

St Mary's C of E Primary School E-Newsletter

School Value: Community

Friday 18th October 2024

Our Vision: We believe, we achieve, we succeed in God's Family.

A note from the Headteacher... This week we have welcomed Mrs Matthews who has joined our team at St Mary's which we are absolutely delighted about, she will be working with Oak and Chestnut class.

We are pleased to confirm we have a new electronic signing in system in place at school. If you are visiting us then you will be required to sign in using this system. A photograph will be taken of you and you will receive a visitors sticker which we ask that you make visible—this is a very exciting upgrade for us.

It was lovely to have Reverend Carol in school this week who delivered an assembly on our school value; "Community". As always the children enjoyed some lively and loud singing with her. I attended the Holy Trinity Church this week for the new incumbent service for our new minister. We are very much looking forward to working with Rev Jacqui King, who will be the Priest in Charge at St Mary's.

We have our Parent and Child consultations taking place after school on 21st, 22nd and 23rd October. Please note there will be no after school clubs this week.

Monday 21st October will be from 3:15pm—5:45pm and Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd will be from 3:15pm—4:45pm. Please dojo your child's class teacher with your availability and they will be happy to arrange a slot for you.

Please note there will be no after school clubs next week on Tuesday and Wednesday due to the Parent and Child consultations. Multiskills will go ahead on Monday and will take place on the playground as the hall will be in use.

Clubs will resume w/c 4.11.24 however there will be no Film or Tutoring Club on 7th November due to moderation.

Oak class are very much looking forward to returning to St Mary's Church this afternoon for the culmination of the heritage project. The children will be spending the afternoon enjoying live re-enactments and continuing with the exhibition. This is a fantastic opportunity right on our doorstep. We hope the children have an enjoyable afternoon.

FOSMS have been in school today to create some amazing Christmas themed artwork with the children. All children were sent home last week with an order form for you to place your orders online. You will need the School Code and also your child's Unique Code to place an order. We have kept a record of the codes so please let us know if you need to be reminded of them.

For your information we have introduced a "Red card system" this week. This is in the event that an adult may have a trip or a fall and be the only adult in class.

Please note this is merely a precautionary safeguarding measure and Class teachers will explain this to the pupils in an age-appropriate manner and will select two pupils who will take responsibility for this. In the event this needs to be actioned: two pupils will take the red card to the office and then return to class with an adult.

Please be reminded that Monday 4th November is an Inset day

Wishing you a lovely weekend, Mrs Walker



Classroom News

Acorn Class:

Acorns have been enjoying maths this week, as we learn about simple subtraction and repeating patterns in reception. Our book this week has been 'Superworm'. In Art we have continued our spirals theme and looked at creative decorating. We also made some art work for the Harvest Festival. In Geography we have learnt all about the British Isles and how Scotland is independent from England. Next week we are learning all about Robert the Bruce in History.

Mrs Fallon—Class Teacher

Chestnut Class:

We have been really busy this week. In English, we have started to look at balanced arguments and how to word them. We've finished place value in maths with a lesson on the Roman Numerals. We all think that the way we use numbers now is much easier. In history we continued to learn about Stonehenge and either wrote leaflets or fact files. Science was a great lesson. Everyone enjoyed learning about soil and then creating posters about it. We only needed to use one piece of paper but everyone had so many ideas that they all needed two!

Mrs Carlier—Class Teacher

Oak Class:

This week in Oak class we have focussed on vocabulary in context in our reading lessons and the differences between formal and informal language in grammar. In maths, we have finished our unit on multiplication and division and begun learning about equivalence between fractions. In geography, we have been using what we've learnt to predict what the climate on the Earth maybe like in the year 3000, not much has changed but they live underwater. In RE, we have been learning about the Qur'an, its revelation and its significance to Muslims. We have also been completing our Autumn assessments.

Mr Austin—Class Teacher

Coins in a bottle

Thank you to all of the children who have been bringing in their loose change to put in to their class bottle. Don't forget for the class that raises the most at the end of March, FOSMS will match their amount up to £100. They will then get to decide how to spend that money to benefit their class. In this challenge there are no losers, the other two classes will also get to keep what they've raised (but no fund match) and they can decide as a class how best to spend it. I'm sure the children will already be planning what they'd like to purchase for their class.

Acorn Achiever

Eve did some amazing reading last week. She read the book the Stickman by Julia Donaldson to the whole class. Not only did she read fluently and accurately she also used intonation in her voice AND made sure the children could see all the pictures.

Great job Eve!

