



April 2023

Dear Parents,

I hope you all managed to enjoy a wonderful Easter break. Welcome back to the start of Summer term.

We are once again looking forward to a very busy and exciting term. The children have returned to school eager to begin their learning and have settled well back into school routines. Myself and Mrs Philpott have visited all of the classes and it was lovely to see the children so engaged with their learning.

As the weather hopefully gets warmer, can I remind parents to ensure that children come to school with a water bottle, sun hat and sun cream applied.

Best wishes,

Headteacher  
*Mrs J Barnett*

## Year 5 Easter Church Service

We ended the Spring Term with a wonderful church service at St Michael and All Angels. The children in Year 5 led the service, retelling the Easter story through drama and readings. It was lovely to see all the children in church, joined by so many of you as well.



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# Year 6 DT Curriculum Day



In the spring term, we took part in our healthy-eating themed DT day. We started off by preparing the dough for our pitta bread. We then left it to prove after which we shaped our dough (which had now risen) into pitta-shaped bread and baked them in the

ovens with the help of the teachers. We then moved between three stations: preparing crudité's, preparing hummus and preparing coleslaw. At the crudité's station we prepared slices of cucumber, carrots and celery to taste our dips with. At the hummus station, we made hummus using chickpeas, lemon juice, tahini (sesame seed paste) and ground cumin. We added the ingredients of our choice (decided the day before) to this basic recipe to create hummus of different flavours – we had some really interesting flavour combinations! We also used toppings to make our hummus more appealing. We made the coleslaw at the third station where we mixed up cut cabbage, grated carrots, mustard and mayonnaise. After completing all our stations, we put together our platter for our parents to taste later.

DT day was really fun and exciting for all of us. We were very proud when our parents tasted and loved our creations at the end of the day.

By Yagna and Isabella, Year 6

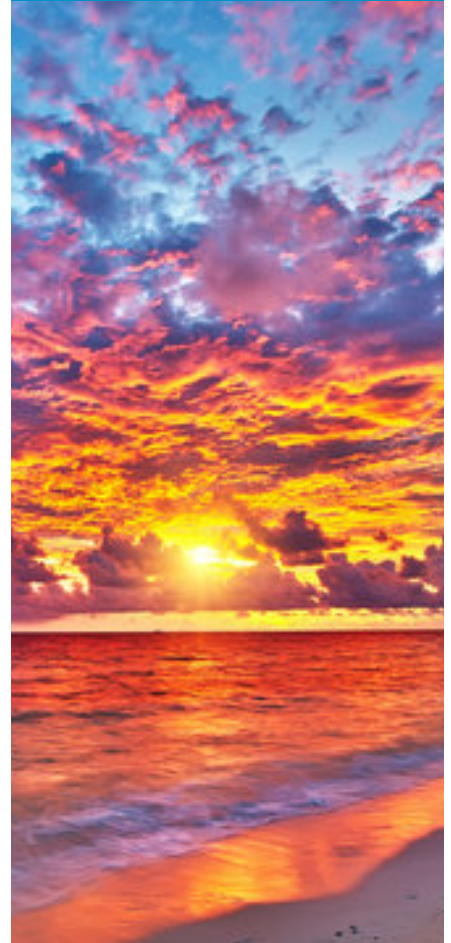


## Our Values

Our focus values this half term are;

- Relationships and Love
- Peace
- Creation
- Joy
- Compassion
- Truthfulness

These are discussed weekly through Collective Worship and within classrooms.



# Headteacher's A W A R D

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For: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the following pupils who received a Headteacher Award at the end of the Spring Term:

