

# St Mary's News

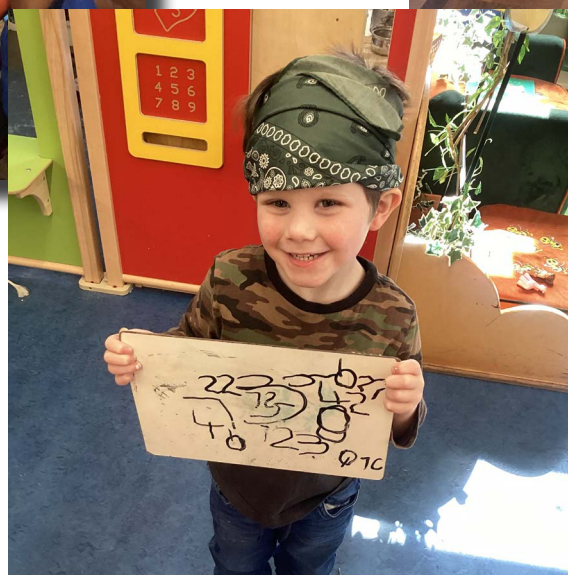


24th March 2023

What a busy fortnight we've had and as I type the newsletter the sun is streaming through the skylights in my office reminding me of the lighter days on their way. Next week is our final week at school before the Easter break with lots going on – please take a moment to look at the "Looking Forward" section to ensure you don't miss a thing!

## Pi Day

Last week we celebrated Pi Day where we focused on the magic of maths for the day. Children learnt that maths is fun as they worked on different number activities, played maths games and learnt how some of our community use maths in their everyday work. It was fascinating for the children to hear how adults use number in artificial intelligence, finance and medicine to name a few! Thank you to those parents who were able to give up their time and join us for the afternoon and a big thank you to Miss Beauchamp for organising us.



## Stubbers

Year 6, this week, had their residential trip to Stubbers Outdoor Activity Centre – fortunately, in the main, the sun shone for them! They had a wonderful time caving, climbing, learning how to be an archer, creating fires (under supervision of course!) and working hard as team. They had an amazing time, showed resilience in spades and a huge thank you to Mrs Rodrigues, Mrs Allam and Miss Bailey for giving up their time to go with them.

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## Pizza Express

Year 1 had wonderful class trip to Pizza Express at Lakeside on Wednesday. They spoke with the chefs who helped them to make their own dough and created their bespoke pizza which they were able to bring home to have for dinner – what a treat! The children explained that they'd learnt how to be hygienic whilst they were cooking, where pizza comes from and we now have plenty of budding chefs in Year 1. Thank you to Mrs Smith, the year 1 team and all of the parent helpers who accompanied them.



## Ukulele Concert

Year 3 entertained us and their special VIPs this morning in their second ukulele concert. They played with increased gusto and confidence. Mr Sayer explained how the music was becoming challenging and how year 3 had risen to that challenge. Well done Year 3!!

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## Visiting the Dentist.

Taking 123 children to the dentist in the space of a couple of hours is no mean feat but these are the challenges we love at St Mary's. A big thank you to Elite Dental for accommodating us and all those involved in the organisation.

## Looking forward

Next week is equally busy with the following:

Tuesday 28th March

Stay and Pray – Stations of the Cross (please see the letter sent by Mrs Smith to book a slot)

Wednesday 29th March

9.15am Rock Steady concert

Wednesday 29th March

2pm Easter Production – don't forget to buy your ticket from the office.

Thursday 30th March

Reception and Year 6 attending Mass

Thursday 30th March

Y4,5 and 6 Reconciliation with F. Anthony in school.

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Have a wonderful weekend.



Mrs V L McBrown  
Headteacher



Let us pray that we understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us

The same power that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honour at God's right hand.

Help us to understand that whilst we make plans it is God who determines our steps.