

St Mary & All Saints Newsletter



July 2023

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe we have reached the end of another academic year. Once again it has been pleasing to see the children continue to enjoy their learning and make progress as they have moved through the year. Thank you to all of you who attended our Open Evening, the school looked amazing and there was so much to celebrate. KS2 performances in the hall were magnificent, well done to children and staff. A huge thank you to Miss Lucy for organising and overseeing the evening - it was a great success!

I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year and the interest and support you give your children in order to further their learning. We are sad to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils but I am sure they will continue to thrive at their new schools. I wish them the best of luck.

My staff and I wish you all a safe and restful Summer holiday.

Best wishes,

Headteacher
Mrs J Barnett

Oti Mabuse



We were privileged to have a very special guest for part of our Sports Week. Oti Mabuse, a professional dancer and regular on Strictly Come Dancing came in to school to teach Years 5 & 6 (and a few lucky members of staff) a salsa routine. The energy in the sessions were excellent with the children feeling very privileged to be on the receiving end of a dance lesson from Oti. Both students and staff did brilliantly to follow the moves that Oti had set out for us and had a great time learning the routine. Oti was brilliant and managed to sign a few autographs and take some pictures during her time with us.

**THE LAST DAY OF
SCHOOL IS FRIDAY 21
JULY, 2pm** Children may
be collected in the school
playground in the usual
way.



Headteacher

Mrs J Barnett BA(QTS)



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Wall Art



We have recently installed a number of Wall Art features around the school to support learning, particularly with STEM, and showcase the ethos of the school in a visual way. Huge thanks go to Mr Riche and his company Urenco for donating towards this project.



Thank you to our amazing PTA

The PTA has had another extremely successful year, and there have been a wonderful variety of events held this year. I would like to say a huge 'thank you' to Kathryn Tinkler and Carly Bartlett and their team. The time, energy and commitment given freely throughout the year is what enables so many successful events to be held and enjoyed by us all; staff, parents and children. The funds raised by the PTA impact hugely on the resources and opportunities we are able to provide for our children.

End of the Year House Winners

Congratulations to Ennis House who were the overall winners of our in-school house point competition for the year 2022-2023. Each member of Ennis House will enjoy a mufti day and a small treat as a well-deserved reward next week. A letter will be sent to Ennis House separately.

The final count was as follows:

1st place- Ennis 2987 points

2nd place - Redgrave 2969 points

3rd place - Peacock 2925 points

4th place - Adams 2831

Well done to everybody for their hard work and efforts this year.



Our Ennis House Captains

Donkey Derby 2023



What a wonderful afternoon we had at this years Donkey Derby. The weather was certainly on our side and it really was a lovely day. Thank you to all of you who came and supported the school. Huge thanks to the PTA for all of their hard work organising this event. We managed to raise an amazing £9,000 which is a fantastic amount and will benefit the children at our school greatly.

Return to school in September 2023

School re-opens to children for the Autumn Term on Tuesday 5th September. Friday 1st September and Monday 4th September are INSET days for staff. We very much look forward to seeing you then.

Year 6 production - Cinders & Sherlock



What a fantastic performance! The children clearly loved performing and it was wonderful to see them confidently acting and singing throughout. We certainly have some hidden talents in Year 6. It was



clear how much the children enjoyed performing to a live audience and sharing that feeling of anticipation of putting on a production together. I'm sure you will agree that they did a super job.

My thanks to the Year 6 team, Miss Geary, Mrs Vaidya, Mrs Rawlings and Mrs Brown for all their hard work with the children. Thanks also to Ethan Baker for his support with the lighting during performances.

Transition Days

This year the children have once again had two opportunities to spend time with their new teacher for next year. They met their new teacher on 5th July and spent the morning with them. They were also able to re-visit their teacher on Wednesday 12th July.

Our new Reception pupils also joined us on Friday morning and were able to meet their teachers and spend time in their classrooms.

The table below shows planned staffing for classes from September 2023.