RAC - Henry

REB - Violet

1AN/CR - Oliver

1SH - Rhea

2EM - Sofia-Mae

2SMSL - Harriet

3KO/KP - Claudia

3SA - Rebecca

4CF - Sophia

4CR/TL - Ava

5MC - Megan

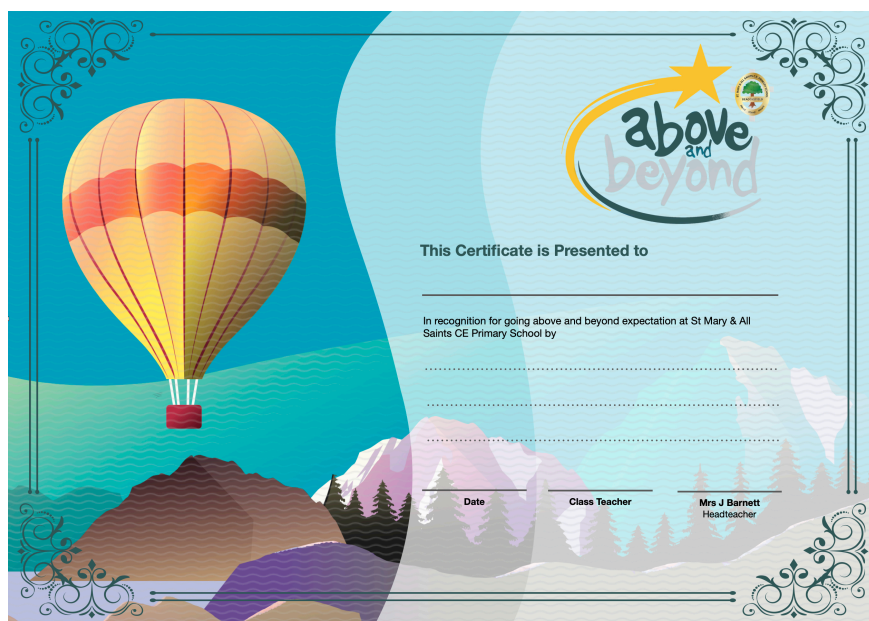
5CR - Sophie

6DV - Thora

6LG - Laurca

These awards are really special as they are only handed out once a term, to the pupil in each class who has demonstrated consistent hard work, kindness or resilience. A fantastic achievement! Well done all.

## Beyond Expectations Award



This term we have introduced a new celebration award for our pupils, the 'Beyond Expectations' award. This will be given to one child in each class every month, for going above and beyond our St Mary and All Saints expectations. The certificate will give details as to why this has been awarded to individual children.

In recognition for their outstanding efforts, the children given the award each month will join Mrs Barnett and Mrs Philpott for a treat.

A huge congratulations to our first recipients of this new award in March. Hot chocolate, marshmallows and biscuits were enjoyed by all! The next awards will be presented soon so watch this space.

RAC - Mabel

REB - Amelie

1SH - Dhvij

1SB/CR - Amelia

2EM - Mahaan

2SM/SL - Peter

3KO/KP - Evie-Ray

3SA - Phoebe

4CF - Trijal

4CR/TL - Caitlyn

5CR - Sofia

5MC - Hollie

6DV - Yagna

6LG - Elouisa



# Royal Institution Maths Masterclasses

Over the past few months, I have taken six of our Year 5 pupils to a series of Royal Institution Maths Masterclasses held at Butlers Court School. St Mary & All Saints were one of five local schools in attendance. Across the weeks our pupils got the opportunity to work alongside other children to complete a variety of maths investigations. Dillon, Nate, Hector, Verity, Nina and Harmeet really enjoyed the opportunity to complete activities



that would perhaps not usually form part of their daily maths lessons. They investigated the number of squares on a chessboard and Rubik's cube, identified the link between Pascal's triangle and the number 11, learnt some 'mind

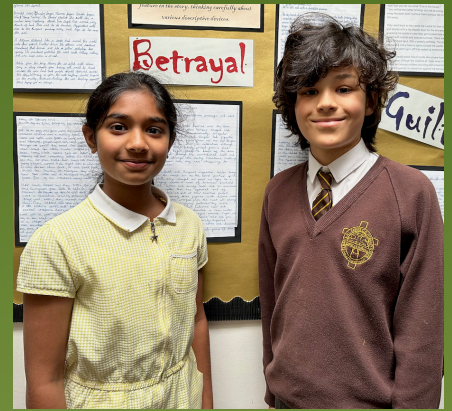
reading' tricks, worked with binary numbers, identified patterns and formulas in magic squares and, probably their favourite, learnt how to count and work with a completely new number system from Thigeland. I have been so impressed with how each of them has worked so hard across these weeks and demonstrated those key skills of perseverance and critical thinking. Well done to them all.

Mrs Philpott

'I really found Pascal's triangle interesting particularly the fact that the first line was 11 to the power of 1, the second line was 11 to the power of 2 etc' - Dillon

'The Thigeland number system was really fun - it ignored everything you'd been taught in school. So,  $36 + 12 = 50$  and  $46 + 33 = 101$ . The names for each number value were also really clever as they were actually anagrams eg 1000 was called wendfalvedivethunder (one thousand five hundred in our number system).' - Nina

## Spring Term House Winners



Congratulations to Ennis House who were the overall winners of our in-school house point competition for the Spring Term. Each member of Ennis House enjoyed a mufti day and a small treat as a well-deserved reward.

The final count was as follows:

**Ennis House** - 3809 house points

**Adams House** - 3616 house points

**Redgrave House** - 3586 house points

**Peacock House** - 3337 house points

We look forward to seeing who is going to take home the House trophy at the end of the year.

## Term Dates

Please click [\*\*HERE\*\*](#) to view school dates for 2022/23



## Book Look

Our next Book Look will be on Monday 22nd May from 3.30 -4pm.

