

**JOINT NEWSLETTER**  
Friday 1st April 2022 - Sunday 3rd April - 5th Sunday of Lent - Spring 2 Term

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Safeguarding Deputies: Mrs. S Hulme, Miss F Sullivan & Miss E Bryant, Safeguarding Governor: Mr. T Richmond

**A message from Mrs Hulme:**



Dear Parents and Carers,

The staff and school governors join together in wishing you a most Holy and Happy Easter.

May you all enjoy the break with the hope that the weather warms up a bit for you to enjoy holiday activities outdoors.

This term has been a time for renewing our wider range of curriculum activities including trips to places of interest, the performance of Christ's Passion at the junior school and Wren Class singing their version of Hallelujah for Mrs Norbury at her farewell assembly.

A very full term of events and lots of fun learning.

As one term ends though, the next one is in the planning process, as we anticipate further event to share with you.

We hope you have an enjoyable read of each year group report.

Have fun!



**This week's highlights:**

- 5 Sycamore have the fastest time to answer questions - 1.35 seconds per question.
- 4 Ash have the best accuracy with 94% of questions being answered correctly.

*See how many times you can beat your best score before your return to school.*

**Future Gymnastics Show**

This bunch of superstars took part in the Future Gymnastics Show last weekend. Postponed from Christmas, these children and more had to learn group routines over a few months and perform them in front of their families in a large auditorium. Their skills were amazing, their confidence was radiant and their costumes were awesome! From flower power to bowler hats and braces and everything in between we were so proud to see so many St. Mary's children so committed to this extra-curricular activity and showing off their skills. Well done and keep up the great work! Miya and Sophie were awarded special medals in their gymnastics for Gymnastics of the year!



**Juniors - St. Mary's Award**

3 Hawthorn	Lena B
3 Mulberry	Gabriel G
3 Willow	Leon R
4 Ash	Jacob M
4 Poplar	Jennah G
4 Rowan	Claire L
5 Birch	Owen F
5 Elm	Jada B
5 Sycamore	Larissa C
6 Chestnut	Olivia W
6 Copper Beech	Olivia D
6 Oak	Natalia L

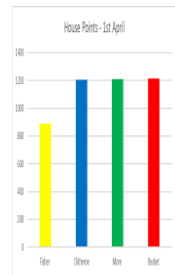
**Recognition & Reward**

**Infant - Stars of the week**

R Fox	Nikodem N
R Squirrel	Kyle J
R Hedgehog	Helena F
1 Wren	Thomas D
1 Sparrow	Anna C
1 Robin	Adam W
2 Heron	Martyna K
2 Jay	Alexander
2 Woodpecker	Sara W

**Junior - Housepoints**

<b>2nd is More:</b>	1208
<b>1<sup>st</sup> is Becket:</b>	1214
<b>4th is Fisher:</b>	889
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> is Clitheroe:</b>	1207



# News for the week

## Netball

We had both our A and B team playing netball this week. Both teams continue to play with more confidence every week. Our B team played brilliantly against their opponents and managed to win the game 6-1. Our A team put on a great fight against a very tough side, the girls worked wonderfully together but unfortunately lost out on the goals. A huge well done to everyone involved!



## Attendance of the Week

Who has this week's best attendance?	
Froglet: 95.0%	3 Hawthorn: 97.3%
R Fox: 93.3%	3 Mulberry: 91.0%
R Hedgehog: 78.7%	3 Willow: 81.7%
R Squirrel: 86.3%	4 Ash: 93.0%
1 Robin: 85.7%	4 Poplar: 91.3%
1 Sparrow: 92.0%	4 Rowan: 87.7%
1 Wren: 85.7%	5 Birch: 91.7%
2 Heron: 83.0%	5 Elm: 99.3%
2 Jay: 99.7%	5 Sycamore: 96.7%
2 Woodpecker: 91.3%	6 Chestnut: 79.0%
	6 Copper Beech: 86.2%
	6 Oak: 82.0%
Weekly Attendance W/E: 01/04/2022	
Infants: 88.7%	Juniors: 89.7%
School Year Attendance to date	
Infants: 95.0%	Juniors: 94.5%

Our target is: 97.4%



Another good turn out at Parkrun this week, including two first timers as well! A huge congratulations to Aaron, Finnley and Sophie who all took part this week. Don't forget, everyone is welcome every Sunday morning at 9am at Nonsuch Park, it is always great to hear about all your hard work outside of school as well as inside of school. Keep up the good work runners, walkers, skippers, however you choose to get round!



## Chess Club - Spring Term Summary

The winner of our termly tournament was Tadhg O (Year 6), who scored 20 points out of 21 - congratulations! Well done to all of the children competing in the chess club this term.

## Spring Holiday Events - Sutton Borough Council

The team at London Borough of Sutton's Cultural Services have put together an exciting series of events to keep your pupils entertained and engaged this Easter break. Please find a guide to our 'Spring Holiday

Events' <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/spring-holiday-events-197149>



Carshalton Athletic are running trials for new U7 and U8 teams for next season on the following days.

U7s - Saturday 2 April 12 noon to 1.30pm  
 U8s - Saturday 2 April 2pm to 3.30pm  
 U7s & U8s - Tuesday 5 April 6pm - 7.30pm

To register for a trial, click <https://www.carshaltonathletic.co.uk/post/trials-for-new-u7-and-u8s-teams>

## Wednesday Word

Please click on the link below to access the weekly Wednesday Word:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/lent/?pid=MTA101634&v=53.11>



## Spirituality

This half term the Y6 Chaplaincy Team has been working hard to provide a special time of lunchtime prayer and reflection in the Lent Tent. Children from all year groups took the opportunity to pray quietly with their friends, to write prayer intentions and to pray the Rosary for peace. A wonderful example of faith in action.



