



Academy News

St Mary Queen of Martyrs VC Academy takes seriously its responsibility to safeguarding all children and adults and has a rigorous procedure in place to do so. The Academy does not tolerate bullying and deals with all forms very seriously

Note from our Head of School

PE kit Thank you for the spare PE kit that has been brought into school already. It is much appreciated. Any further donations will be very welcome.

Parking We have had complaints recently that people are parking on the zig zags outside school at the end of the day. It is important that this area is kept clear so that the crossing area is clearly visible. You are liable to receive a fixed penalty fine of £30 for parking in a restricted area. Our staff and PCSOs will be monitoring the situation. Please help us to keep your child safe.

Biathlon Congratulations to our KS2 children who participated so well in the recent event. Well done especially to William Callanan, William Schrimshaw and Aoife Curran-Smirk who all came first in their year groups. This is a fantastic achievement. Well done.

Parent pay Thank you for setting up your Parent pay accounts. We are delighted to say we now have 93% of our parents using the system and it is working very well.

Phase 2 Anglo Saxon Feast Day What a turnout! Thank you for attending this event in such numbers. It was lovely to see a packed hall of family members all joining with the children to celebrate learning. We hope you enjoyed the food and maybe learnt something new about this period in history. Thank you for the feedback which we appreciate.



This week the Junior Chaplains taught us that 'Jesus is the True Vine' and that we must stay close to him if we are to grow in his love. We thought about our parents and teachers and all those people who help us to grow; while the Mini Vinnies challenged us to help others to grow with our 'Act of Kindness'.

Attendance

This week: 93%

Mrs Foster's class achieved the attendance reward this week of Donuts and Muffins

Please contact the school office before 9 am if your child is too ill to attend that day. Thank you.

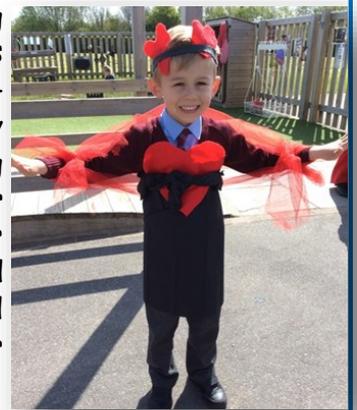
Home Reading

LA	93%	KA	42%
JH	93%	KM	93%
NA	96%	SR	54%
SB/CR	100%	HH	57%
JF	84%	JC	86%
ME	81%		

Date	Event
7th	SCHOOL CLOSED—May Day
11th	Foundation—Sam's Safari
14th	Y6 SATs week
14th	1:30 pm Y3 Library visit (SB Literacy set)
17th	2:20 pm Miss Adams' Class Stay & Pray
18th	2:30 pm Mrs Foster's class Assembly
23rd	2:20 pm Mrs Foster's Stay and Pray
23rd	FOS Disco 4:15—5:15 pm F2, Y1 & 2 only 5:30-6:30 pm Y3/4/5 & 6 only
24th	9.10 am end of half term Mass
25th	BREAK UP at 3:00pm for half term
4 June	BACK TO SCHOOL



Foundation What a busy week we have had in Foundation. In our Literacy sessions we have started reading 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird' by Eric Carle. We are using our signifiers to help us remember and re-tell the story. In Maths we have been using quantities of objects to share between two. In FS1 they have been finding different ways of making 5. We all had a lovely time on Thursday having a fun craft morning. We made lots of things for our displays and we dressed up as butterflies, caterpillars and other mini-beasts using different fabrics. We all enjoyed watching class FS2 HH in assembly today. Well done everyone! The children have talked a lot this week about finding different mini-beasts in their garden and how they have recorded this for their homework. Thank you for supporting them with this. If you are out and about over the weekend please encourage them to look for more mini-beasts. May I remind you that we expect the children to read at least 3 times every week as we record this when the children bring in their books for changing. Thank you for your support and enjoy the Bank holiday weekend.





Phase 1 It's been all systems go once again in Phase 1 this week! Phase 1 children have been busy identifying garden plants and flowers in their Science lessons. Perhaps you could look around gardens and parks with your child and see what they know? They are also enjoying watching their runner bean plants grow and recording their observations. In Literacy, some of our Year 2 children have been writing fact files about lions and we have created a lovely display

showing their work. Others have finished writing their Magic Box poem with Mrs Merckel. They loved showing off their hard work to Mrs Duncan's class. Year 1 children have been working hard writing instructions and they even made a jam sandwich - yummy! Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend - let's hope the weather is bright!



Phase 2 This has been another very eventful and productive week. Pupils continue to make progress within Maths and Literacy and our mornings are often spent having great discussions, giving great reasons and producing fantastic pieces of writing and mathematical working out. In many ways, this week has revolved around our topic on Anglo Saxons. On Tuesday, we prepared menus, shields and place mats ahead of our Anglo Saxon Feast. This really whet the pupils' appetite for what was to come the following day. On Wednesday, everybody proved just how skilled and talented they are. The morning was spent between writing Anglo Saxon themed riddles and cooking the three course meal for the afternoon feast. The full school smelt of the vegetable broth! In the afternoon, the line of parents soon began to build. By 2pm it was stretching out of the school gates and along the path! Almost 200 people were in the hall to enjoy our Anglo Saxon Feast. They were treated to 3 delightful courses as well as Anglo Saxon entertainment and a contest for best Anglo Saxon house. Well done to all and a huge thank you to everybody who attended the feast.



Phase 3 It's been another busy week in Phase 3! On Monday 8 pupils from Year 5 took part in a STEM (Science Technology and Mathematics) event at St. Mary's College. The children were excellent ambassadors for our school and enjoyed the activities on offer. In Science this week we have enjoyed investigating how quickly micro-organisms grow. This has involved leaving several slices of bread around school—hopefully they will still be there next week! In topic lessons we have been learning about the pharaohs of Ancient Egypt. It is estimated that there were over 170 rulers over the land of Egypt during the dynasty. Year 6 have been extremely busy revising this week—it is hard to believe that there are only 4 school days left before SATs commence! That being said, we feel that the children are well prepared and will achieve success if they maintain their hard work. In Year 5, our children have been studying balanced arguments in English lessons and taking part in debates. It has been great to hear the children articulate their opinions clearly. Finally, we would like to congratulate Mr Hermann's class on their excellent Stay and Pray session on Thursday afternoon. The children led the session very well and it was great to see a healthy number of parents in attendance.