## Summer Sessions

A reminder that our Summer sessions have returned this term and the children will once again have the opportunity to perform their musical talents to their peers and you as parents. We are very much looking forward to the first session this afternoon. A big thank you to Miss Piekaska for organising this. There are two further sessions planned for;

**Lower KS2** - Thursday 18th May

**KS1** - Wednesday 24th May



## Energize



On Friday 24th March and Saturday 25th March a group of girls from Year 5 and 6 went to perform as part of Energize at the Wycombe Swan. They attended a weekly after school club, with Miss Olive and Miss Lucy, to learn a dance routine. Every girl who took part committed fully to the rehearsal

schedule even attending an extra club and rehearsal when requested. They performed beautifully to a full audience of their parents and attendees from a range of schools, receiving high praise for their performance from a range of adults who watched on. They enjoyed having their own dressing room with light up mirrors, make up and costumes. Well done girls!

## Captain Calamity in Year 4



Captain Calamity came to St Mary's School and showed us lots of experiments. He was amazing and everyone enjoyed it. One of his tests included putting two children inside a bubble. He taught us all about science and reaction with chemical, luckily it did not get too messy! Year 4 give him a 10 out of 10.

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# Spring Term Sports Report

## U11 Boys Football

The U11 Boys Football continued their season after the Winter break with the resumption of the U11 cup competition against Thorpe House in the Quarter Final. The boys came back from a goal down twice to force extra-time and were able to snatch the winner with just minutes to go. Unfortunately the boys were knocked out of the cup 2-1 by Gerrards Cross after a great match between the 2 sides. The league season is up and running with a 4-0 defeat to Holtspur School and a 1-1 draw against Farnham Common. The boys will look to try and finish their league season with some good results against our remaining opponents.

## U10 Boys Football

The U10 Boys progressed through to the Quarter Final stage of the U10 cup as a result of the matches before Christmas. The Quarter Final stage saw 2 of 3 teams progress from a mini tournament at Butlers Court. St Mary's defeated Butlers Court 1-0 and held Stoke Poges to a 1-1 draw to ensure that they earned their spot in the Semi Final of the U10 Cup to be played soon.

## U11 Girls Football

The U11 Girls Football season resumed with a league match vs Farnham Common which saw us suffer a heavy 7-1 defeat. The girls bounced back brilliantly to defeat Butlers Court 3-0 in the league only days later. As a result of qualifying for the ESFA 7-a-side finals before Christmas, the Girls had earned a spot in the U11 Girls District Final to try and be crowned as the best team in the Chiltern District of Buckinghamshire. The final was against St Joseph's who took a 2-0 lead into half time. Despite some great pressure to get a goal back, unfortunately our opponents proved too strong and came out 4-1 winners. A great achievement from the girls to finish as the 2nd placed team in the Chiltern District.

## U11 Mixed Netball

Our first season on U11 mixed netball drew to a close in the Spring Term with our last league games being played against Iver Village Junior School,

Gerrards Cross and Butlers Court. After all fixtures had been played, St Mary's placed 3rd out of the 7 competing schools in our league, an excellent accomplishment by all players, many having not played netball before the season started. There was also a Finals Netball Tournament for all teams who had participated in the league season this year. It was clear that we had improved as the season went on as the team played brilliantly and came 2nd in their tournament to round off a very successful first netball season for St Mary's.

## Other Sports Events

- At the start of the Spring Term 4 boys and 4 girls competed in the annual Swimming Gala. Our Girls team swam excellently and came 3rd out of 6 schools with the Boys team doing brilliantly to beat the other 6 schools. This means that the boys advance to the County Finals in July, we wish them the best of luck for this event.

- Our annual House Football competition for Years 5 and 6 saw approximately 60-70 children playing football to try and earn house points for their respective houses. Both the Boys and Girls competitions saw Adams and Peacock make the finals which will be played soon.

- This term, St Mary's played Seer Green in a basketball fixture for the first time. The winners of the match would advance to the County Finals. The St Mary's players did brilliantly in their first competitive match; however, they were beaten by a good Seer Green School.

- This Term has seen Year 4 attend a couple of Football Tournaments. Firstly, Davenies hosted a Boys Football Tournament with 10 schools all competing against each other. Our St Mary's players did brilliantly from start to finish with some excellent results on the day. St Mary's finished in 3rd place out of the 10 schools which is a great achievement from those who played. Our other football tournament was hosted by AJD and was attended by our Girls Team. The Girls played really well and made it through the first group stage to find out they had made the final! They gave it their all in the final but were narrowly beaten 2-1 in the final. A great achievement as some players were playing competitive football for the first time.