online session for parents and carers explaining the process of support in schools for pupils with special educational needs (SEN).

The session will explore:

- The key principles of SEN support and whole-class approaches
- The 4 stages of the graduated cycle of support and how you and your child or young person are involved
- Examples of different kinds of SEN support and approaches for working with schools
- What happens if a child needs more support

10th May 2023 6pm – 7:30pm

[Click here to register](#)

What parents have said about our SEN sessions:

'Extremely informative and helpful. Thank you so much!'

'Really helpful, particularly the opportunity to ask questions.'

'Very clear and easy to understand – helped me feel a lot more confident.'

For more information: <https://suffolksendiass.co.uk/2023/04/sen-support-in-schools/>

SUPPORTING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

The below free virtual workshops are designed to provide up to date advice and guidance on how parents and carers can support the young people in their life. The workshops are delivered as live Zoom sessions and are 60 minutes long.

Supporting our Young People Manage Big Feelings

A workshop aimed at parents of young people aged up to 11 to help support our children manage difficult emotions.

Monday 15th May at 1pm to 2pm [Book a place](#)

Supporting our Young People with Low Mood

For parents to understand low mood and how to support their child/teenager.

Monday 15th May at 6pm to 7pm [Book a place](#)

Building Understanding and Supporting your Child with Tourette's/Tics

This workshop is delivered by clinicians experienced in working with young people with Tourette's/Tic Disorder

Tuesday 16th May at 6pm to 7pm [Book a place](#)

Social Media and Impact on Teenagers' Mental Health

The impact on our teenagers' mental health

Tuesday 16th May at 7.15pm to 8.15pm [Book a place](#)

To find out more and book a place on to a workshop, click the links above or visit www.eventbrite.co.uk and search for Psychology in Schools Team – NSFT

For all news and updates on emotional wellbeing support for schools and families, go to: www.suffolk.gov.uk/wellbeingeducation

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



CHILDRENS' PILGRIMAGE TO **WALSINGHAM**

TUESDAY 30TH MAY 2023

**Led by
Bishop Peter**

10.45 am: Walk from the village

**12.00: Mass at the Chapel of
Reconciliation**

**Followed by a picnic and a
fun afternoon at the beach**



Contact chrissies18@hotmail.com / 01493 717121 for more details

TERM DATES:

Term dates for 2022 – 2023

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