



# St. Mary's News

## March 8th 2024

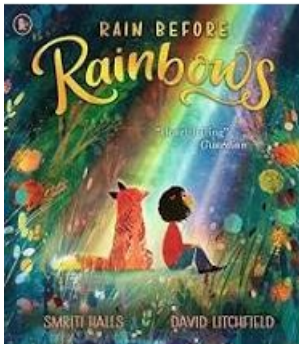
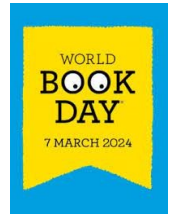


### Important Dates

Thursday 14th March 2024	Non Uniform Day in exchange for Easter Eggs to support our PTFA's Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bingo Easter Egg Bingo and Easter Egg Hunt tickets go on sale
Wednesday 20th March 2024	<b>Parents' Evening 1</b> 3.40pm - 6.30pm Appointment slips have been sent out this week. <b>For children in Reception only</b> - there will be a Stay and Play session for parents/carers to attend from 2.15pm - 3.15pm on this day. During this session, there will also be an opportunity for you to look through your child's record/work file. <b>Parents/carers of children in Y1—Y6 will have the opportunity to look through their children's books next week.</b>
Monday 25th March 2024	<b>Holy Week—</b> A Whole School Easter Service to walk with Jesus on his final journey on Earth Parents welcome. 2.15pm start in Church
Tuesday 26th March 2024	PTFA Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bingo See PTFA page for further details
Wednesday 27th March 2024	<b>Parents' Evening 2</b> 3.40pm—6.30pm Appointment slips have been sent out this week. For children in Y1-Y6, school will be open this afternoon from 2.15pm - 3.15pm for parents/carers to spend time looking through their children's books and sharing their work with them. <b>Reception class will not be open to parents/carers this week following the Stay and Play session last week.</b>
Thursday 28th March 2024	Break up for Easter Breakfast and After School Club open as normal
Monday 15th April 2024	School re-opens
Wednesday 5th June 2024	Y6 Residential Holiday (5th—7th June)
Friday 7th June 2024	Y4 Swimming begins—every Friday until 19/7/24 Further details will be given nearer to the time
Tuesday 18th June 2024	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Saturday 22nd June 2024	First Holy Communion
Tuesday 25th June 2024	Sports Day - reserve/backup day
Thursday 27th June 2024	Year 6 Stay and Pray session with parents/carers 9.00am
Tuesday 2nd July 2024	Year 5 Stay and Pray session with parents/carers 9.00am
Wednesday 3rd July 2024	Year 4 Stay and Pray session with parents/carers 9.00am
Thursday 4th July 2024	Year 3 Stay and Pray session with parents/carers 9.00am



# World Book Day 2024



We want to say a big thank you to you all for joining in so well with our World Book Day celebrations this year. The children, and staff, looked amazing in their rainbow colours and the children appeared to really enjoy listening to our whole school story 'Rain Before Rainbows' and exploring the messages/themes behind the book.

The children all completed lots of lovely activities around worries and concerns and spent time discovering ways in which they can help to ease them. The importance of friendship was also explored, as being a supportive friend is a great way to help each other during times of worry. We hope to create 'Rain Before Rainbows' classroom doors to display the children's fantastic work.







The children loved sharing their favourite stories with each other.















As part of World Book Day we launched our Class Book Swap Boxes.

From the 7th March, every class will have a Book Swap Box in their room for children to bring in any books that they have read at home, and no longer want, to put in the box. Other children can then take a book, from the box, that they would like to read. Once read, they can return the book to the box and choose another book.

We think that this is a great way to recycle unwanted books and to encourage our children to read more. Books can also be quite expensive, so by offering our children the opportunity to swap books, we are enabling them to widen their reading experiences, without it being an additional cost.

We do hope that you can support our initiative. Children are welcome to donate more than one book and books can be donated whenever the children have finished with them. This is not just a World Book Day initiative.



BOOKSWAP





## Meet our Reading Beacons



We had a visit from the library service to end World Book Day.



## Holy Week Easter Service

We will be holding an Easter Service, in Church, on Monday 25th March at 2.15pm.

The service will retell the events of Holy Week through song, scripture and art work.

You are more than welcome to come along to the service. Church doors will only open once all of the children have been seated.

Following the service the children will be brought back to school and dismissed from the classrooms. For safeguarding purposes no child will be dismissed from Church.

Guitars and ABC will run as normal.



## First Confession



Our Y4/5 children, who are making their First Holy Communion, will make their First Confession on Tuesday 30th April at 2pm in Church.

It will be a simple service, led by Fr. Paul with our choir supporting the children.

You are more than welcome to attend the service.



