

In the first term of Headship,  
St Mary's gave to me:  
Twelve celebration worships,  
Eleven risk assessments,  
Ten TAs nurturing,  
Nine teachers teaching,  
Eight classes learning,  
Seven open evenings,  
Six school trips,  
Five days of flu!  
Four snowy days,  
Three grey hairs,  
Two house festivals,  
And still only one goldfish!

Thank you all for your support this term.  
Wishing Everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy  
New Year.

Mrs Wainwright

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### ATTENDANCE



These winter bugs have hit our attendance hard at St Mary's and we hope all of our children who have been under the weather are feeling better soon. Hopefully in January we will all be fighting fit and we can raise our attendance figure to at least national. Currently we are still sitting slightly below.

**93.6%- St Mary's    95%- National**

We are also becoming increasingly aware of children being late for school. Please can we ask that every effort is made to get children to school on time so that they can have a settled start and do not miss any of their learning. If you feel you need any support with attendance and lates, please do not hesitate to contact us.

### WORSHIP

This half term we have been very busy with preparing for our Christmas events that celebrate the Nativity story. We have had the opportunity to reflect on the strength of Mary's faith, the spirit of the shepherds and the courage of the wise men who followed the star despite the angry warnings of King Herod.

I have been very proud of the children's contributions to our 'Advent Calendar of Kindness' where they have put acts of Christmas kindness and examples of how they are planning to help others this festive season.

### DIARY DATES

- 6.1.25-** Children return to school
- 16.1.25-** Choir to Young Voices
- 17.1.25-** Curriculum Newsletters sent out
- 30.1.25-** Pioneer parent meeting 3:30pm

### STAFFING UPDATES

We are delighted to be welcoming Miss Jones in January who will be our Reception Teacher and EYFS Lead. Miss Jones is a very experienced Early Years Practitioner, and we know she will be an asset to our team.

### CONTACTING SCHOOL

**If you would like to request an appointment with the SENDCO (Ms Palmer) or another member of SLT or for general enquiries, please contact the school office:**

**Phone Number:** 01384818295

**Email:** [info@st-mary-ki.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-mary-ki.dudley.sch.uk)

**You can also use Class Dojo Messaging to contact SLT and your child's teacher.**

### SAFEGUARDING

At St Mary's we appreciate that safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. If you have any concerns about a child, please do not hesitate to contact us using the details shared opposite. Our Safeguarding and child protection policy can be found on our school website.



# HOUSE CAPTAINS SCHOOL UPDATE



**FIRE** by  
**Jenson and**  
**Brooke**

People who go to after school football enjoy learning new skills. They like and enjoy working with the coaches to learn new tricks. The children enjoy the range of clubs and skills on offer.



**WATER** by  
**Annie and**  
**Eden**

This month we have all enjoyed celebrating Christmas. We celebrate the birth of Jesus through our performances in KS1 nativity and KS2 Carol Service, where we sing songs about him. In choir we create Christingles and pupils in every class decorate their rooms and create card to remember.



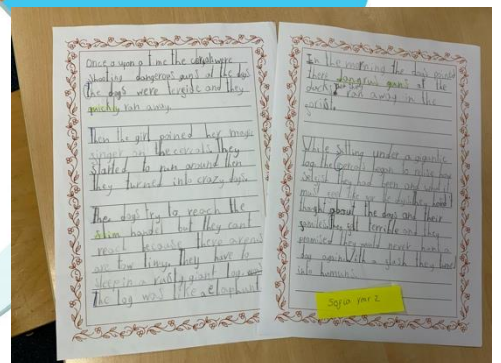
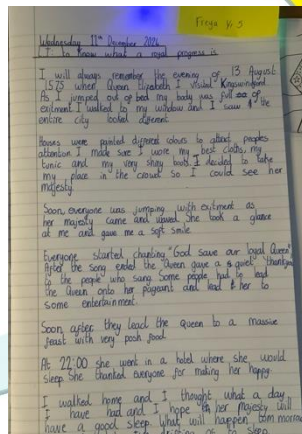
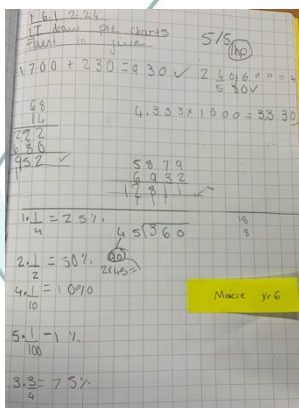
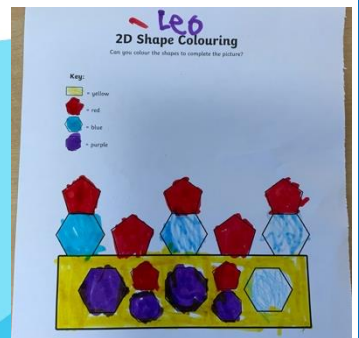
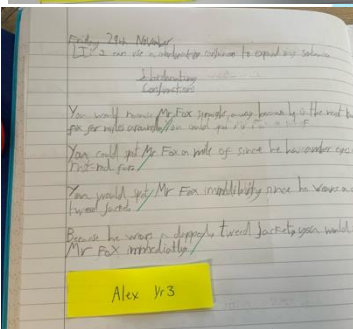
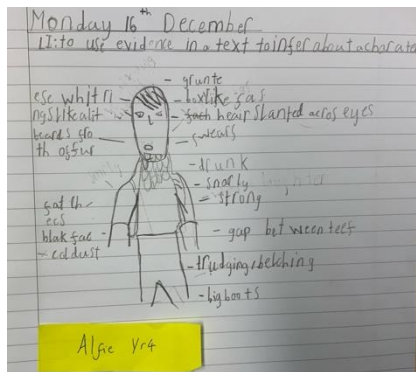
**EARTH**  
by **Gracie**  
and  
**Annabel**

Our children like how our St. Mary's values are closely linked with the British Values. Children in Year 3 enjoy exercising their individual liberty to make choices. Lillie thinks that individual liberty is important because it enables everybody to make their own choices. Children in Year 4 enjoy using the language of values and learning new words.



**AIR** by **Ava**  
and **Iris**

At St. Mary's we do not tolerate bullying whatsoever and everyone here is super kind. The teachers are always respectful and if you are upset you can talk to them about it. Everybody is inviting here and will help you to find a friend. Everybody here will be treated with respect; we will accept and embrace them and not be unkind about them.



*Instilling a life-long love for learning in an inclusive, supportive Christian community.*

