

St. Mary's (Endowed) Church of England  
VA Primary School



Friday 9th February

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been fantastic to see the children celebrating mental health week this week through lots of fun, and hopefully relaxing, activities. There has been singing, cooking, art and mindfulness along with lots of others. We hope that the children will be able to find an activity which they know will help them to feel calm if they ever need that break. Have a look at the Place 2 Be website for more information and to find ideas for how to support you own children with their wellbeing - <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/families/>

I'm afraid that the netball tournament next week has been cancelled. I know that several of these events have been cancelled now and this is disappointing for the children. Unfortunately this is due to other schools withdrawing their teams so is beyond our control. I have a meeting on Tuesday to talk about this more so hopefully we will be able to come up with a better plan soon.

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Have a lovely weekend!

**This week in class...**

**Ash Class** - In Ash class, we have been reading Where can we go? A story of 4 Bears. This has inspired lots of lovely work and discussions about: our environment; different types of home; the differences between the Arctic and Antarctica and the explorer Earnest Shackleton. In maths, we have been exploring numbers to 8 and have learned how to make doubles to 8.

**Elm Class** - For Children's Mental Health Week Elm Class have been thinking about mindfulness and different activities that can make people feel calm and happy. Elm Class really enjoy art activities so we explored how different artists have expressed themselves throughout history, and created self portraits using pastels. We also explored the work of Guiseppe Arcimboldo, and used fruit to create images of ourselves. We have also been busy planting seeds this weeks. We have predicted the outcomes of our bulbs and seeds and are excited to see what the outcome will be. We are also enjoying our new book in reading about a girl called Rocket. The children are looking forward to learning more about her ambition to become an astronaut.

**Beech Class** - In Beech Class this week we really enjoyed decorating cookies, singing French songs and having a talent show. To express ourselves some people brought in baseball caps, decorative glasses, claws and hair bands.

**Oak Class** - In Oak Class, Year 6 have been amazing while practising for their SATS. I have been impressed both with their attitude and knowledge. They should be very proud of the work they are doing! This week we have enjoyed out Mental Health Week activities. Our team building games were the best part. We have great team working skills and really supported each other to success and feel great about our achievements.

Please can we remind all visitors not to smoke or vape on our school site as we are a smoke-free zone.

Many thanks

Day	Clubs	Leader
Monday	Lego & Crafts	Sam Rose
Tuesday	Creativity club	Active Education
Wednesday	Netball	Sarah Lynes and Bethany Lewis
Thursday	Creativity club	Active Education
Friday	Dodgeball Stay & Play	Active Education (Childcare only)

### PE & Woodland Learning

**Tuesday** - PE for Ash and Elm

**Wednesday (until half-term)** Woodland Learning for Y4, **Y5** and Willow

**Thursday** - PE for Willow

**Friday** - PE for Elm, Beech and Oak

### Woodland Learning

As Mrs Denmark was unable to attend one woodland learning session Y5 will have an extra session next week. Y6 will begin woodland learning after half-term. So, for the week beginning the 12th of February, it will be Y4, Y5 and Willow who are out in the woods.

### Jigsaw awards this week go to...

Nahla, Sebastian, William, Seb S,

### Bronze awards this week go to...

Charlie F, Jasper, Ralph, Alex, George C

### Silver awards this week go to...

Willow Pr, Sara, Tomos, Amy,

### Smarties awards this week go to...

Ralph, Ted, Felix, Skye



### World Book Day

We are very aware of the rise in the cost of living and that times are hard for some of our families at the moment. So, we won't be dressing up for World Book Day this year but will be welcoming all families in for a book café in the afternoon. More details will follow after the holiday.

## Dates for your Diary

**Friday 16th February** - End of term

**Monday 26th February** - Back to School

**Tuesday 27th February** - Parents' Consultations, all classes

**Wednesday 28th February** - Parents' meeting for Oak class London residential

**Thursday 7th March** - World Book Day reading café @ 2.15pm - no dress up this year

**Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th March** - Oak class London residential

**Wednesday 13th March** - music and movement workshop for Y4/5/6 - PE kit please

**Thursday 14th March** - Norfolk Music Festival performance, more details to follow

**Monday 18th March** - Red Nose Day non-uniform, £1 (due to the festival and PE the week before)

**Wednesday 20th March** - Easter lunch

**Friday 22nd March** - Playground proms performance, Norfolk Music Hub

**Monday 25th March** - Easter hunt and bonnet parade @ 2.45pm

**Wednesday 27th March** - Easter service @ 2pm, End of term



**Mini Medics** well done to our first group of mini medics who had vital training in first aid this week. Thank you so much to the Friends for funding this lifesaving activity.