RAC	Mrs Charlesworth	Miss Lucy/TBA
REB	Mrs Bayliss	Mrs Canning
1KO/KP	Miss Olive/Miss Piekarska	Mrs Mudher
1EM	Miss Moss	Mrs Stopps/Mrs Bachman
2CL	Miss Lucas	Mrs Van Den Berg
2SM/SL	Mrs McAulay/Miss Lee	Miss Scott
3MP	Miss Page	Mrs Carter
3CF	Miss Fraser	Mrs Farthing/Mrs Pearson
4LG	Miss Geary	Mrs Hunt
4CR/BE	Mrs Reynolds/Mrs Elliott	Miss Arshad
5MC/RV	Mrs Cribbin	Miss Huckle
5EG/BE	Mrs Gillies	Mrs Brown
6DV	Mrs Vaidya	Mrs Rawlings
6CR	Miss Richardson	Mrs Nolan

Headteacher Awards



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

RAC - Mabel
 REB - Freddie
 1AN/CR - Masha
 1SH - Sophia
 2EM - Iris
 2SMSL - Austin
 3KO/KP - Clara
 3SA - Rose
 4CR/TL - Sophia
 4CF - Ethan
 5CR - Joe
 5MC - Armaan
 6DV - Theo
 6LG - Daria

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. Fantastic work! Well done all.

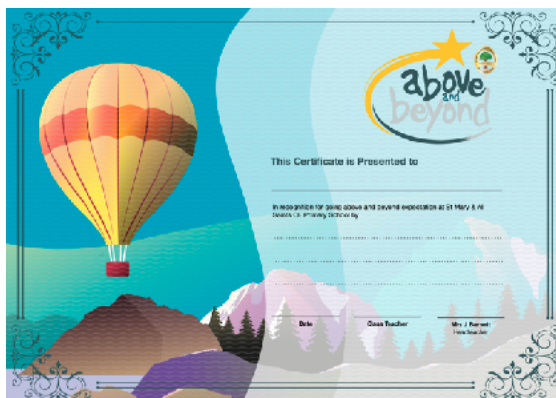
Year 6 Leavers' Service - Thursday 21st July at 10.15am

The Year 6 Leavers' Service will be held on Thursday 21st July at St Mary & All Saints Church. All parents / guardians are welcome to attend the service which will begin at 10.15am.

This year, the Senior Leadership Team have again taken the decision that only classes in Key Stage 2 will attend the service. As we are all aware, space in the church has become more limited as our school has grown; this will allow children and adults to comfortably fit and enjoy the service. Year 6 will have a rehearsal of the service in school which Reception and Key Stage 1 will watch. All children attending the service will be walking to the church. We look forward to seeing you there.



Beyond Expectations



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 the recipients of this new award in June and July. Hot chocolate, marshmallows and biscuits were enjoyed by all!

June

RAC - Charlie	REB - Owen
1SH - Betsy	1SB/CR - Isaac
2EM - Chloe	2SM/SL - Albert
3KO/KP - Florence	3SA - Freddie
4CF - Oli	4CR/TL - Miles
5CR - Alice	5MC - Amelie
6DV - Millie	6LG - Thora

July

RAC - Elsie	REB - Ada
1SH - Ellie	1SB/CR - Andrew
2EM - Zac	2SM/SL - James
3KO/KP - Beatrix	3SA - Freya
4CF - Maria	4CR/TL - Beth
5CR - Bertie	5MC - Megan
6DV - Harrison	6LG - Isabella

Sports Week & Sports Day



Our annual Sports Week took place during the week commencing 26th June, it was a fantastic week! Thank you to Mr Allison and Mrs Cribbin for organising this.



The children had the opportunity to participate in a number of sporting activities throughout the week, in addition to their usual PE lessons, including cricket, curling, skipping, fencing,



Quiddich and dance. I would like to thank the many parents and local sporting organisations who gave up their time so freely to come in and work with our pupils, it was much appreciated.



In addition, our annual Sport's Day took place on Friday 30th June and the weather just about



held to enable a lovely afternoon, followed by the traditional Sport's Day BBQ. Myself and the staff were so impressed with the enthusiasm and effort that every child put in. Competing in sports and sports day in particular really enables





our children to demonstrate those key life skills such as sportsmanship, teamwork and

with green ribbons, is proudly displayed in our front entrance.



perseverance. These are values and skills we discuss during our assemblies and it was lovely to see these so clearly in action during the day.



