



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to this addition of the newsletter. As we approach Eid ul Fitr, we want to remind you that if you wish your children to celebrate and need to take a day of absence, please ensure you fill out the form that will be sent out next week. Please note that only one day off will be authorised for this special occasion.

Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children will be parading their Easter Bonnets/Hats next Thursday, please complete this homework project so everyone can join in the fun! Enjoy your weekend.

### Values

St Mary's Christian Values for Spring Term: Wisdom, Honesty and Responsibility.

Our school bible quote: 'I instruct you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths.'  
(Proverbs 4:11)

### Absence

You must do all you can to make sure your child attends school regularly. However, on the rare occasion they must be absent please reported on this on our **study bugs system**. We ask that you clearly state your child's name, year group and class and state the reason why your child is absent. Saying your child is not well is not enough detailed information required for school and local authority records. We ask that you are specific so we can recognise trends and local outbreaks.

We do not authorise holidays during term time and you may be fined through the authority.

Please try to arrange appointments out of school hours, however, if this is not possible, please email the school office with conformation of the appointment. The school normally only authorises the morning or afternoon session but will be agreed upon individual circumstances.

### Clubs

If your child is interested in attending a club, please visit our website or click below. Did you know we offer clubs at lunchtime free to all children. Why not ask your child if they attend one or two?

<https://www.stmarys.slough.sch.uk/school-clubs/>

**GATES OPEN 08.20am and CLOSE 8.30am prompt. Children should be in class, registered and ready for learning at 8.30am. Please avoid lateness as this impacts on the front office and a calm start to your child's day.**

## Attendance Competition



We are repeating our attendance competition again this year. It is open to everyone who attends St Mary's school.

All children who achieve 100% and really flourish in their school attendance will be receiving a special certificate to thank them for coming to school every day for a whole term.

Those who achieve 100% for the whole year will receive a special celebration and receive some prizes. They will automatically be entered into a draw with an opportunity to win a summer family day out for four to Legoland.

**Good luck everyone!**



## Attendance for this week

Nursery AM	90.8%
Nursery PM	80.8%
0Poppy	93%
0Bluebell	92.3%
0Daffodil	93.3%
1Damson	96%
1Cherry	91.7%
1Apple	96%
2Pear	97.3%
2Plum	97.2%
2Peach	97.3%
3Ash	96.7%
3Sycamore	90.7%
3Juniper	92%
4Larch	94%
4Beech	91.3%
4Oak	94%
5Hazel	97.4%
5Alder	99.3%
5Elm	95.5%
6Willow	95.3%
6Maple	97.2%
6Rowan	100%

**Whole School Total 94.8%**  
**(Below expected)**

Well done to Rowan class. You're in the 100% club.



## PARENT NEWS

### Thank you

A huge thank you to the families of Peach class and Beech class who turned out to see their child's class assembly this week. This is very much appreciated by staff and children. Well done to the staff and children for their efforts.

### Parent Consultations

This is taking place next week. Please arrive just before your time slot as we would like to keep on schedule. It's a long day for staff and some are fasting so please support us on this occasion. If you are unable to make your appointment, please email the class so they can invite parents to the table earlier.

## Clubs

### COOKERY CLUB

Look at our amazing chocolate thins, made with rich, dark Belgium chocolate and sprinkled with dried apricots, crushed pistachios and of course mini eggs...delicious!

If you'd like to have a go at making your own, the recipe can be found on the Waitrose website.

<https://www.waitrose.com/ecom/recipe/mini-egg-chocolate-thins>



*Mrs N. Williams (Year 3 Lead Teacher)*

### FIRST AID CHAMPIONS CLUB

Our budding First aiders have been learning how to assess the severity of cuts, bleeds and burns. They also learnt ways in which to treat various types of injuries:

- Type of bleed - capillary, venous or arterial
- Applying pressure and elevation to control major bleeds
- Correct treatment for nosebleeds
- Treatment of first-, second- and third-degree burns

With practise and perseverance, they applied a variety of dressing techniques (bandaging).



**DID YOU KNOW?** If you don't have all the correct medical items to hand in an emergency, cling film has many uses, as do many other day-to-day items around the home.