Lent Tent Prayers



## News from Nursery

'Come Outside' has been a great topic for exploring all of the changes that take place in spring. We started the term with an outdoor day where we made mud faces and stick men. We continued our topic by exploring some great texts of The Very Hungry Caterpillar, Snail Trail and What the Ladybird Heard. During our topic of Growing in RE we also explored how our surroundings have changed from winter to spring and listened to the Easter Story.



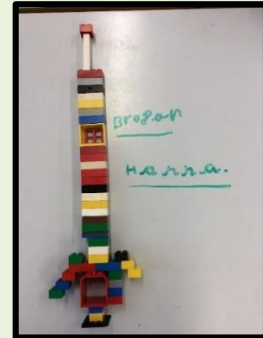
## News from Reception

We began our Fairy Tale's topic by reading lots of different traditional tales and dressing up as our favourite fairy tale characters. For our RE topic 'Growing' we went on the Spring Walk and the children enjoyed planting their own beans and watching them grow at home. The children were excited to learn the Easter Story and are looking forward to celebrating Easter at home. We would like to thank you all for your donations and wish you all a blessed Easter.



## News from Year 1

We have loved our Moon Zoom topic and have been getting very creative - with aliens, rockets and astronauts! The children have had so much fun learning interesting facts about the different planets, Neil Armstrong, the moon landing and Tim Peake. One of our highlights this half-term has been DT where the children completed a thorough investigation to find out what materials were best to use when making their own rocket. We had so much fun using a rocket launcher to help us in our investigation. We ended the term with an Easter themed creativity day. Wishing you all a happy and holy Easter.



## News from Year 2

Year 2 have loved our Scented Garden topic and its opportunities for outdoor learning. A clear highlight was our trip to Hever Castle where the children really showed how much they have learnt both about castles from last term, and about flowers and plants from this term. The children have also loved learning and writing about Vincent Van Gogh and being inspired by his paintings to do their own versions of Starry Night and Sunflowers. Thank you for your continued support this term, we wish you all a blessed and holy Easter.



## News from Year 3

It's been a busy term in Year 3. The definite highlight in the term was our trip to Butser Ancient Farm. The excellent staff at Butser took the children back in time to the Iron Age and we were able to visit an Iron Age roundhouse and do a number of related activities, jewellery making, fence making, chalk carving and taking part in an archaeology dig. The staff also showed us around the Roman Villa they have on site, which leads into our learning for next half term. In the Roman areas we were shown how the building was heated and the children seemed particularly interested in how the Romans toilets were used and worked.

Other events which have occurred this term have included World Book Day where we had a wide array of costumes on display, illustrating the extensive reading the children in year 3 enjoy.

In this last week of term, we have also looked and investigated artwork from Brazil and especially the art of Romero Britto in our creativity day. Activities included clay modelling, face mask making and painting in the style of Romero Britto.

Well done to all of year 3 on your hard work this term and we look forward to seeing you back in Summer 1 to progress onto studying the Romans and Volcanoes.





## News from Year 4

Splish, splash, splosh! Year 4 has been looking at all sorts of liquids and solids, classifying them, identifying them and testing their properties. Our favourite lessons have been those science lessons where we have investigated the changing states of water vapour to water, then to ice! This has nicely linked to our Geography topic of water cycles, where we had a virtual talk from Thames Water about water conservation!

Year 4 have also been getting curiously creative at home by taking part in British Science Week. We have seen so many impressive investigations! Well done to you all.

Year 4 also had the opportunity to visit the Easter Experience at Carshalton Methodist Church, which allowed the children to encounter Jesus' Passion and Resurrection through the medium of drama. We were so proud of all the children as they engaged so well with the play and even took on some of the acting roles!

Near the end of term, Year 4 took part in their Creativity Day. The cultural theme this time was Africa, with a focus on the country of Ghana. The children took part in Djembe drumming, oil pastel art and ink printing designs inspired by Ghanaian culture. This was a fabulous opportunity for the children to learn about Ghanaian society, to which they all created wonderful pieces of art.

Well done for a superb and busy term Year 4, you have all worked so hard! Enjoy your Easter break.



## News from Year 5

Once again it's been a very busy term in Year 5. In History, we've moved onto studying the Tudors this term and we have been tying it into local history to learn more about the history that's all around us. We have tied our learning in Science in with our English lessons and have written some excellent biographies about famous naturalists - a link to our Science topic: Living Things. Additionally, the children have written some very engaging first person narratives and descriptive, metaphorical poems. Finally, in RE we have more recently had a focus on Lent, sacrifice and our Easter Reflection (which was very well-performed and reverently done); this has led to some reflective discussion and work in RE lessons. We hope that everyone enjoys a well-deserved Easter break!



## News from Year 6

After reading Philip Pullman's novel *Clockwork*, we loved writing our own legends in Year 6. These used some of his wonderful language and concluded with a character being punished for their behaviour choices! Behaviour was also a focus in our learning about the lives of local children during the Victorian era. We were astonished to discover how some children, who were also 10 and 11, were punished back then. Using our very best formal voices, we wrote letters in role as either the judge who sentenced these 'ragamuffins' or Elizabeth Fry who campaigned for prison reform. With SATs on the horizon, we have been working very hard and so enjoyed our Creativity Day this week. Why not ask your child to retell the story we shared which was set in Baghdad? In RE we have thought about the first Good Friday and considered who should take responsibility for the crucifixion: we have some real philosophers in Y6!

**In Science, we investigated human evolution...**



**and the evolution of birds' beaks.**



**Another picture from creativity day**