I would like to thank the staff for all of their hard work in preparing the children for their races, and Mr Allison and Mrs Cribbin in particular for the precise organisation of sports week and Sports Day which ensured it went so smoothly and the children had a fantastic time.



It really was a fabulous way to end the week.

A huge well done to Ennis House for being the overall winners of the day. The trophy, adorned



Sports - Gold Award



After an incredible Sports Week, we are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2022/23 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. We are extremely proud of our pupils, staff and parents for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year. A special thanks to Mr Allison and Mrs Cribbin. We look forward to applying once again in 2024!



Sports Update From Mr Allison

Summer Term has seen our competitive football seasons come to a close for both our boys and girls teams. Our boys' football team finished their season well but were narrowly beaten in the final league standings. Our girls' team finished a brilliant season with them being crowned as league winners. We also played our regional cup final against St Joseph's which we unfortunately lost but meant that we came second in our region of Buckinghamshire. This is a fantastic achievement added to coming in the top 4 schools in the county earlier in the school year.

Some other sporting events that we attended this year include a tri-golf event for some of our Year 3 children who had a lovely afternoon learning some new skills at Huntswood Golf Club run by the professional coaching team there. Some Year 3 and 4 children attended a tennis festival with multiple other schools to learn some new skills and play some small games all organised and run by volunteers from Burnham Tennis Club. A group of our Year 5 children attended the annual Quadkids Athletics event at Beaconsfield High School. The day consists of each athlete doing a sprint, a long distance run, a throw and a long jump all to score points and try and be the winning team overall. Despite the best efforts of our athletes, unfortunately we missed out on finishing on the podium.

As a school we have had a great deal of success in our swimming and cricket competitions. Back in January, we won our regional competition and therefore qualified for the Bucks and MK County Finals that were hosted at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. Our swimmers were excellent on the day and all contributed to our overall team score which saw us finish in 4th place in the County and were narrowly pipped to 3rd place. In similar style, our Year 6 cricketers won our regional competition on 19th June in a convincing manner winning every game on the day to qualify for the Bucks and MK County Finals. On the finals day, we came up against some other excellent cricket teams who were all competing for the title of County Champions. After a couple of early defeats, the team responded brilliantly to win their remaining games and earn a 5th place finish overall in the county.

Our annual Sports Week was a great success with a huge range of activities and visitors coming in to deliver their sessions. We had Wycombe Wanderers and Chance to Shine Cricket deliver some football and cricket sessions as well as James Beevers, a former GB Olympic fencer, come in to give all of KS2 a taster session in fencing which went down very well with the children. Each class also had the chance to try out our new indoor curling equipment during the week, an activity that teachers said the children had a brilliant time playing. Also for KS2 we organised a Quidditch day involving all of our school houses being rearranged into the 4 Hogwarts Houses with children trying to earn points throughout the day to win the Quidditch Cup. This day was brilliant and the children loved learning some new skills and how to play a game of Quidditch. The day brought much excitement when the children found out that it was Gryffindor (Ennis House for the day) who had done enough to win the Quidditch Cup. Our Sports Leaders also ran a House Competition for the whole school to participate in to score as many house points as possible to try and win the house cup at the end of the school year.

Sports Week came to a conclusion with our Sports Day in the afternoon with every child in the school running, jumping or throwing to try and score as many house points as possible to win the Sports Day Trophy for their house. After a lot of excitement (and a bit of rain) the totals were all added up from the activities on the MUGA and the events on the track and Mrs Barnett revealed that it was Ennis House who had come out on top for Sports Day 2023, well done to everyone in Ennis House.

Goodbyes



As the academic year draws to a close we say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils and a few other children who are moving on to different schools. Our pupils are leaving St Mary & All saints, fully equipped for life in their new school: they have shown that they have the resilience and determination to succeed no matter what life throws at them. We are extremely proud of them all and wish them every success in the coming years. Remember to dream big and reach for the stars!

Please do keep in touch and let us know how you are all getting on.

Term Dates

Please click [**HERE**](#) to view school dates for 2023/24