Chestnut Achiever

Albie is this week's achiever because even though he has a broken arm he has still completed as much work as possible. He has even typed his assessment answers onto a laptop. What an excellent attitude to learning!

Oak Achiever

The achiever in Oak class this week is Cass. I have been so impressed with Cass he can always be relied on. He approaches every task with determination and a quiet assuredness. He always does his best and is a delight to teach. Well done, Cass.



Acorn class tried a new activity this week and enjoyed making holes in conkers and threading them onto string and wool. We looked at how to safely use palm drills and why it was important to wear protective gloves and to hold the conkers in a way that ensured that there would be no injuries. The children also enjoyed topping up the coconut bird feeders that were made in Chestnut classes session. The children carefully spread wild bird seed onto the surface of the set fat and gently pushed the seed in so that it stuck in place. It was nice for Acorn class to have a part in making some of the craft that will be sold at our craft fayre. Well done Acorn class, you should all be very proud of your efforts this week.

Chestnut class had the first campfire of the term this week so that we could make coconut shell bird feeders for the craft fayre. The children cleared the fire pit area and built the fire out of kindle and paper and carefully lit it with a flint. We melted lard in two large saucepans before adding wild bird seed to the liquid and stirring it in. Some of the children took a turn in ladling the mixture into the half coconut shells and we placed them on a tray to set. The children listened carefully when we discussed fire safety and were superbly behaved throughout. A fabulous session again this week Chestnut class, well done!

At the end of Oak classes session last week, we discussed the impact that our using a large part of the woodland for our forest school, may have had on local wildlife. Because of this we thought it would be a great idea to create a wildlife garden nearby to our site. This week, Mrs De Wet brought in a design that she had drawn up with some ideas of what our wildlife garden could look like and with this in mind, Mrs De Wet and a small group of children began clearing the area. Another group of children got very creative and made wreaths and jewellery out of conkers, acorns and foliage by drilling holes into them and threading them onto wire. Some very stylish pieces were made! Well done Oak class, another great session.

Freddie the Forest School Bear enjoyed his week with the Addison family and is excited to be going home with Amelia and James Roberts from Chestnut class this week.

Amelia always plays so nicely at forest school and creates some wonderful "recipes" in the mud kitchen. She had waited patiently for the new needle felt equipment to arrive and has made some wonderful items with that equipment.

James always listens so well and is very helpful; he is a good role model to the other children and consistently upholds our school values. Well done Amelia and James, have a fun weekend with Freddie!

Miss Wilson—Forest School Lead



Demonstrating our School Values

THANKFULNESS COMPASSION COMMUNITY TRUTHFULNESS COURAGE FORGIVENESS

Acorn: Louisa is always showing us how she follows our school values. She is a kind and caring member of the class. She is really helpful to both teachers and children and is always a good role model. We are lucky to have her. Thank you Louisa

Chestnut: Amelia Roberts showed great courage this week when she went to another school in the trust and performed her poetry. She worked really hard on practicing her poems and did really well. Well done Amelia!

Oak: Oak's value achiever this week is Zach. Zach showed a great sense of community in our art lesson by helping other children with the construction some complex 3D shape nets for our packaging. Well done, Zach



MENU w/c 21.10.24

A reminder that we require meals to be booked in advance on ParentPay.

If you have missed the deadline you must ensure your child has a packed lunch with them.

Thank you

Deadline 9:00am Monday 14th October for dinners w/c 21st October

Deadline 9:00am Monday 21st October for dinners w/c 4th November

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Cheese and Tomato Pasta	Chicken Nuggets/Quorn Nuggets	Roast Gammon / Quorn Fillet	Macaroni Cheese	Sausage Roll / Quorn Sausage Roll
Cheese/Ham Baguette	Cheese/Ham Baguette	Cheese/Ham Baguette	Cheese/Ham Baguette	Cheese/Ham/Tuna Baguette

Dojo messages this week:

- ◇ Active Camps for October Half Term.
- ◇ Parent & Child Consultations
- ◇ Clubs next week
- ◇ Holiday Club flyer
- ◇ FOSMS AGM
- ◇ Secondary School application reminder
- ◇ FACE Newsletter

St Mary's Clubs

KS1 & KS2 Multiskills Club
Monday: 12.30pm—1:00pm
Mr S.Thomas—EKC

KS1 & KS2 Science Club
Tuesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Mrs Carlier

KS1 & KS2 Art Club
Wednesday 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Mrs Fallon

