

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



Friday 16th February

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of term and are half-way through the academic year. The evenings are drawing out and we are beginning to see the signs of spring around us. I hope that the weather will stay fine over the holiday and you are able to enjoy some time outdoors together.

Please remember to sign up for parents' consultations which are coming up very soon after half-term, we look forward to sharing your child's progress so far and the things they will be working on over the coming months.

Have a lovely half-term holiday and we will see you back in school on the 26th of February for a whirlwind run towards Easter!

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Mrs L. Watts - Executive Headteacher

**This week in class...**

**Ash Class** - In Ash Class this week, we have been reading, *Rubbish, Don't throw it away*. A book which explores reducing, reusing and recycling our rubbish. It gave us lots of ideas for up-cycling projects including making animal masks from old paper plates and owls from pine cones as well as making art with leaves. We did not make a pond from an old sink, but we did think about animals that live in ponds and learned about the life cycle of a frog. It has linked well with our science work on how to take care of our local environment. In maths, we have been beginning to add by combining two groups of objects and have explored and compared length. We have been learning about physical and human features in geography and have learned more about the explorer, Ernest Shackleton in history.

**Elm Class** - Elm class have been noticing changes as our sunflowers start to grow. They are so excited to take them home and care for them and we look forward to seeing their plants blossom. We have had lots of interesting discussions this week in Reading. We are thinking about the importance of 'looking up' as our character suggests. We are making our own meteor showers and wondering how they appear when we 'look up'.

**Beech Class** - Beech Class have been assembling their final pieces in art this week and can't wait to share them. In our music lessons we have started to learn our performance piece for the end of term. We have also been enjoying calculating perimeter in maths and Year 4s had an enjoyable muddy morning in Woodland Learning.

**Willow Class** - This week in Willow Class we have enjoyed finishing our class book, 'Sam Wu is not afraid of the dark'. We thought about what we are afraid of and how we would have felt if we were a character in the story. We have been reading this book for several weeks and have been developing our reading skills answering questions about the characters, setting and plot. With two special days this week we also created a collage pancake, sharing our favourite toppings and talked about who we love in our lives.

**Oak Class** - Oak have had a great week and really enjoyed making bread and Thai-style wraps. We have started on our Midsummer Night's Dream text and really enjoyed reading and making a story map of the main elements of the plot. Science was also interesting - we learned how pulley systems (sticks, a long rope, strong arms) change the force necessary to pull apart two sticks. Adding multiple loops to act as pulleys make the sticks much easier to pull apart.

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, Y6 and Willow

**Thursday** - PE for Willow

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



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

Myla, Sebastian F, Elvie, Freddie D, Anthony, Finley P

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

Freddie, Benjamin W, Lily, Benjamin K,  
Bailey, Angelique, Anthony

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

Seb S, Olivia B, Leo, Nahla, Angelique



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

Zinnia, Alastor, Rae, Jack, Olivia L, Ruby,  
Alex, Charlie F, Freddie D

### 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