# St Mary & St Paul's

CE Primary School

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### Headteacher's Message

Well October has been as busy as
September, our children have now really started to settle into their new routines and there has already been so much evidence of fabulous progress and we are proud of all they have achieved.

Our biggest concern at the movement continues to be attendance – I can't stress enough how important it is that your child is here as much as physically possible. Please see overleaf for how attendance works throughout the year. Any questions feel free to ask us.

This year as seen the return to our face-to-face parents' evenings and this has been a wonderful success. It is brilliant to be able to share our space with you and show you what our children have been learning.

Thank you as ever, Mr Parks



### **Diary Dates**

Mon 31st Oct - INSET

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – School re opens after half term
Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – EYFS Autumn Walk
Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Nov – Remembrance Day
Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov – Marie Rimmer MP visiting school
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – STEM workshop Year 2
Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – STEM workshop Year 3
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov – Choir to sing for Mothers Union

### **Nursery Special Visitor**

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Miss Davies brought a very special visitor into school today, a tortoise called Lenox!

We learnt that Lenox hibernates during the winter months because it is too cold for him to survive during winter.

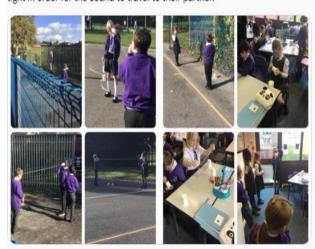


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Lenox is a reptile so enjoys heat to keep his body warm and healthy. We found out Lenox's favourite foods are strawberries and dandelion leaves. We learnt new vocab about his shell, claws and scales. Finally, Miss Davies showed us how to put Lenox to bed for winter.

### Year 4 - Science

Y4 were learning how sound travels over distances. As part of our lesson we made our own string telephones and tested them out to see if we could explain the science. The children discovered they needed to keep the string tight in order for the sound to travel to their partner.



### Assembly Theme - Big Questions

The second half of this term we have been looking at some key questions that our children wanted to know more about. How can I trust God when I have to care for other How can I show that I am thankful to God?

## Did you know that children can have 15 hours a week <u>FREE</u> nursery provision <u>in our school</u> <u>Nursery</u> once they are 3 years old?



At St Mary & St Paul's, our teaching is underpinned by Christian values, as we aim to help all of our children to become both successful and thoughtful citizens.

This begins in Nursery Class, where we help our youngest children to learn how to be a good friend, help others and be kind. Learning is through fun play activities – most of the time the children are having so much fun they don't realise that they are learning at all!

Our Foundation Stage is really well equipped with resources that make learning fun – both inside and outside – and our children really enjoy all of the learning that they do.

### **Attendance**

In line with updated Government guidance for schools regarding attendance there is an increased responsibility on all schools when it comes to monitoring attendance and punctuality following the pandemic.

Attendance is important. It is a life skill. Children from a very early age need to know that attending school and as they get older work is essential in getting by in life. The attendance ladder below highlights children's percentage attendance in relation to how many days they may have been absent during the school year



FACT: The more time your child spends in school, the better your child's attainment.

### Headteacher's Awards

Bobby Mc (SS1) – Super Sentences Skyla (Y5) – Lovely PSHE Reneya (Y5) – Lovely PSHE Shavani (Y5) – Excellent English Layla (Y6) – Kindness and Love





#### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Monday – Football (Y3-6), Multi-Skills (Y2)

Tuesday – Multi-Skills (Y6),
Sewing (Y5, 6)

Wednesday – Multi-Skills (Y3),
Lego Club (Rec)

Thursday – Multi-Skills (Y5),
Football (Y1,2),
Yoga (Y3-6)

Friday – Multi Skills (Y1),
Sketching (Y3,4)

### Magic Breakfast

Magic Breakfasts for all - FREE

**Year 3, 4, 5 and 6** - Bagels will be served in the blue room as the children head up onto the yard so again please be prompt to ensure your children have chance to collect their breakfast before heading to class.

**Breakfast Club** - If your child normally attends breakfast club then that will be on as normal from 7.45am. Your child can always have extra when they go to the classroom.