

# St Mary & St Paul's CE Primary School

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## Headteacher's Message



It doesn't seem that long since the children came back after the summer break and it has been brilliant seeing how they have settled into their new year groups and continued to work so hard.

We have had a number of visitors to school over the past few weeks and they have all commented on the lovely, calm learning atmosphere in school; on the children's amazing behaviour and what a loving ethos there is. It is always great to receive confirmation that the vision of our school (Life in all its fullness through learning and love) is being lived out on a day-to-day basis.

There has been so much going on in school and it great to see the after-school clubs up and running again.

As always – we are here to help and support if you need us.

## Diary Dates



- Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Y6 Swimming (weekly)
- Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Music sessions with Mr Mannings – Y2/3 (weekly)
- Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Oct – Road Safety Sessions – Y1 and Y3
- Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Oct – Hello Yellow Day & Y3 Calderstones Park trip
- Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Oct – Road Safety Y2 & SS2
- Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Harvest Festival
- Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> Oct – Carr Lane Woods EYFS – Aut walk
- Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Oct – Carr Lane Woods EYFS – Aut walk
- Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – SMSP Sponsored Event
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Into University – Y3 – Y6
  
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – PARENTS EVENING
- Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Oct – Last day of half term
- Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct – Staff INSET training



### Worship theme - God's Big Story

In our Worship sessions each day, we have continued with learning about God's Big Story which helps us all understand how all of the bible stories that we learn, fit together as one. Displays are now up in the hall and classrooms. We also continue to think about our spirituality – that sense of connection to something bigger than ourselves.



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Years 5 and 6 had a fabulous afternoon learning about equality and allyship with Rachel from @LFCFoundation as part of their 'We Empower' programme. We can't wait to dig deeper into these topics over the coming weeks. #weempower



### Christian Value – Love

We are continuing our learning around our vision statement – Life in all its fullness through learning and love. This half term we are concentrating on Love and the responsibilities we all have to love one another.



*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.

### Attendance

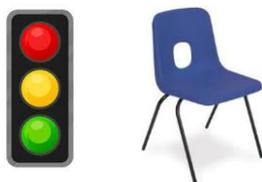
You should have received a letter from school at the start of term about school attendance. The government have now made school attendance a priority and the guidance has really tightened regarding school absence.

Can we encourage you to bring your child to school every single day. We need to aim for 100% for every child.

If your child is going to be absent then we have to have notification from you (we may have to ask for evidence if the absence rate is high). If you need help, guidance or support please speak to one of the staff on the gates.

After trialling it last year, we are going to continue with the traffic lights sheets but they will show the number of days that the child has been absent and not a percentage.

**REMEMBER :** We cannot teach an empty chair!



### Headteacher's Awards



Wynter M (2) – Van Gogh Artwork  
 Emily F (6) – fantastic Science  
 Cassius K (6) – fantastic Science  
 Jonathan R (6) – fantastic Science  
 Akuabata I (6) – fantastic Science  
 Sylvia P (6) – fantastic Science  
 Lucy H (6) – fantastic Science  
 Zahra M (1) beautiful writing  
 Annie Mae K (3) – History  
 Abigail L (3) – History  
 Polly-Anna M (6) – Geography

Year 6 took part in an online World War 2 workshop. The children loved meeting Mr McKenzie and finding out what life was like in Britain during the blackouts as well as how terrifying it must have been to live through the blitz.



### Attendance

Reception	92.5%
Year 1	95.5%
Year 2	92.8%
Year 3	88.7%
Year 4	93.8%
Year 5	92.8%
Year 6	95.4%
SS1 Hub	93.2%
SS2 Hub	83.2%

The thresholds for triggering Persistent Absence are approximately:

Half term 1 - **7** sessions (3.5 days)  
 Half term 2 - **14** sessions (7 days)  
 Half term 3 - **20** sessions (10 days)  
 Half term 4 - **25** sessions (12.5 days)  
 Half term 5 - **31** sessions (15.5 days)  
 Half term 6 - **38** sessions (19 days)

