

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



Friday 3rd May

Dear Parents and Carers,

Spring seemed to have finally sprung and I was hopeful that the sunshine would last! The children have really enjoyed playing outside, enjoying the site at break times and in their woodland learning sessions. Oak class had a great time at their first swimming session and we were pleased to welcome Paula from the Blue Cross who was able to teach us all about dog safety.

Please could we remind parents not to come onto the playground at the end of the day until Mrs Lond-Caulk has opened the main gate. As the weather improves, there will often be lessons taking place on the playground or children coming to and from Worship and we need to keep them safe. Thank you for your support.

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 are reading, *Chicken Clicking*. In it we will explore the topics: farm animals and life on a farm; shopping and online shopping and using the internet safely. In maths, we have been continuing to explore numbers to 20 and to count verbally beyond 20. We will continue to explore the story of Noah's Ark in R.E.

**Elm Class** - As part of our Jigsaw learning this week Elm Class have been learning about different ways to greet people, and what makes us feel comfortable or uncomfortable. Our Writing focus this week has been on writing letters. We thought about the different features of a letter, and planned a letter that we are going to write. In Science this week, we have been learning about Reptiles. We were so excited to have Seb's reptile visit us. The children loved stroking the bearded dragon called Caesar and enjoyed seeing a real life reptile. We were able to ask lots of questions and were even saw him being fed.

**Beech Class** - This week Beech have been making noodle salad and stuffed peppers with mozzarella. 8 people preferred the noodle salad while 10 people preferred the peppers. In music we used percussion instruments to play some samba. We have also been working hard to understand decimals and fractions.

**Willow Class** - In the willow room this week we completed our DT unit and made granola bars. We talked about what ingredients we needed to use, wrote a list and walked to the shop to buy what we needed. In woodland learning we found the sunshine! It was so nice to be outside while it was warm. We have been working together to dig a pond and fill it with water, we are hoping it will attract some wildlife.

**Oak Class** - In Oak this week we have been enjoying writing our biography. It has been really interesting finding out about all the different people the children have chosen including actor and presenter Paul O'Grady, gardener Monty Dom and David Beckham. In computing they have been using shapes to make vector drawings. Year 6 have been revising for SATs and while finding them challenging, have been feeling more confident about the approaching tests. We are all enjoying the sun and good weather!

**Save the date** - On Thursday 23rd of May at 9am we will be holding a short workshop on Relationships, Health and Sex Education. Come along to find out what the children will learn in their RSE sessions next half-term. A great opportunity to see some of the resources and ask any questions.

| Day       | Clubs                     | Leader                        |
|-----------|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Monday    | Lego                      | Sam Rose and Emily Lond-Caulk |
| Tuesday   | Creativity and Team Games | Active Education              |
| Wednesday | Netball                   | Sarah Lynes and Bethany Lewis |
| Thursday  | Creativity and Team Games | Active Education              |
| Friday    | Ultimate Frisbee          | Active Education              |

### Attendance this week

**Ash** - 95.85%

**Elm** - 98.1%

**Beech & Willow** - 97.7%

**Oak** - 98.7%

**Whole School** - 98.29%

### PE & Woodland Learning

**Monday** - Swimming for Oak class

**Tuesday** - PE for Ash and Beech

**Wednesday** Woodland Learning for Ash, Elm and Willow

**Thursday** - PE for Willow

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



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

Gabriele, Charlie G, Willow M, Theo, Benjamin K

### Smarties this week go to...

Teagan, Lilly, Zinnia, Willow Pr, Myla, Sebastian, Alice, Leo

**WELL DONE!**

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

Tia, Isabella

### Gold awards this week go to...

Olivia L





Today, we had a visit from Caesar, a bearded dragon. The children felt the spines and scales and saw how he moved across the floor. They watched this amazing omnivore eat waxed ants and insects using his large tongue. They were able to ask questions and found out that, as a cold-blooded reptile, Caesar needs to keep warm all the time. We learned that his body has a large surface area to absorb heat and he can smell by licking his nose.



### Dates for your Diary

**Monday 6th May** - Spring Bank Holiday

**Monday 13th May - Thursday 16th May** - SATs week for Year 6

**Wednesday 22nd May** - Kwik Cricket tournament for Y4/5/6 @ Happisburgh, details to follow

**Thursday 23rd May** - RSHE workshop for parents @ 9am

**Friday 24th May** - End of term

**Monday 3rd June** - Back to school

**26th - 28th June** - Aylsham High and Cromer Academy induction days for Y6

**Tuesday 2nd July** - Y6 trip to the cathedral

**Friday 5th July** - Sports Day

**Friday 19th July** - End of term

