



St Mary's
Church of England
Primary Academy

Encourage, Aspire, Flourish

Friday 25th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a lovely end to the half-term with our harvest celebrations. As always, the singing was outstanding and we must thank Mrs Morison and all of the staff for their hard work in getting the children ready for the services. Singing is an important part of school life and the standard is always so high - well done!

Thank you also to everyone who attended to celebrate with us and for your generous donations for the food bank, we really appreciate your support.

We have added an option on Parent Pay for you to sign up for wrap around care after half-term. This will be offered by Active Education and will run on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday until 5.30pm. Please do sign up as we would really like to get this up and running for those who need it.

Have a wonderful half-term break.

Mrs L. Watts - Executive Headteacher

This week in class...

Ash Class - This week Ash Class have been thinking about Autumn. They have been on a leaf hunt and looked for signs of autumn in the environment. We have started learning about 2D shapes and their properties. The children were very brave and performed their Harvest Song in church for the first time and they were amazed at how big the church was!

Elm Class - This week Elm Class have been thinking about individual responses to our RE enquiry for this half term. We have been talking about all of the things we have learnt about Hanukkah, Diwali and Christmas, and then considering how and why light is an important part of all three of these festivals. In our Writing sessions we have been finishing off retelling the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We thought about using descriptive language, and trying to use some of the vocabulary found in the story in our own work.

Beech Class - Beech Class have had another busy week. Last Friday afternoon we had an Anglo-Saxon experience with Mrs Denmark. We learned how to build a fire and tried vegetable stew. Then we gathered more firework because Anglo-Saxon children had jobs to do. Finally, we made some daub for the wattle frame. Real daub would have used horse poo but we used clay instead. After the daub dance, where we mixed the clay poo and straw together, we spread it onto the frame to fill in the gaps. On Monday we wrote all about our Anglo-Saxon experience. Sadly, we waved goodbye to Jonas today wishing him a safe journey home.

Oak Class - What a busy week at school we have had! The children have excelled in their learning all term and deserve a rest. The two Harvest Celebration services went extremely well and the children performed wonderfully, as usual. The following children in Oak, deserve a big shout-out for determination in learning to cycle. Very well done: Macey, George, Charlie A and Lilley. We were all so impressed!! Also Teagan from Beech class - well done!

Day	Clubs	Leader
Monday	Singing	Eve Bryant
Tuesday	Multi-sports	Active Education
Wednesday	Netball	Sarah Lynes
Thursday	Multi-sports	Active Education
Friday	Dodgeball	Active Education

Attendance this week

Ash - 100%

Elm - 95.4%

Beech & Willow - 97%

Oak - 100%

Whole School - 98.3%

PE & Woodland Learning

Tuesday - PE for Elm and Beech

Wednesday Woodland Learning for Y6, Willow and Elm

Thursday - PE for small group

Friday - PE for Willow, Beech and Oak



Headteachers' Awards go to...

Jonas, Florence, George A, Halle,

Felix, Mary

Earrings - please can we ask that no earrings are worn for PE, this applies to boys and girls. Ideally children should not wear earrings on PE days or should be able to remove their own earrings. If not they will need to be taped before joining in the session.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 25th October - NO SCHOOL (INSET day)

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November - Half-term

Monday 4th November - Back to school

Monday 11th November - Parents' consultations

Friday 15th November - Non-uniform for Children in Need

Thursday 21st November - School photos

Thursday 5th December - Decorations morning

Tuesday 10th December - Christmas memorial at Cromer Crematorium

Wednesday 11th December - Nativity

Thursday 12th December - Christmas jumper day

Friday 20th December - Christmas service, 2pm, end of term