



ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM
WEEK 6

UPDATE FROM MRS NETTLESHIP

This week, our pupils in Years 5 and 6 visited Featherstone High School, where they enjoyed learning more about science and what lessons are like in a secondary school setting.

Our School Ambassadors had an exciting and memorable visit to the Bank of England, where some pupils successfully cracked a safe and even had the chance to hold a gold bar worth £1.5 million.

Following this, the ambassadors attended a special service at St Paul's Cathedral alongside 151 church schools from the London Diocese. The theme of the service was The Power of Forgiveness: Restoring Relationships, encouraging pupils to reflect on empathy, understanding and reconciliation.

This week in school, children also took part in learning for Safer Internet Day. The theme for this year was "Smart tech, safe choices – exploring the safe and responsible use of AI", and pupils discussed how to use technology positively, safely and responsibly.

On Saturday, Diamond Kickboxing held a grading session where the children demonstrated their skills and celebrated their progress.

We wish you all an enjoyable half term break and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 24th February.

God bless,
Mrs Nettleship



School Ambassadors' Trip



Diamond Kickboxing Grading

Learning Labs Tuition are partnered with St Marys to provide additional support in Maths & English to our students. This will include Maths and English support, 11+ Grammar School preparation, SATs preparation, and help with school homework!

We have arranged subsidies and discounts of up to 50% discounts for our families. There are limited spaces available. All *new joining* families will receive a £25 off voucher.

Please get in touch at the number below to book a free consultation and trial, or fill in the online form below to register your interest.

Link to register your interest:
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Attendance Champions



Beech 97.5%



Damson 95.1%



Elm 93.9%



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How we have grown this week!

Saplings

This week in Saplings, the children explored dentists and how they keep our teeth healthy. In RE, we discussed how others keep us safe and care for us. In maths, we learned about taking and giving 1, 2, and 3.

Ash

Ash Class visited St Mary's Church for worship, learning why caring for the world matters. In maths, children explored odd and even numbers and practised doubling with practical resources.

Beech

This week in Beech Class, the children continued exploring Toys from the Past, imagining they were describing old toys in a museum. In science, they investigated the taste of sweet, bitter, sour, and salty foods.

Chestnut

We explored eco-friendly materials and discussed plastic's environmental harm. In geography, we created posters about protecting habitats, including bird feeders and wildflowers. In maths, we practised counting pounds and pence.

Damson

In Damson Class, we compared land use in Norwood Green and New Delhi. For Children's Mental Health Week, we explored belonging and created maps showing groups, places and activities we value.

Elm Class

For our final RE assessment, we completed a project on Hinduism. We also watched Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, studied Indus Valley jewellery and clothing, and created booklets for Children's Mental Health Week.

Field Maple/Grey Willow

This week, we enjoyed a fantastic science lesson at a local high school. We also developed our knowledge of evolution in science. In English, both year groups finished their topic writing.



Thought for the week



'For God loves the one who gives gladly. And God is able to give you more than you need.'
Corinthians 9:7-8

This verse from Nehemiah reminds us just how big and wonderful God is. He made the heavens and the stars, the land and the sea, and everything living within them. When we look up at the sky, walk through nature, or notice the smallest living things around us, we are reminded that none of this happened by accident. God created it all with care and purpose. As a school community, this encourages us to be thankful and to look after the world we have been given. It also reminds us that the same God who created the universe knows each one of us personally and gives us life, gifts, and opportunities to grow and flourish. When things feel challenging, we can remember that God is in control and that we are part of something much bigger than ourselves.

Something to pray

Lord God,
You alone are Lord.
Thank you for creating the heavens and the stars,
the land and the sea, and all living things.
Thank you for the gift of life and for caring for each one of us.
Help us to be thankful for your world
and to treat it, and one another, with respect and kindness.
Guide us this week in our learning, our friendships,
and in all that we do.

Amen.



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