



St Mary & All Saints CE Primary School

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Dear Parent,

International Week **Monday 29th January – Friday 2nd February 2024**

As part of our curriculum enhancement programme, we will be hosting our annual International Week, on the above dates. This fun and exciting week will provide our children with an opportunity to explore and immerse themselves in different cultures from around the world. This year, our focus is on Art and Design & Technology.

During International Week, each year group will focus on a different country, aiming to enhance their knowledge of its culture, art, and cuisine. Our aim is to foster a greater understanding and appreciation of the diversity that exists within our global community. It is an excellent opportunity for pupils to gain a broader perspective on the world in which they live.

To enrich their learning experience, we would like to extend an invitation to parents and family members who have personal connections with any of the countries being studied. We believe that your firsthand experiences and insights would greatly benefit the children. Sessions will ideally last between 30 minutes to an hour, during which time you can engage in discussions about the country, cultural practices, share visual information, and showcase any artefacts that can enhance their understanding. This will provide them with an unmatched opportunity to learn from your experiences and gain a personal connection to the country being studied.

Year Group Country/Region

Reception	Australia
Year 1	Ghana
Year 2	Japan
Year 3	Caribbean
Year 4	Spain
Year 5	India
Year 6	Brazil

International Week will culminate in a mufti day on Friday 2nd February. On this day, children will have the chance to come to school dressed in the flag colours of the country they have been studying. This will further contribute to their understanding and celebration of different cultures, while fostering a sense of unity among the students.

You will receive a form via ParentMail to indicate if you would be interested in sharing your knowledge and experiences with the children, to be submitted by Friday 19th January so we can timetable accordingly. Please let us know the country you have connections with, along with any preferred time slots during the day. We will do our best to accommodate your preferences. You will be contacted nearer the time to confirm a date and time if appropriate.

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Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact us directly or through the School Office.

Yours sincerely,

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International Week Coordinators