

# St Mary & St Paul's CE Primary School

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## Headteacher's Message



It's hard to believe January has already been and gone, a month many feels lasts forever has flown by here at SMSP. Can I start by saying a huge well done to you all. Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan was our highest week of attendance since September. This is remarkable with so many bugs going around. Let's hope we can keep this up until half term and our celebration events will be packed.

We have so much to continue to look forward to, especially our whole school trip to Chester Zoo on Thursday but what strikes me most is the desire to take advantage of each opportunity and how this is linked to our vision. Our children here are amazing, and we have you to thank for that.

Finally, In Tesco we are one of the options for the blue token collection, to add more equipment for our outdoor provision in Stepping Stones. Please get grans, grandad, sisters, uncles and cousins to support and we will be very grateful. Thanks and best wishes, Mr Parks

## Diary Dates



- 1<sup>st</sup> Feb** – Y2 Swimming
- 1<sup>st</sup> Feb** – Junior Choir to Young Voices Manchester (Y5)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb** – Chester Zoo (Whole school)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Rec, Y1 attendance celebration
- 8<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Y2 Swimming
- 8<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Y2, Y3, Y4 attendance celebration
- 9<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Barstondale (Stepping Stones)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Y5, Y6 attendance celebration
- 10<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Last day of half term (Normal finish)
  
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Half Term
  
- 20<sup>th</sup> Feb** – School returns
- 1<sup>st</sup> March** – Y2 Swimming



### Year 6 – Science

Year 6 have been learning about evolution this afternoon and we were able to read our beautiful, new topic book: Amazing Evolution, The Journey of Life by Anna Claybourne to research the theories behind evolution, with a focus on Charles Darwin and Alfred Wallace. #science



### Year 1 visit Bramall Hall

Today year 1 are at @Bramall\_Hall, a brilliant day spent learning about traditions during the Tudor period. The children loved the experience of life at a Tudor banquet! #culturalcapital #tudorexperience

### Assembly Theme – Women in the Bible

This half term we have started to look at inspirational women in the bible, learning about Martha, Mary, Deborah, Esther, Abigail, and Mary Magdalene. It has been fascinating learning about some of the lesser known but key figures in scripture.



*Did you know that children can have 15 hours a week FREE nursery provision in our school Nursery 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.

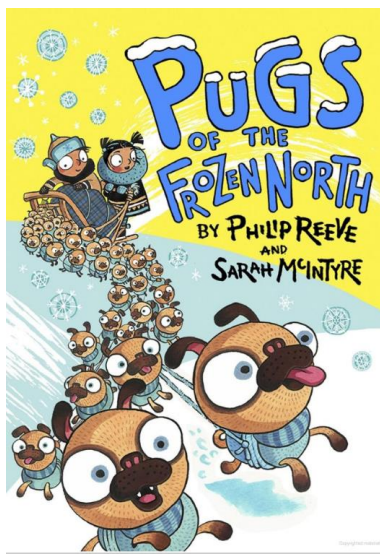
## Headteacher's Awards

Brody (YR) – Fabulous phonics  
Heidi (YR) – Fabulous phonics  
Rania (YR) – Fabulous phonics  
Wynter (YR) – Fabulous phonics  
Josh (YR) – Fabulous phonics  
Seany (Y2) – Excellent Writing  
Harriet (Y2) – Excellent Writing  
Pollyanna (Y4) – Role Play Writing  
Evie-May (Y4) – Role Play Writing  
Cassius (Y4) – Reading Inference  
Lucy (Y4) – Reading Inference  
Meadow (Y2) - Prayers in RE  
Erin (Y2) – Prayers in RE  
Jakob (Y3) – Independent Writing  
Jacob (Y3) – Newspaper Report  
Johan (Y3) – Newspaper Report  
Skyla (Y3) - Independent Writing  
Arianna (Y1) – Super Science



## Reading Recommendation

This month Year 4 recommend



“We read this for our story book in Autumn and the children loved it”

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ACHIEVE TOMORROW

School attendance matters

A Parent's Guide  
Pineley Secondary School

## Attendance

Please remember that we 'can't teach an empty chair' and make sure where possible your child is in school everyday. Lots to learn and plenty of fun is planned everyday.