*Mrs Fogarty and Miss Melvin (Support staff)*

## Maths Corner

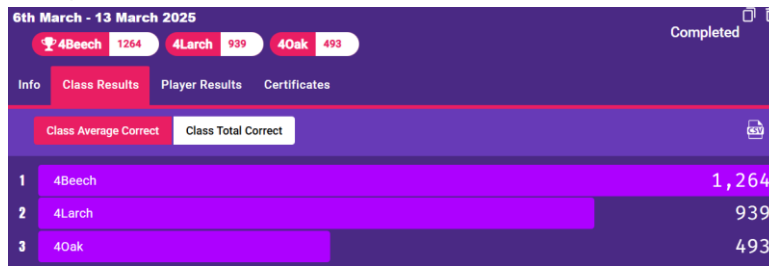
### Mathletics superstars!

Mr Ali would like to share a HUGE shout out to these children who have achieved Bronze, Silver, Gold and even Platinum certificated for their effort on the Mathletics quizzes. We are sharing the expectation for all year 4 children to complete 1 quiz a day.



### Timetables Rockstars Tournament

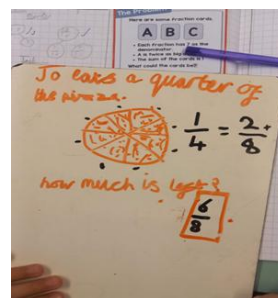
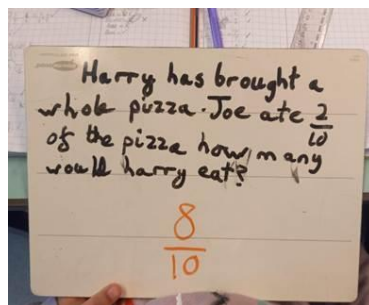
Well done to Beech Class for scoring the most points in our TTRS tournament! Next week, we will be holding a mini in class certificate assembly for all the children who worked hard in a tournament. A new tournament has been set from Friday to Thursday - can Beech class still maintain the lead? Or will Oak/Larch class take first place?



Mr M. Ali (Year 4 Lead teacher)

### Year 3

This term Year 3 children have been writing their own word problems for their partners to solve to recap understanding of their fraction's topic! They have been focusing on reasoning and the importance of Maths vocabulary, particularly when giving logical reasoning for their answers.



Miss M. Cresto (Year 3 teacher)

## Reception Year

What an exciting couple of weeks it has been in Reception! Our unit was alive with cheeps of newly **hatched chicks!** Last week, a **farmer** brought us 10 **eggs** in an **incubator**. Mrs Sabat ran an information session for each class; we all learnt how to keep the eggs and chicks **safe**. Miss Jenkins managed to video an egg **cracking** as a **chick** was **hatching**. You can see the video and other photos on our website. Scroll down past the Dental Hygiene info to find it. Look in our Spring Photo Gallery for some photos. Here is a link. <https://www.stmarys.slough.sch.uk/reception-year/>

As scientists, we observed the changes that happened to the **eggs** and **chicks** – once **hatched** they soon fluffed up and grew rapidly. We made sure they had **food** and **water** and were very careful when we held them. They were our **responsibility**, so we were **respectful** towards them. We learnt about the **life cycle** of hens and butterflies during book taught. What an amazing experience this has been for the children and the adults as well!



The NELI groups have come to the end of the People Who Help Us topic and completed Part 1 – well done to all the pupils who have learnt many new words and the structure of storytelling too.

See the link below for the NELI Newsletters including the vocabulary we have learnt.

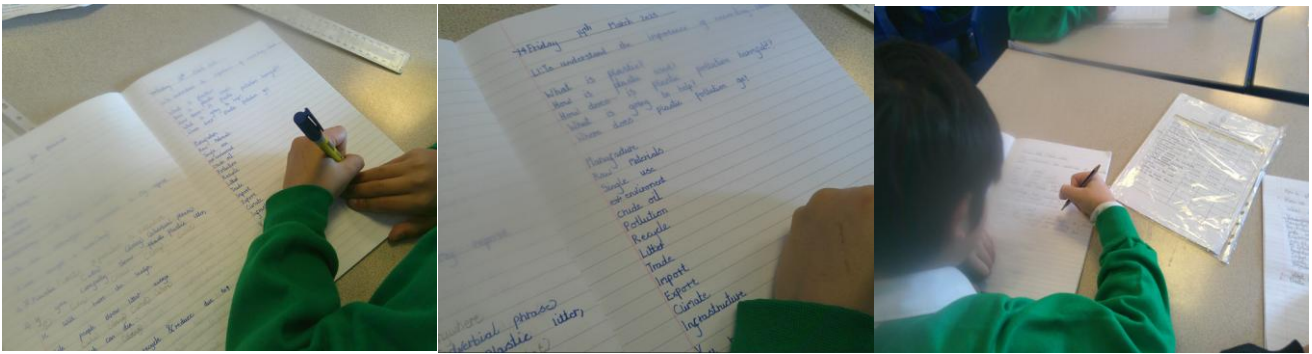
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*Mrs R. Ballard (Reception intervention teacher)*

