

# St Mary's News



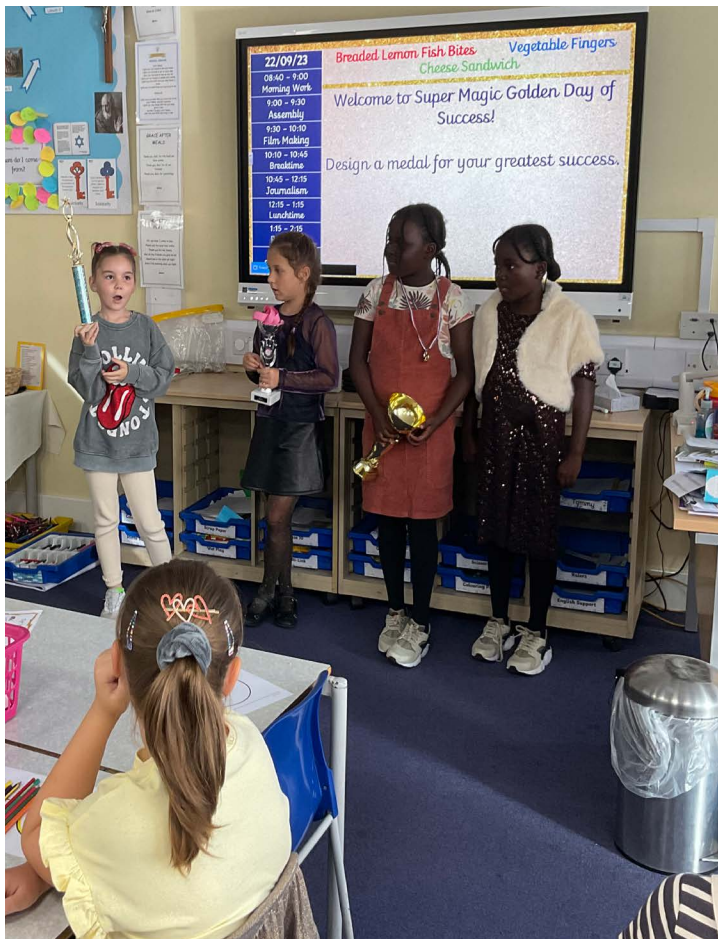
21st September 2023

I can not believe how quickly this half term has whizzed by – if you blinked you definitely missed it! Over the last few weeks, we've celebrated with our SuperMagic Golden Day of Success and Harvest along with the normal hubbub of school life: swimming lessons, flu vaccinations, world record attempts, school photos and the Rugby World Cup! A truly busy and fun filled half term.

This week has seen the change in weather and as the children wrap up in their layers, please may I remind you to ensure your child's name is in their coat and on their winter accessories – thank you.

## SuperMagic Golden Day of Success

On 29th September we had an amazing day in school celebrating our successes as a community. We shared our Ofsted report, our attainment results from last academic year along with swimming certificates, Irish Dancing sashes, horse riding rosettes and a plethora of other activities. We enjoyed working with some past pupils who have amazing careers in the world of film and television, we had a special message from the Vice President of Google and did you know on our staff team we have the British U12s Karate Champion... there's a special prize if you can guess who it is!





## Black History Month

October is a special time when we focus on Black History month and this year's theme is "Celebrating our Sisters" which emphasises the vital role black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities. Each year group has a particular focus from black women in leadership and governance to black women who have used their voices to speak out against injustice to black women who are breaking down barriers in the arts world. Our Heritage Showcase Day is Friday 3rd November where we will share our learning – please keep your eye peeled for a letter from Miss Beauchamp with further detail.

## Harvest

On 16th October we celebrated Harvest and thanked God for inviting us into his Kingdom. Using the Gospel reading Matthew 22: 1-14 we reminded ourselves of the need to be ready to do God's work here on Earth and that our Harvest collection is a beautiful representation of that. A huge thank you to Mrs Terry who came to speak to the children about Thurrock Foodbank and to the Faith Council who packed the boxes so beautifully.



### A few reminders...

After half term all children should be wearing their winter uniform – a collared shirt and tie please. Also, girls may wear white or grey socks – not black and white, grey or black tights. Socks should be worn under the knee. Thank you for your continued support.

**Secondary School application deadline is 31st October 2023. Don't be late!!**

**We have one week for half term... school restarts on Tuesday 31st October at the usual time.**

For further diary dates please see [St Mary's Catholic Primary School & Nursery – Diary Dates – Information & Letters \(stmarystilbury.co.uk\)](https://stmarystilbury.co.uk)

For the new lunch menu please see [here](#).

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Have a wonderful half term break.



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Headteacher



Thanks be to Thee, my Lord Jesus Christ  
For all the benefits you have given me,  
For all the pains and insults you have borne for me.  
O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,  
May I know You more clearly,  
Love You more dearly,  
Follow You more nearly  
Amen