St Mary's C of E Junior School Newsletter

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Curriculum & Enrichment

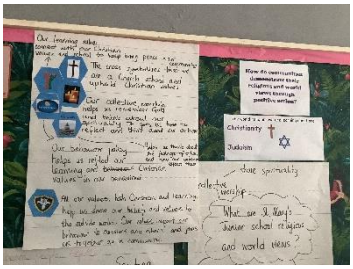
What have we been learning about in RE?

Year 3

Year 3 have been improving our spiritual areas. The class asked for a picture symbolising Jesus and then asked to have the word 'Soul' used as an acrostic poem. S o u l. They created a whole class poem: Save our universe with love - how beautiful.

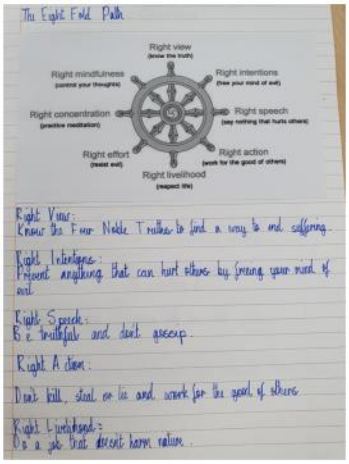
Year 4

This half term in Year 4 RE we are learning about Justice and Fairness. We are thinking about the following question: *How do people make moral decisions?* We have been exploring what fairness means to us by sorting various scenarios into whether we think they are fair or not. We are now exploring justice and fairness within Christianity, Sikhism and Hinduism.



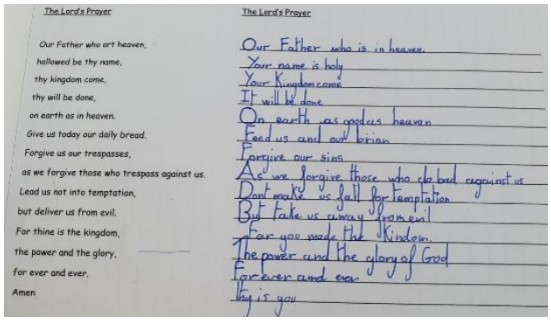
Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about the religious and world views of different communities this term. We have thought about what links us to our communities and recognised that we hold some views in common. So far, we have investigated our St Mary's views and will soon move on to our local religious communities.



Year 6

Year 6 have been learning about sources of wisdom. We first explored our own sources of Wisdom. Then we explored a range of sources of wisdom that Christians and Buddhists use to help them live a good life. We learned about the teachings of Jesus, the Dalai Lama, the Tripitaka, the Eightfold Path, the Ten Commandments and The Lord's Prayer.



Year 4 Writing

Year 4 children have been looking at news articles this half term. On 6th May, the children were met with a very unusual situation in their classroom and were shocked to find all the chairs missing! If you'd like to read their article, please see a larger version of the article attached to this newsletter.

The Year 4 Gazzette

Weeping Willow Wonder Why!

Mystery beast wreaks havoc!

Where will it go next?

Children fearful of mysterious beast.

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PHSE, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Summer Term 2025

This year in PSHE, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) has been taught along with Health Education, which has been part of the National Curriculum since January 2021.

As part of our school's wider Personal, Social and Health Education programme, this year, our children have received lessons on:

Relationships Education

Families and people who care for me
Caring Friendships
Respectful Relationships
Online Relationships
Being Safe

Health Education

Mental wellbeing
Internet safety and harms
Physical health and fitness
Healthy Eating
Drugs, alcohol and tobacco
Health and prevention
Basic first aid
Changing adolescent body

All these areas are taught appropriate to the children's age and developmental stage, building on the previous years' learning. Sex Education, which we identify as meaning human reproduction, is taught within our Science Curriculum. Below are the topics that are covered for PSHE including the Sex Education topics and these will be taught throughout the second half of the summer term (The PSHE unit for Summer half term 2 is called **Changing Me**). Please do get in touch with myself or your child's class teacher if you would like any more information. The attachment with this newsletter outlines what each year group will cover.

Mrs Hinchliff

WELL DONE, YEAR 6!

Our Year 6 children completed their SATS tests last week. They approached these with positivity, and we are so proud of them all.

PARENT OPEN SESSION -Wednesday 9th July 3.30-4.30pm

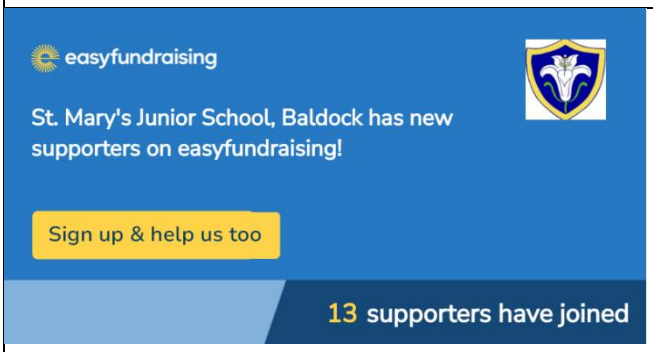
After school on this day, parents are warmly invited to come into school with their child to look at their child's work and explore the rest of the school.
Herts Catering will be offering food samples, to allow parents to see what is on offer as part of school meals choices.