## Year 4

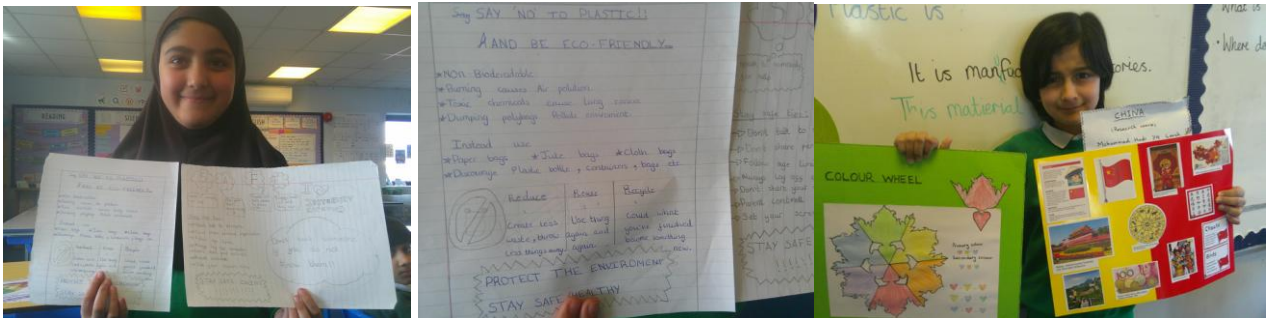
### English - planning for non-chronological reports

This week, year 4 have been planning for next week's report writing on plastic pollution. Children discussed and shared their knowledge of plastic and trade which was learnt in geography. They then agreed on 5 questions to base their report writing on. Looking forward to seeing the report writing - I am sure they will have a lot of useful information on plastic pollution.



### Year 4 homework Bingo project

Mr Ali would like to give a big shout out to UA who has completed a very informative poster on E safety and keeping our environment clean. And to MH for creating 2 informative projects on our art and geography topics.

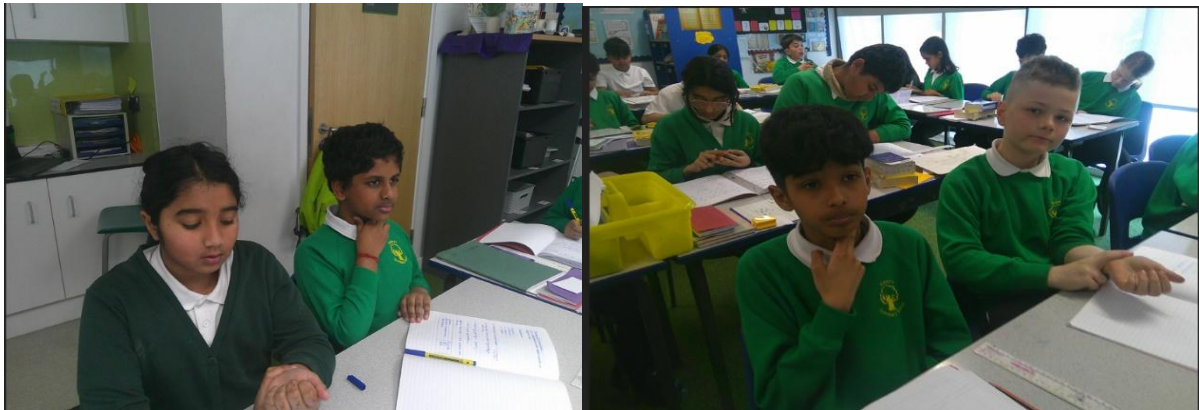


Mr M. Ali (Year 4 Lead)

## Year 6

### SCIENCE

Year 6 have been learning about pulse rates in our science topic. We all took our pulse rates and recorded them in a table. We then compared our pulse rate to the other children in our group and recorded who had the highest and lowest pulse rate. Finally, we gathered all the data for our classes and worked out the mean pulse rate by adding them all up and dividing the number by 30.



