



Friday 3rd October 2025

# St Mary's Primary School

*Our Vision: We believe, we achieve, we succeed in God's family.*  
With God, all things are possible. Matthew 19:26  
School Value - Community

## Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to this week's edition of our School Newsletter!

We hope this newsletter finds you well. As we progress through the Autumn term, we would like to keep you informed of some important dates and events that are approaching.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement with our school community.

Warm regards, Mrs Walker

## This week...

Firstly, we would like to remind you that Flu vaccinations are scheduled to take place on Monday. It is essential that all parents provide their consent or non-consent for their child to receive the vaccination. Please ensure that your consent forms are completed and returned directly to the vaccination team as soon as possible. The link can be found on class dojo. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated as it plays a significant role in maintaining the health and well-being of our school community.

Additionally, we are excited to announce that prospective parent tours for our Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) are now in full swing, with sessions currently being held for those considering enrolment in September 2026. If you know of any families who may be interested, please encourage them to attend one of the tours, as this is a wonderful opportunity to explore our facilities and learn about the enriching programmes we offer for our youngest learners.

In an effort to celebrate creativity, we are thrilled to remind you of the upcoming Trust Poetry Slam taking place next week. Selected pupils will have the opportunity to showcase their poetic talents. We wish them the very best of luck. It promises to be an inspiring event for all participants.

Lastly, please note that Parent and Child consultations are scheduled for the 13th, 14th, and 15th of October. We strongly encourage all parents to book a slot with their child's class teacher as this is an invaluable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and development.

## Upcoming Events

06.10.25 - Open Day—09:30—11:00 - Non SEND Tour

06.10.25 - Flu Spray - Please see dojo message for consent

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## Dojo Messages

- Wearing earrings during PE
- Christmas Panto
- Autumn street safari
- Swiggle – Our Safe Search Tool in School

# Class News & Achievers

## **Oak Class:**

This week in Oak class we have focused on inferring from what we have read and written our own versions of The Raven in English. In maths, we have been learning about multiples of numbers and common multiples between numbers. In RE we have looked at the cycle of samsara and used the board game snakes and ladders to show our understanding of it. In geography, we have identified the Earth's tectonic plates and in science, we have ordered the evidence of human evolution.

## **Chestnut Class**

This week we have been really busy. In maths we have been continuing with place value. In English we are really surging forwards with our Beowulf stories. I can't wait to read them once they are finished as the children have been really imaginative. In RE we looked at what a story is about and what we think about each part. It was a little tricky but they soon got the hang of it. We really enjoyed our art lesson as we have started our accordion books.

## **Acorn Class**

Acorns have been enjoying a busy week. In literacy we have been looking at sentence structure. In maths the focus is addition and number bonds. In RE we are still looking at the importance of being Christian and different faith families. In music we have learnt a new song called Hey You, with is a hip hop style. The children have also enjoyed some autumnal yoga.

## **Oak Achiever**

The achiever in Oak class is Albie. Albie has made a great start to life in Year Five and sets high standards for himself. He applies himself superbly and is very keen to learn. He is a pleasure to have in the class. Well done, Albie.

## **Chestnut Achiever**

Phoebe has been working really hard in all areas this week, but particularly in English. She has written a great retelling of Beowulf and used wonderful vocabulary. Well done Phoebe!

## **Acorn Achiever**

Today is a special day as we have three achievers!

Havana, Esther-Ruby, Lilly-May were amazing in PE this week. Mr Thomas was very impressed in how they worked together as a team and listened to instructions to complete a game using ball skills.

## **Oak Value Achiever**

Oak's value achiever is Tommy-George. Tommy-George is a popular and kind member of our class community. He always does his best and is supportive of his peers. Well done, Tommy-George.

## **Chestnut Value Achiever**

Eve shows an excellent sense of community. She is extremely kind and caring and helps everyone, even if they're in a different class. It doesn't matter what time of day it is, Eve will always help. It's lovely to see.

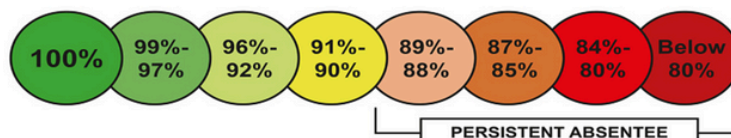
## **Acorn Value Achiever**

Louisa displays many of our values. She is always helpful to her teachers, kind and supportive to children within class. Great at tidying up, which helps Acorns and Warren the cleaner. As well as being a good role model and completing her work. Well done Louisa

# Attendance Matters

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On Time: First Time, Every Time



### Which CIRCLE are you in?

Reception	78.33%
Year 1	93.33%
Year 2	73.33%
Year 3	88.57%
Year 4	100%
Year 5	97.50%
Year 6	94%

Whole School Attendance Target is: **92%**

National Attendance Target is: **93.5%**

Whole School Attendance this week is: **89.62%**

Pupils with 100% attendance this week: **42**

#### If your child is absent from school please:

- Contact the school via Studybugs on the first day of absence before 9.00am . (This is our preferred method of communication for sickness absence)
- Contact the school on every further day of absence, again before 9.00am;
- Ensure that your child returns to school as soon as possible.