KS1 & KS2 Film Club
Thursday: 3.15pm – 4.15pm
Mrs Walker

Year 6 Tutoring
Thursday: 3.15pm—4:15pm
Mr Austin
(in groups as agreed directly by Mr Austin)



BERLESDUNA ACADEMY TRUST – JOB VACANCIES

CHERRY TREE – MIDDAY ASSISTANT closing date 23rd October
CHERRY TREE – SEND LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 5th November
FELMORE – SEND LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT closing date 24th October
MERRYLANDS – FIXED TERM CLASS TEACHER closing date 18th October
MERRYLANDS – CLASS TEACHER closing date 18th October
MERRYLANDS – MIDDAY ASSISANT closing date 23rd October
WHITMORE – LEARNING SUPPORT/MIDDAY ASSISANT closing date 18th October

For more information and to apply for any of our roles, please follow the link to our website [Vacancies – Berlesduna Academy Trust](#)



AFTER SCHOOL MULTISKILLS CLUB

MONDAY - ALL YEARS - UNTIL 4.00PM



For half termly costs and start/finish times, please visit:

Book online: www.essexkidscamp.co.uk/activities

Email: info@essexkidscamp.co.uk



@Essex Kids Camp

Do you shop in Asda??

If you shop in Asda we are encouraging our school community to sign up to this new initiative. If you use the rewards app please select our school as your chosen beneficiary. (CM3 8RJ)

This will not affect your reward points in any way but each time you spend in Asda a % is donated to the schools cashpot. This initiative is only available for 2 months so we would love for you to get involved.

Just another little way we can earn some money for the school which will benefit our pupils.

**you scan,
we donate
££s TO
SCHOOLS.**



Cashpot for Schools is our mission to support primary schools across the UK.

Every time you shop with Asda Rewards from 2nd September to 30th November, we will donate 0.5% of your total spend to a primary school of your choice. Plus, Asda will pop £1 into your school's Cashpot every time someone opts in.

Even more, Asda will get your school started with a further £50. To redeem this, make sure to shop & scan and remind your school to sign up with Parentkind.

For more info, please see our **Terms & Conditions**.

You won't give up any of your own earnings, and your Cashpot will continue to grow! **Shop. Scan. We donate!**



Great, count me in

dates to Remember

Please note that dates are subject to change.— Check Dojo events page for further info

Date	Activity	Enrichment	Who
21/22/23.10.24	Parent & Child Consultations (No clubs this week)		Parents/Carers with Pupils
23.10.24	Trust Pupil Voice	PSHE	Selected pupils
25.10.24	Harvest Festival	RE	Grandparents 9.15am Parents/Carers 2-3pm
28.10.24— 1.11.24	Half Term		
4.11.24 5.11.24	Trust Non pupil day Pupils return to School		
6.11.24	Open Morning 9.30-11.00		Prospective Parents
w/c 4.11.24— w/c 16.11.24	After school Clubs No Film or Tutoring Club 7.11 due to moderation		Open to all pupils
8.11.24	Remembrance Activities & Service	RE History	All pupils
11.11.24— 15.11.24	Anti Bullying Week—chase Respect	PSHE /Personal Development	All pupils
12.11.24	School Photographs		Individual, Class & sibling

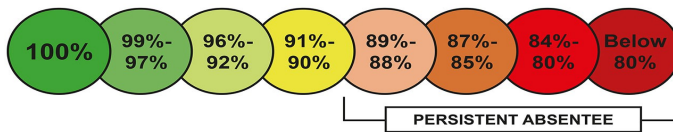
Date	Activity	Enrichment	Who
14.11.24	Cultural Celebration Day	Music/RE/PSHE/ Humanities	All pupils
14.11.24	Trust Maths Challenge	Maths	Selected Pupils
14.11.24	FOSMS Firework Disco— 3:15—5pm		All pupils
15.11.24	Children in Need & Odd sock day—Spotty themed	PSHE /Personal Development	All pupils
15.11.24	Pupil Voice—Kindness Rocks	PSHE /Personal Development	All pupils
20.11.24	Open Morning 9.30-11.00		Prospective Parents
18.11.24— 22.11.24	Road Safety Week Road Safety Banner	PSHE /Personal Development	All pupils
19.11.24	Road Safety Presentation	PSHE /Personal Development	EYFS & Year 5
28.11.24	Oak Class Assembly		Parents/Carers
4.12.24	Open Morning 9.30-11.00		Prospective Parents
9.12.24	Christmas Pantomime		All Pupils
10.12.24	FOSMS Christmas Sale From 2.30pm		All pupils
12.12.24	Christmas Jumper Day		All Pupils
12/13.12.24	DT Day	DT	All Pupils
13.12.24	DT Day Open Afternoon for Parents to view work from 2.30pm	DT	Parents/Carers

