

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



Friday 1st March

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a what is very short half-term, I hope you all had a lovely break in spite of the weather. Even though we only have three more full weeks in school, we still have just as much to pack in and every class has been extremely busy getting started on their new topics! We have lots of exciting experiences planned including the Norwich music festival, the Playground Proms and our reading café as well as the usual Easter celebrations.

Thank you to all of the parents who came along to the information session for Oak Class residential, it was great to see you and I hope you had any questions answered - it looks as if it will definitely be a trip to remember and one which we hope will give the children the opportunity to experience lots of new things.

Have a lovely weekend,

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Mrs L. Watts - Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Ash Class - In Ash class this week we have been reading *Mr Wolf's Pancakes*. In it Wolf learns how to do lots of tasks related to making pancakes, all by himself. On Tuesday, we made pancakes with Mrs Pestell and ate them with sugar and lemon or with jam. They were delicious! Just like Mr Wolf we have written a shopping list, followed a recipe and role played shopping, cooking and washing up. The story has also linked to maths as we have been learning language to order and sequence steps or activities in time. We have used words such as first, next, now and finally. We have also practiced using days of the week vocabulary to describe our weekly activities at home and at school. In R.E. we have started to learn about Easter and the significance of the cross to Christians.

Elm Class - Elm class have started a new and exciting book this week. "Here we are" by Oliver Jeffers is a colourful and exciting guide to living on planet Earth. The children are learning lots of vocabulary and enjoy sharing their thoughts on this fabulous text. We continue to nurture our sunflowers and are sharing our tips for helping them to grow, from adding egg shells to prevent slugs to using lolly sticks to support the stem. Our class plants are enjoying the sunshine too. We have started a new RE enquiry this week and have been thinking about the importance of the cross to Christians, and how it is represented in different ways in art, music and dance. We have also been thinking about the different things we need to do in order to stay healthy. and learnt an action poem to help us remember.

Beech Class - This week Beech class have started to learn about lots of new topics. In reading we have started Operation Gadgetman, in science we are learning about plants and in DT we are learning about levers and linkages.

Willow Class - This week in the willow room we enjoyed exploring different nests when we went out to woodland learning and playing a new version of rock paper scissors, called giants, trolls and wizards. We have also started our new class text 'Operation Gadget Man' which made us think about what we would include in a spy kit!

Oak Class - This week in Oak we started a new topic in Geography. We looked at OS maps and explored where we lived and recognised landmarks and geographical features. We also located our homes on Google Map which was really enjoyable. We also enjoyed/were challenged by the twists and turns in the plot of a *Midsummer Night's Dream*, which we are writing a synopsis of. We are really looking forward to our residential!

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 Easter holidays) Woodland Learning for Y4, Y6 and Willow

Thursday - PE for Willow

Friday - PE for Elm, Beech and Oak

World Book Day Reading Cafe

On Thursday 7th March we are holding a reading café for World Book Day. This will start at 2.15pm. The children will be sorted into their house families so that siblings will be together. Then each house will go to a different class for a story and activities. Please come along to join your children and enjoy the fun!

Jigsaw awards this week go to...

Benjamin W, Henry S, Sebastian, Anthony, Freya, Ralph, George C, Theo, Ted, Joshua, Willow Pr, Bentley, Ruby

Smarties awards this week go to...

Joey, Willow Pr, Sebastian, Leo, Skye





Eat them to defeat them Well done to all of the children who have tried a new fruit or vegetable this week. Maxine in the kitchen has provided lots of opportunities for the children to give something new a try and the children have responded really well. Keep it up!

Dates for your Diary

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