If you haven't already, please download the free studybugs app, or register on the studybugs website and use it to tell us whenever your child is ill and unable to attend school.

The tool helps us to know sooner if your child is unaccounted for. It is quick and easy to register and automatically reminds you to keep us posted. Please use the following link to register: <https://studybugs.com/about/parents> If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office

#### Lateness:

Collective Worship will be held at 9.05am each morning and attended by all staff, including the office staff. It is important that your child arrives on time for school. If they arrive after 9.05am then you will need to wait with your child until Collective Worship has finished at 9.20am as there will not be any staff to let them in. Collective Worship is a legal entitlement in a Church of England school and a time of reflection and respect.

# Forest School

## This week in forest school...

Acorn class enjoyed their free play this week as well as creating some lovely dragonflies using sticks, wool and maple seeds. They also made some lovely characters using needle felting. The children showed their creativity in the mud kitchen making potions as well as painting tin cans and colouring with chalk. Some children found lots of exciting creatures while bug hunting and climbing trees. We finished with the 'cuckoo game' to run off some energy before heading back in for a forest school story and lunch. Well done Acorns for a very creative session!

Chestnut class also got to use their creativity while needle felting and whittling some sticks. They had lots of free play in the mud kitchen making gourmet meals and potions. The children enjoyed bug hunting, climbing trees and doing lots of painting. We finished the session with the 'cuckoo game' which the children always enjoy. Well done chestnut class for a great use of imagination during free play this week!

Oak class made some lovely nature art by foraging for leaves, arranging and sticking them to a piece of paper. They also made some lovely spider webs by cutting sticks with secateurs and wrapping wool around them. The children also had some free play creating a restaurant in the mud kitchen, digging in the digging area and whittling some sticks. Some children used their imagination using tin cans to create some fairground games. Well done Oak class!

Freddie the forest school bear had a lovely stay with Harrison last weekend and is looking forward to going home with Aimee this week. Aimee always gets stuck in at forest school, using her imagination and creativity in the mud kitchen. Aimee is kind to all of her class mates and helpful when asked. Well done Aimee enjoy your weekend with Freddie!

Miss Wilson  
Forest School Lead

# Menu, Clubs and Vacancies

Week 1				
Monday Meat Free day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tomato and basil pasta (V) with garlic bread and salad	Pitta bread pizza with cheese, potato wedges and salad	Chicken roast	Cheesy ham and broccoli pasta	Sausage chips and beans
Baguettes: Cheese or tuna	Pitta bread pizza with <u>ham</u> , potato wedges and salad	Quorn fillet (V)	Cheesy broccoli pasta (V)	Quorn sausage (V) chips and beans
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Week 2				
Monday Meat Free day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese and Tomato pasta (V) garlic bread and salad	Fish fingers, chips, peas and sweetcorn	Sausage roast	Sweet and sour chicken with rice	Chicken Nuggets potato wedges and baked beans
Baguettes: Cheese or tuna	Veggie fingers (V) chips, peas and sweetcorn	Quorn sausage roast (V)	Quorn fillet (V) with rice	Quorn Nuggets (V) potato wedges and baked beans
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## AUTUMN Term Clubs

Cost	Club	Who	When	Day	Time
	Essex Kids Camp – <u>Multiskills</u>	Mr Thomas	After School	Monday	3:15pm – 4:00pm
FREE	KS1 & KS2 Music Club	Mrs Carlier	After School	Tuesday	3.15pm – 4.15pm
FREE	KS1 & KS2 Film Club	Mrs Beard	After School	Tuesday	3.15pm – 4.15pm
FREE	KS1 & KS2 Netball Club	Miss Francis	Lunch time	Wednesday	12:30pm – 1:00pm
FREE	KS1 & KS2 Art Club	Mrs Fallon	After School	Wednesday	3.15pm – 4.15pm
FREE	KS1 & KS2 Lego Club	Mrs Matthews	After School	Wednesday	3.15pm – 4.15pm
FREE	KS1 & KS2 Computing Club	<u>Mrs Carlier</u>	Lunchtime	Thursday	12:30pm – 1:00pm
FREE	Year 6 Tutoring	Mr Austin	After School	Thursday	3.15pm – 4.15pm



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**Vacancies - Please visit [www.berlesduna.co.uk/information/vacancies](http://www.berlesduna.co.uk/information/vacancies)**

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20.10.25	Courageous Advocacy project	Oak Class
24.10.25	Harvest Festival	Grandparents 9.15am Parents/Carers 2-3pm
24.10.25	Pupils to present care home with food hamper	Year 6 children
27th—31st	Half Term	
03.11.25	Inset Day	