## Guitar Awards

Congratulations to the following children who have been chosen as Mrs Connolly's 'Guitar Stars of the Week'.



Week beginning 26th February:  
Year 3: Eliza

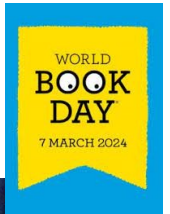
Y4/5/6: Oliver (Y5)







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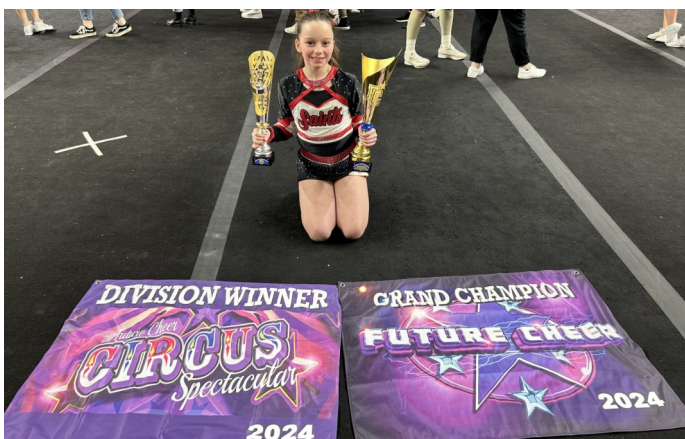


As part of our World Book Day celebrations, we had a very special visit from Morgan Knowles, who recently became the vice-captain for St Helens Rugby League Team. Morgan spent time talking to the children about the importance of reading - especially as a way to relax your brain before bed time. He told the children that he liked to read autobiographies the best and that he didn't really like fiction books. Morgan doesn't have a favourite author, but his little boy loves listening to *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson - this is a favourite book for many of our children too.

Before leaving to go to training, Morgan answered some of the children's questions about rugby and his life at Saints. Some of our Wigan supporters did let Morgan know that Saints wouldn't be winning their Easter clash with them!

Morgan is pictured above with our Reading Beacons. These are children who were chosen by their classmates and teachers to promote reading across the school and they are doing a great job.

We would like to say a big thank you to Morgan for giving up his time to visit the children and we hope that some of our reluctant readers were inspired to read after listening to Morgan.



### Shout out to Sophia

A big WELL DONE to Sophia who completed in a Future Cheer UK competition in Sheffield last Saturday. Sophia's team performed amazingly and they were crowned Grand Champions.

This was the first time that Sophia's team had competed in a new, higher division making their achievement all the more fantastic.







## Celebration Page



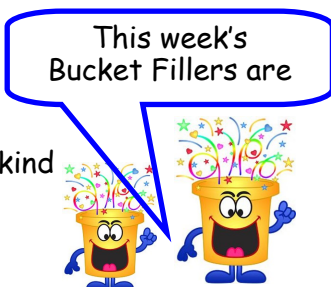
### Emile—Key Stage 2 Homework Star of the Week



Year 3	Sam
Year 4	Alasdair
Year 5	Oliver
Year 6	Ewan

### Bucket Fillers

Bucket fillers are children who fill other people's buckets (lives) with kind words and deeds. They are shining examples to others around them.



Rec	Jacob for working hard to get the school garden ready for planting
Year 1	Jack for thinking of others when sharing his hopes and dreams
Year 2	Alicja for using lovely manners in class
Year 3	Thomas FP for helping to keep the Y3 classroom tidy
Year 4	Arthur for being such an enthusiastic learner
Year 5	Indiana for always being so well mannered
Year 6	Niamh for continually striving to be the best that she can be



### Good Work Stars



A huge well done to the following children who have all been recognised for their super work week.

Rec	James - fantastic phonics
Year 1	Reuben - working like a real artist during art lessons
Year 2	Charlie H - super spelling work
Year 3	Isla - amazing art work
Year 4	Leo - an amazing Rain Before Rainbows poem
Year 5	Robert - marvellous maths
Year 6	Luca - being a reflective learner and seeking help when needed

### ABC Star of the Week

A big SHOUT OUT to Ethan from Y6 for being such a good role model in club. Well done Ethan.



### Star Pupil Award



	Matthew House Winner	Mark House Winner	Luke House Winner	John House Winner	Overall Star Pupil
Rec	Darcy	Robyn	Oscar C	Elena	Oscar C
Year 1	Lorcan	Heidi	Hettie	Ryder	Ryder
Year 2	Edith	Henry	Taylor	William	William
Year 3	Theo	Olivia	Freddy	Daisy	Olivia
Year 4	Aiden	Thea	Evie	Wilson	Thea
Year 5	Ewan	Martha	Elliot	Lucas	Ewan
Year 6	Alex	Alice	Angus	Taylor	Angus