Date	Activity	Enrichment	Who
18.12.24	Nativity FOSMS Raffle		Grandparents 9.30-10.30 Parents/Carers 2-3pm
19.12.24	FOSMS Movie night 3.15pm—5pm		All pupils
19.12.24	Christmas Dinner		All pupils
20.12.24	Christmas Jumpers Christmas board games and films in class		All pupils
20.12.24	Story time with Santa		Acorn Class
20.12.24	Carol Singing at the Senior Living		Years 3-6



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



Which CIRCLE are you in?



Reception	100%
Year 1	97.50%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	96.67%
Year 4	98.75%
Year 5	100%
Year 6	92.50%



Whole School Attendance Target is: **95%**

National Attendance Target is: **93.5%**

Whole School Attendance this week is: **97.05%**

Pupils with 100% attendance this week:

Unauthorised Absences

Unauthorised absences are those which the school does not consider essential or reasonable. Unauthorised absences can include:

- Minor complaints:
 - Mild headaches or stomach aches (unless linked to more serious symptoms)
 - Tiredness or general fatigue (unless due to a diagnosed condition)
- Non-contagious conditions:
 - Hay fever or mild allergies
 - Minor colds or sniffles without fever or significant symptoms
 - Minor skin conditions that aren't contagious
- Medical visits:
 - Routine appointments (dental / eye exams) that do not require the entire day off from school
- Non-medical issues:
 - Oversleeping or staying up late
 - Avoidance due to anxiety or dislike of school (unless diagnosed and part of a care plan)
 - Family holidays, Birthdays or trips not approved by the school

The above will not be authorised, they will be marked as **unauthorised**.

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.

Friends of St Mary's School (FOSMS)



A note from FOSMS

We've had a busy week this week, lots of things happening behind the scenes and of course we held our first AGM as the Friends of St Mary's School charity.

A huge thank you to everyone who attended our AGM! It was genuinely lovely to see so many of you there and to hear your thoughts on what we do. Your continued support means so much to us, and we're excited for the year ahead with all of you by our side. We more than met our quota of attendees to satisfy our charity commission responsibilities and we sold out of cakes very quickly!

We're also grateful for your votes in re-electing Leanne, Rhian, and Sandra to lead FOSMS through another exciting and slightly crazy year! We are looking forward to working with everyone to make the coming months fun and successful.

Cake Sale Success

A big shout-out to everyone who contributed to our cake sale. Thanks to your support, we raised a wonderful £51.98. Every penny is invested into our children and our school, so your help really does make a difference.

Huge thanks to our wonderful Rhian for baking up a storm again!! We will be taking pre-orders for our next cake sale, so when we post up the request don't leave it too late!

No Cold Child Update

We're pleased to share that the coats from our No Cold Child campaign have started being dispatched so they should arrive imminently. We'll keep you updated as soon as we receive the delivery and arrange for distribution. Thank you for ensuring no child goes without a warm coat this winter.

Christmas Cards

The children have spent time today painting up a storm for their Christmas cards. There are some real beauties! Forms have been sent home for you to place your orders online. You will need the School Code and also your child's Unique Code to place an order. We have kept a record of the codes so please let us know if you need to be reminded of them.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars for our next exciting event - our Firework disco on 14th November straight after school! It's set to be an evening full of music, dancing, fun and games. For more details, and to pay via our payment link please visit our website <https://fosms.co.uk/upcoming-events>

Once again, we extend our heartfelt thanks for your unwavering support. We couldn't do it without you!

With very grateful thanks,
FOSMS

*Friends of St Mary's School
(FOSMS)*



FOSMS PRESENTS...

OUR FIREWORK DISCO

**14TH NOVEMBER
3:15PM-5PM**

**TICKETS £5 PER CHILD
PAY IN ADVANCE VIA THE
PAYMENT LINK ON OUR WEBSITE**

**INCLUDED IN THE TICKET PRICE:
HOTDOG
CRISPS
FRUIT
GLOWSTICK**

KINDLY SPONSORED BY THE DENNY FAMILY

FUN ENTERTAINMENT, MUSIC AND GAMES

**CHILDREN MAY BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES AND GET
CHANGED AT SCHOOL SO THEY'RE DISCO READY!**