PCSO Parent Talk Thursday 5th June 5pm.

Following on from the PSCO discussions with children in school, PCSO Shelley Gordon and her team will be delivering a talk to parents in the school hall on **Thursday 5th June at 5pm.**
The talk will be linked to children's use of devices (phones, tablets, gaming consoles etc), social media and how we can keep them safe online.
The use of group chats will also be discussed and how parents can help us protect their child from being party to the use of inappropriate language, racism and threatening behaviour.
Parents will also be guided on how to add correct filtering settings onto children's devices.
Please fill in the short Google Form using the link below, if you would like to attend:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdVQ9XPOpDMipDII9ju-wumRPrJuTfBU6U-wwR3pRTWJrv5aQ/viewform?usp=dialog

St Mary's Junior Greenway Sponsored Walk Tuesday 8th July 2025 9am-12.00pm

Children and staff at St Mary's will be taking part in a sponsored walk around parts of the Greenway to raise funds towards new IT equipment and Chromebooks for the children. Your children will be bringing home both the letter and sponsor form today, but further copies are attached with this newsletter.
Parents are also welcome to join in this event. If you would like to join us, please complete this Google form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdUVb76w-b8fY0MR6sL-I4r15Xa7DcxMnbKF3Ds3_hE4vTChg/viewform?usp=header



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Y6 - Save the Dates!

This year, Year 5 will not be joining in as choir within the Year 6 end of year production. This decision has been made by staff as the songs this year do not need choir accompaniment.

Thursday 17th July Year 6 Production for parents 1.30-2.45pm and 6.00 -7.15pm

Friday 18th July Year 6 Leavers Disco 4.30-6pm

Monday 21st July Year 6 Leavers assembly (parents invited) 2.30-3.15pm

SEND updates for parents

DSPL1 Parent and Carer Weekly Information

https://tinyurl.com/mw6baey7
*Understanding Dyslexia
*Transition to Secondary school
*Tips/Tools Manage Behaviour
*Understanding Sensory Differences

Our newly formed PTA (Friends Of St Mary's Schools) have an announcement about their first Joint Schools event!

School picnic

After school on Wednesday 16th July, parents and carers are all welcome to join us for this community event. Please bring along a picnic to enjoy with your families. There will be some stalls for games and treats. This will be run by the PTA (FOSS), and we will be in touch in the next few weeks with more plans and asking for volunteers to join us.

The FOSS Committee

SUMMER TERM CLUBS – AFTER HALF TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

The following clubs are now open to book for your child via Arbor for after the half term break!

Mondays after school – Striking & Fielding with Premier Education
Thursdays before school – Multi-Sports with Hitchin Town Football Club
Fridays after school – Gymnastics with Premier Education

Wednesdays after school, rounders & tennis club will continue on from this term with Hitchin Town. Places are still available to book! There is no Rounders session on 18th June 2025.

All clubs are open to all year groups.

Dance & Rugby clubs TBC

Please let me know if you have any questions.
Kind regards, Miss Dear

Attachments with this newsletter

- SEND updates for parents
- St Mary's Sponsored Walk letter for parents
- St Mary's Sponsored Walk sponsor form
- Summer term PSHE and Relationships & Sex Education (RSE) information for parents
- Year 4 news article

Summer Term 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 2025 ***(Break up at 1.00pm)***
Summer Holidays: 24th July to 2nd September 2025

Autumn Term 2025

INSET DAY: 3rd September 2025
Autumn Term: 3rd September 2025 to 19th December 2025
Autumn Half Term: 27th October to 31st October 2025
Occasional Day: 28th November 2025
Autumn Term Ends: 19th December 2025 ***(Break up at 1.00pm)***

Spring Term 2026

INSET DAY: 5th January 2026
Spring Term: 5th January 2026 to 27th March 2026
Spring Half Term: 16th February to 20th February 2026
Easter Term Ends: 27th March 2026 ***(Break up at 1.00pm)***
Easter Holidays: 30th March to 10th April 2026

Summer Term 2026

INSET DAY: 13th April 2026
Summer Term: 13th April to 23rd July 2026
MAY BANK HOLIDAY: 4th May 2026
Spring Half Term: 25th May to 29th May 2026
INSET DAY: Monday 1st June 2026
Summer Term Ends: 22nd July 2026 ***(Break up at 1.00pm)***
INSET DAY: Thursday 23rd July 2026
Summer Holidays: 23rd July to 3rd September 2026