

Weekly Newsletter
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Nurturing Our God-Given Talents

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

I am thrilled to share the outstanding achievements of our Year 6 and Year 5 students who excelled in their production of *The Amazing Coloured Coat*. The production showcased their immense talent, creativity and dedication. I am incredibly proud of the hard work and teamwork that went into this fantastic production.

They have also achieved remarkable success in their SATS – a summary of which can be found below. For expected combined (reading, writing and maths) the school are in the top 3% in the country and for greater depth combined, we are in the top 1%. I am so proud of the children and all the staff that has helped them in this journey. The school has had a successful year thanks to all the stakeholders involved that have helped the children to nurture their God-given talents.

Assessment	Statistic	Cohort	School Result	National Comparison	National Result	School Percentile Rank
KS2 Reading, Writing & Maths Combined	% of pupils achieving the expected standard	60	87%	Above (significant)	61%	97th
KS2 Reading, Writing & Maths Combined	% of pupils achieving the expected standard	60	28%	At or above	7%	99th

Have a great weekend and I hope that the England men's football team can bring it home on Sunday!

Kind regards,

Mr Sims

WEEK BEGINNING 15th JULY

Saturday 13th July

Y6 Leaver's Party 4pm – 8pm

Monday 15th July

Instrumental concert 3.30pm. Gym Hall

Retirement Mass for Linda Kingdon at Christchurch 6pm

Tuesday 16th July

French Day

Wednesday 17th July

Parent Walkabout – Meet the Teacher

Friday 18th July

Y6 Career's Day

FRENCH DAY

On Tuesday 16th July, we will celebrate French Day! The theme for this year is Summer Olympics, which is due to take place in Paris this Summer. The focus in the classroom will be on the history and values of the Olympic Games and about the culture of Paris.

Children are invited to come to school dressed as an Olympic sports person. There are many sports to choose from so we ask that sensible choices are made e.g., coming to school in swimwear would not be appropriate. If they would prefer, children can wear the colours of the Olympic rings (blue, yellow, black, green or red).

There will be a pop-up Parisian café selling French snacks. If children wish to buy something please send £1 with your child on the day.

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Y6 PRODUCTION

THE AMAZING COLOURED COAT

Congratulations to Y6. It was a wonderfully uplifting production and I am sure everyone left each performance with a big smile and an odd tear!

All of the children performed so well. It is incredible to watch these children singing and acting in such a mature way. There is some real hidden talent.

Well done to Y5 for assisting by singing the songs so beautifully. It gave them an idea of what will be expected of them next year so they can look forward to that!

Thank you so much to all the staff who supported behind the scenes helping with the costumes and supervision.

Mrs Williams and Miss Gannon encouraged and supported their Y6 classes and it came together perfectly in the end. Many thanks to Mrs McGarry, our music teacher, who co-ordinated the whole show.

The show was recorded so parents will be able to purchase a downloaded version. Details will be emailed to Y5/Y6 parents.

Y6 LEAVER'S PARTY

SATURDAY 13TH JULY (4PM – 8PM)

This annual celebratory event for the Y6 children and their parents is taking place at St Mary's tomorrow. Children will not be allowed to come unaccompanied by an adult. If a parent is unable to come along, please ensure that another adult is responsible for your child.

It is a joyous event to celebrate the end of one phase and to look forward to the next phase in the children's education

Many thanks to our PA for organising this event.

LITERACY



Mrs Thaxter recommends.....

Lila Greer, Teacher of the Year

Ages 5+

Lila Greer, number five in a family of five, is an anxious child. Faced with new people, places or scenarios she is overwhelmed by 'What ifs?'. Starting a new school piles these up, 'What if I mess up?', 'What if they don't like me and we don't get along?'. Fortunately, she has a very special teacher who knows just what to do.

Skipping ahead, we see Lila, now a teacher herself, about to meet her first class. When self-doubts arrive because, as we all know, age doesn't really affect them, she remembers what Miss Kern taught her and they fade away.

MUSIC NEWS

Parents and family members are invited to the Summer music concert in the Gym Hall on Monday 15th July.

Children from Y4, Y5 and Y6 who receive instrumental lessons at school will perform, as well as the Orchestra and Chamber Choir. Please ensure your child brings their instrument to school on Monday morning.

The concert will start at 3.30pm and should last approx. 1 hour.

Some of the Y6 children will be attending their transition day at St Thomas More. Once they are finished, they can make their way back to St Mary's to join in.

We look forward to seeing you there

CHILDREN'S CORNER

This week.....

Lottie Meyer, 1C, donated 17 inches of hair to the Little Princess Trust and has raised a current total of £272 for them. Wow!



Josephine Vickman, RB, successfully completed stage 1 in her swimming lessons. She can now swim 5 metres in both backstroke and freestyle. Very well-done Josephine!



Tilly Lark, 1C, competed in a gymnastics competition recently and won gold! Excellent performance!



WALKABOUT

On Wednesday 17th July, parents and children are invited to walk around the classes after school (3.30pm) to see their new classrooms and meet their new teachers.

Please go to your child's existing class to see the work on display and then visit their new classroom.

REPORTS

You should have all received the end of year reports today. If anyone would like to discuss any specific point, please phone the main office to make an appointment to speak to the class teacher.

However, you do not have to arrange a meeting if there are no points to discuss and you are happy with the report.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All after school clubs will finish next week for the term on week beginning Monday 15th July.

The children attending the gymnastics club will take part in a display for their parents on Tuesday 16th July at 4pm (Gym Hall).

The children attending Creative Stars will perform for their parents on Friday 19th July in the gym hall at 4pm.

Y2 COOKERY

This week the children in Y2 have been preparing, cooking and tasting 3 unusual vegetables - yam, plantain and aubergine. The children taste-tested each vegetable and reviewed them.



CAREERS DAY

We are looking forward to the Careers Day on Friday 19th July. This was very successful last year so we hope that we can repeat the same this year. Many thanks to all the parents who have offered to participate. Details of the afternoon will be emailed to these parents next week.

If you or you know someone who would like to come to the school to talk to the children, please contact the main office.

We would like people from different career backgrounds to show case their jobs so please contact us for more information

RETIREMENT MASS FOR MRS KINGDON

There is a retirement Mass for Mrs Kingdon at 6pm on Monday 15th July. Parents and children are welcome to attend. The Mass will take place at Christchurch.

SCHOOL MAGAZINES

Members of the PA will start selling the school magazine from Monday 15th July. Please look out for them in the parent's waiting area. Magazines will cost £3 each.

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