St Mary's C of E Junior School Newsletter

Care. Believe. Succeed.

'All things are possible for one who believes.'

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We do hope that all our families enjoyed quality time together during the Christmas break. The children have come back to school refreshed and ready for a new chapter of learning to begin, with lots of exciting new topics to learn about!

Curriculum & Enrichment

Revised St Mary's Junior School Vision and Values 2025

This term, we have worked alongside our governors to revise our School Values which go alongside our vision of **'Care. Believe. Succeed.'** We will now spend each half term focussing on one learning value and one Christian value. These are displayed in the table below. This half term, we will be focusing on our values of **inclusivity** and **love**. We will be exploring and developing these values within our collective worship and class worship. We have decided to make these small tweaks in order to support our children in really understanding and living these values in and out of school.

Term	Learning Value	Christian Value
Autumn 1	Ambition	Hope
Autumn 2	Curiosity	Awe and Wonder
Spring 1	**Inclusivity**	**Love**
Spring 2	Co-operation	Peace
Summer 1	Independence	Courage
Summer 2	Growth	Joy

In addition to this, we will be exploring what spirituality means at St Mary's Junior School within our class worship sessions. Being spiritual is a very personal and individual thing. For some people, this may have its basis within religion, but for others it may be about where people feel a sense of peace or belonging. We will be allowing time for the children to explore their own spirituality through a variety of activities.

Miss Scammell Assistant Head

Science and DT Engineering Week 20th January 2025

The week commencing 20th January, we have our Science/DT engineering week in school. During the week, we will be focussing on engineering. If you have a role in any of the engineering roles listed in the picture (or any others) and would be able to come into school during this week to talk to the children, please complete the Google form attached.

Many thanks,

Mrs Simmons and Mrs Bowden

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYJjKYVptgc31RQVBXplmeeOT-V58tqKd_4z77P4_K6VsVnw/viewform?usp=sf_link

We still have a number of new beautiful hats, scarfs and mittens in the school office, which were lovingly made and donated by the Women's Institute. If you would like one for your child, please feel free to come in to the office to choose.

Attachments with this newsletter:

Year 3 Curriculum map for spring term 2025
Year 4 Curriculum map for spring term 2025
Year 5 Curriculum map for spring term 2025
Year 6 Curriculum map for spring term 2025
Online Safety guide for parents – What parents need to know about You Tube

Parent/Grandparent volunteer readers

Could you give an hour of your time each week to hear children read in school? If you could spare some time and would like to make a real difference to children's reading, please get in contact with either Mrs Atkinson or the school office team.
Many thanks

Spring Term 2025

INSET DAY: Monday 6th January 2025
February Half Term: 17th February to 21st February 2025
Easter Holidays: 7th April to 22nd April 2025 ***(Break up at 1.00pm)***
INSET DAY: 22nd April 2025
MAY BANK HOLIDAY: 5th May 2025
Spring Half Term: 26th May to 31st May 2025
INSET DAY: Monday 2nd June 2025
Summer Term Ends: 23rd July 2024 ***(Break up at 1.00pm)***
Summer Holidays: 24th July to 2nd September 2025