

# St Mary's News

**St. Mary's C. of E. Primary School**  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a busy and special week .

On Monday we were all thinking about our ambitions and aspirations for the future. The children and staff dressed up as what they would like to be when they are grown up, and we heard about different careers from the many adults that volunteered to talk to the children. These ranged from make up artists , engineers , priest and a lawyer. It was a fantastic day and we would encourage you to continue these discussions to inspire your children to be the best they can be.

Yesterday (Thursday) was our RE day where we launched our revised mission statement with the children.

**“St Mary’s.... feeding the mind, body and spirit so we can be the best we can be.”**

Underpinned by the biblical story of ‘feeding the 5000’, we thought about how we can help ourselves, our community and the wider world, serving up a diet of knowledge, spirituality, food and exercise. To help us all fully understand the revised mission statement children participated in activities to remember and understand the story, meditation to help them find spirituality within themselves and know what it means to be spiritual. They also baked bread and fed others in the school community as well as contributing to art work reflecting the mission statement and St Mary’s community. It was truly a magical day of which the children, staff and volunteers all enjoyed.

We would like to thank the many people from St Mary’s community including staff, parents volunteers and volunteers from St Mary’s Church for their hard work and commitment in making these activities happen.

As children’s wellbeing remains something we are whole heartedly committed to, we have listened to the children's views on what will help their wellbeing. One thing the children wanted was a place to be quiet and reflect., so we are excited to be opening our ‘Spiritual Space’ on Monday. This is a space for children to reflect, pray, meditate or ‘just be’. This space is in the back playground and children will have opportunities to use it at break times and at other planned opportunities throughout the week. We hope that they find this space helpful.

Finally, we are hoping that School Friend Clubs will be successful in recruiting a Club Manager and Deputy Club Manager for the planned after school provision at St Mary’s. Adverts are currently out. We will keep you updated with its progress.

Best wishes for a good weekend

Mrs O’Brien

Headteacher



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20th September 2019

## KEY DATES

- 24.9.19 phonics workshop for EYFS  
@ 2.45pm
- 3.10.19 International Day / food sharing and dancing 3.30–5pm
- 7-9.10.19 Year 6 School journey

# Prayer and reflection

This week we have been thinking about our revised mission statement and what it means.

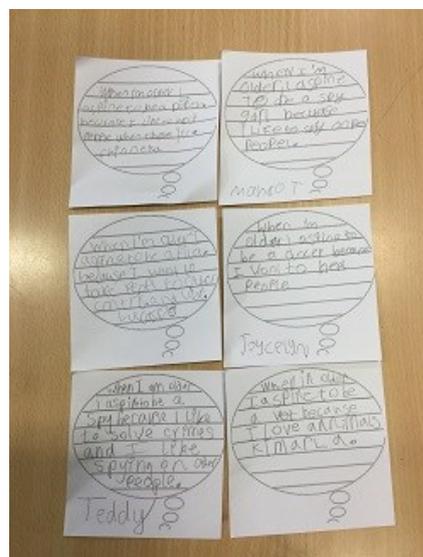
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Dear Lord,

We thank you for showing us the way, having hope, courage, kindness, truth and love in the teachings you have shared with us.

We pray that we too can live out these values in our lives, to serve others and to help ourselves grow to be the best we can be.

We give thanks for the food and exercise that helps grow our body, the knowledge and skills that feeds our mind and the moments of stillness, observance and reflection that feeds our spirit.



**ASPIRATIONS DAY  
AT ST.MARYS C OF E  
SCHOOL  
16.09.2019**

## CELEBRATIONS

R	KHYRO
1	EVA-LOREL
2	RUFARO
3	DANIYAL
4	KIAN
5	JAYSEAN
6	ARSHIA

*“Headteachers’ stars of the week are given to pupils who have demonstrated that they are living out our school values. This is celebrated with a special tea party.”*



*“Celebrating children's skills and knowledge . Awards chosen by specialist teachers and staff.”*

SPANISH	IISABELLA—YR 2
MUSIC	THEO—YR 2
PE	JOSHUA—YR 2

## ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY AWARDS

Class	Attendance %	Rank	Number of lates (punctuality)	Rank
R	92.84	7TH	5	5TH
1	95.47	5TH	0	1ST
2	97.98	2ND	3	3RD
3	97.94	3RD	3	3RD
4	97.10	4TH	7	7TH
5	94.84	6TH	6	6TH
6	98.35	1ST	2	2ND



Attendance winners
YR 6



Punctuality winners
YR 1

*“ Good attendance and punctuality is a large factor in positive outcomes for children. Lets all aim to be here every day and on time. Missing school = Missing learning. ”*



All children  
had a turn at  
kneading  
the dough.

Thanks to our two  
wonderful parents  
who instructed the  
children in the art  
of bread making.

Thank you