### EASTER CRACKED

Year 6 had their Easter visit this week from Wayne Dixon. The presentation was very informative but also very interactive. We learnt the truth behind the Easter story and participated in a quiz on fun facts about this time of year. Did you know that 66,000 Cadbury Crème eggs are made per hour in the U.K?



**Ms J. Rockett (Year 6 Lead Teacher)**

## Diary Dates

24.03.2025	Father Scott KS2 Assembly
24.03.2025	Parent consultation evening (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
25.03.2025	Year 6: Mental Health Support Team visitors
25.03.2025	Parent consultation evening (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)
26.03.2025	Parent consultation evening (Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Hazel class)
27.03.2025	Parent consultation evening (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)
27.03.2025	Year 4: Beech Class swimming
28.03.2025	Year 1: Apple Class Assembly @ 08.50am start, Yew Hall (Parents welcome)
01.04.2025	Year 3: Stone Age workshop in school
02.04.2025	Year 2: Trip to Whipsnade Zoo
03.04.2025	Netball round robin x5 mini matches away
03.04.2025	Year 3 and Year 4: St Mary's Church visit for Easter (Parents welcome)
03.04.2025	Year 4: Beech Class swimming (Last session)
04.04.2025	New to Nursery Tour @10am for prospective parents
07.04.2025	End of Spring Term- no school 2 weeks
21.04.2025	BANK HOLIDAY-no school
22.04.2025	School opens at 8.20am (full return)
23.04.2025	Year 4: Roman workshop in school
24.04.2025	Year 4: Beech Class swimming
29.04.2025	New to Nursery Tour @10am for prospective parents
29.04.2025	Bags to School
01.05.2025	Year 4: Oak Class swimming
01.05.2025	Year 5: Hazel Class Assembly @ 3pm start, Yew Hall (Parents welcome)
02.05.2025	Reception: Bluebell Class Assembly @ 08.50am start, Yew Hall (Parents welcome)
05.05.2025	BANK HOLIDAY-no school
08.05.2025	Year 4: Oak Class swimming
09.05.2025	Online safety and homework workshop for parents (8.50am Yew Hall)
12.05.2025	Year 6 SATS week
19.05.2025	Science week
20.05.2025	Year 3: Kew Gardens
22.05.2025	Year 6: Ascension Day at St Mary's church (Parents welcome)
22.05.2025	Year 4: Oak Class swimming
26.05.2025	Half term week
02.06.2025	Inset Day-no school
03.06.2025	School opens at 8.20am (full return)
05.06.2025	Year 4: Oak Class swimming
10.06.2025	Year 6: WW2 workshop in school
12.06.2025	Year 4: Oak Class swimming
13.06.2025	Reception: Poppy Class Assembly @ 1pm start, Yew Hall (Parents welcome)
19.06.2025	Year 6: Trip to Science Museum
19.06.2025	Year 4: Oak Class swimming
23.06.2025	Year 5 and Year 6: Sports Day 9.15am-10.45am (parents welcome)
23.06.2025	Year 3 and Year 4: Sports Day 2.00pm-3.15pm (parents welcome)
24.06.2025	Year 1 and Year 2: Sports Day 9.15am-10.45am (parents welcome)
24.06.2025	Year Reception: Sports Day 2.00pm-3.15pm (parents welcome)
25.06.2025	Year Nursery: Sports Day 9.15am-10.45am (parents welcome)
25.06.2025	Year Nursery: Sports Day 2.00pm-3.15pm (parents welcome)
26.06.2025	Reception: Daffodil Class Assembly @ 3 pm start, Yew Hall (Parents welcome)
26.06.2025	Year 4: Oak Class swimming
27.06.2025	Year 3: Juniper Class Assembly @ 8.50am start, Yew Hall (Parents welcome)