



Head Teacher's Newsletter

Dear Parents,

What a busy, productive summer term we are having!

Leading Parent Partnership Award

A huge thank you to Miss Harkin for successfully applying for the Leading Parent Partnership! It is great to receive an award for something that is so important and a reason why we are such a successful school– our relationships with you! This is something we will continue to prioritise as we move forwards: it is only by working closely and collaboratively with you that we can deliver the best education for the children.

Transition

On the 1st July, the children will be spending the morning in their new classrooms with their new teachers and teaching assistants.

End of Year Reports

For N-Y5, the children's end of year reports will be sent home on Friday 3rd July. We will be running Book Looks the following week, from 3.20-3.45pm, during which you can ask any questions about your child's report. These will be:

Reception	Tuesday 7th July
Y1 and Y2	Wednesday 8th July
Y3 and Y4	Friday 10th July
Y5	Thursday 9th July

Year 6 reports will go home on Tuesday 7th July, as the SATs results are published on 7th July. Their book look will be Tuesday 14th July, from 3.20-3.45pm.

Uniform Shop

Just a reminder that we do have the uniform shop, in which we have pre-loved, good quality uniform for a small donation. If you'd like to see what we have, please ask the school office. If you would also like to donate anything at the end of the year, please bring this to the office. Thank you!

EYFS Spaces

We do still have a small number of spaces available for our Reception and our Nursery next year. If you are interested, please speak to the office. We are also taking applications for children who are turning 3 next year (so are currently 2). Admission forms can be collected from the office.

Thank you for your continued support!

Miss Adams

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NURSERY

This month in Nursery, our key text was Jack and the Beanstalk. We enjoyed reading and retelling the story together and learned about the magical harp by listening to what a real harp sounds like. The children painted beautiful scenes from the story and were very excited when we discovered CCTV footage showing the giant stealing our magic beans! We worked together to make wanted posters to help catch him. In maths, we explored different ways to represent numbers, using a variety of objects, pictures and marks. We also celebrated World Bee Day, learning about the important role bees play in our environment and taking part in bee-themed activities.



RECEPTION

This Half term, we have enjoyed learning more about the natural world, growth and life cycles. We planted seeds and learnt about what seeds need to grow. We also focused on how we change as we grow from babies all the way to grown ups! We spent time drawing and painting flowers in the style of our focus artist Vincent Van Gogh. We had lots of fun learning about The Very Hungry Caterpillar and observed our very own caterpillars and how they change as they grow. We ended the term by having a butterfly party to release our class butterflies- it was wonderful!



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YEAR 1

We learned all about Florence Nightingale in History. We got to handle and play with the sorts of things she used as a child, read as a teen, and things she used during her time in the Crimean War. In R.E, we have been discussing the signs of the Holy Spirit and how Mary and the disciples felt. We have studied different images of Freda Kahlo in Art and have used these to create a sketch of her. We have made our own "E Books" in Computing and have used our learning about animals in Science to make them. We have enjoyed reading Jack and the Beanstalk in English and we retold the story using actions. In P.E we enjoyed outdoor adventurous activities which included map reading, team work and orienteering. We enjoyed visiting Blackpool as part of our Geography topic. We saw the piers, the Irish Sea and Blackpool Tower.



YEAR 2

We have loved starting lots of new topics in Year 2 since April. We have become experts in directing others to, and locating places on, our school grounds in Geography and have been learning all about the life of local legend Nat Lofthouse in History. We are learning a new set of ICT skills to create reports using Word. We have moved on from the life cycles and survival of animals and humans in Science to the life cycles of plants. Our run-away stationery kept us busy writing persuasive letters to convince it to return to the classroom during our 'The Day the Crayons Quit' unit and we must have done a great job because we had our ruler back in time to complete our measuring in Maths! In RE, we have heard all about the events that happened after Jesus died and rose from the dead and have been prepared for the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.



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YEAR 3

This half term, Year 3 has been busy with lots of exciting learning across the curriculum! In Geography, we have been learning about the Romans and discovering what they brought to Britain. We explored how they changed life in Britain and learnt why the Roman Empire was so powerful. In Science, we investigated light and carried out a range of practical experiments. We tested different materials to find out which were reflective and which allowed light to pass through. We also learnt how shadows are formed and explored how they can change. During our RE lessons, we learnt about the Holy Trinity and discussed what happened after Jesus ascended into heaven. We reflected on the importance of these events for Christians today. In Art, we studied the work of Antoni Gaudí and used his unique style as inspiration for our own creations. We learnt how to make impressed block prints and used these techniques to create beautiful mosaic-style artwork. The finished pieces looked fantastic and we are incredibly proud of them! We are also currently creating PowerPoint presentations all about our time in Year 3. Once they are finished, we look forward to sharing them with the Year 2 children to give them a glimpse of the exciting learning experiences that await them next year.



YEAR 4

We had an amazing month of May in Year 4! We loved wrapping up our Tudors topic with a trip to Smithill's Hall where we learned all about what life was like in Bolton in Tudor times. In Art, we put our sketching skills to the test by drawing self-portraits in the style of Hans Holbein. In Science, we investigated States of Matter and looked at how different materials behave when they are heated and cooled. In RE, we learned about some of Jesus' miracles and talked a lot about the gospel writers! We were certainly ready for our half-term break when it arrived!



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YEAR 5

May flew by in Year 5! We learned all about life during World War Two and were lucky enough to look at real artefacts including medals, letters and newspaper articles from the war. Using these artefacts, we acted as museum curators and made our very own Exhibitions, which we presented to the rest of the class. In Maths, we looked closely at converting units of measure, including imperial and metric units. In English, we have been busy writing, including persuasive arguments and narratives inspired by 'Rock, Paper, Scissors' by Drew Daywalt and the animation 'The Piano'. In PE, we have been lucky to get out and explore our school grounds during our 'Outdoor Adventurous Activities' unit, which saw us develop skill such as navigation, team work and creating our own activities in teams, which we then demonstrated and coached our classmates in. Some of us have also been to mindfulness sessions at the local Crown Green bowling club. In Art, we have been looking at WWII propaganda and produced our own propaganda posters. In these posters, we showed how we could add tone using cross-hatching. Our Science learning has been fascinating, learning all about Earth and Space, including the phases of the moon and the relationship between all the planets and the Sun in our Solar System. We really enjoyed performing our planets song at the coffee morning. Our RE unit 'To the Ends of the Earth' explored the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, both in the Old Testament and in the life of Jesus, and how this continues to shape the mission of the Church today. We looked at how Mary, Jesus' mother, was both a mother and a disciple, and we also explored the life of modern day Saint, Carlo Acutis, who used the gift of the Holy Spirit to spread the word of God during his life. Finally, we were proud to present at our very important E-Safety workshop and share our experiences while using social media and gaming platforms. We were very pleased that our parents and carers came to see what we had to say, and hope you all found this interesting and eye-opening.



YEAR 6

Year 6 have had a productive start to the summer term. After tackling SAT's week with confidence and determination, we have been enjoying officially becoming the role models of school and wearing our leavers hoodies with pride. In preparation for moving to high school, we have been writing about our memories at St William's and reflecting on our time here. In Science, we have been learning about light and the colour wheel theory. In English, we are writing letters to the pesky mosquitoes, who are known for biting people! We have also spent some time starting to practise our end of year leavers production - Matilda. We are so excited to share what we have been up to with our families in July!

