NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2026

NOVEMBER WINS:

- Thank you to all the children who represented our school at the Remembrance Parade. It was a wonderful occasion with a real sense of community, and we were incredibly proud of how respectfully and thoughtfully you represented the school.
- Well done to everyone for your efforts on Doodle Learning. Your hard work and dedication are making a real difference to your learning. Keep up the fantastic effort!
- A huge well done to everyone who took part in our whole-school Strictly Come Dancing challenge! Each day, children learned a few new dance steps before bringing everything together for a fantastic final performance. We have been so impressed by the enthusiasm, energy and commitment shown by everyone, and we are delighted that the challenge also helped us raise money for a great cause.

ATTENDANCE

We did it, we had a day this month where we hit an unbelievable 100%!



Thank you so much for your support with helping us to achieve this. Whilst we understand that children do get poorly- keeping them in school whenever they are well enough to be here is important. Just let your child's teacher know via Dojo if they are under the weather and we will keep an eye on them and phone you if we need to.

CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

4.12.26- Maple Christmas Forest School
9.12.26- Rec-Year6 Pantomime Visit (return approx. 6pm)
10.12.26- Christmas Jumper Day (mufti with Christmas jumper, House Festival, PTA Christmas celebration)
11.12.26- Elder Christmas Forest School
15.12.26- Pre-School Christmas celebration with parents am
16.12.26- Rec/KS1 Nativity @ 10am & 2pm
16.2.26- 3:15-4:15- EYS and KS1 Disco, 4:30-5:30- KS2 Disco
17.12.26- Oak Christmas Forest School
17.12.26- Carol service @ St Mary's Church 2pm- collect from church 3pm
17.2.26- Pre-School Christmas Forest School
18.12.26- Last day of term, school finishes at 2pm

Blossoms and Acorns will have their Christmas Forest School in their usual afternoon slot.

Monday 4th January 2027- Return to school.

WORSHIP

During worship this month, we have been exploring the theme of courage through the story of David and Goliath. We reflected on how David showed great bravery by standing up for what he believed was right, even when faced with a huge challenge. The children discussed how they too can show courage in their everyday lives by standing up for their beliefs, helping others, and doing the right thing, even when it feels difficult.

CONTACTING SCHOOL

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

Phone Number: 01384818295

Email: info@stmarys.edlt.org.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.

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HOUSE CAPTAINS SCHOOL UPDATE: Bullying and the importance of friendships.

FIRE by Rebecca, Eve and Frankie



Some of our youngest Fire members thought it as a good idea to ignore bullies and make sure that you tell a trusted adult. They identified friendships as when you have people to play with and relax with.

All the Fire children we talked to were very good at knowing that if you felt like this you should tell an adult so that they could help you. They shared ideas of adults you could tell including parents, teachers and Mrs Wainwright.

Oak children felt that you should tell bullies to stop. They enjoy having good friendships, people they can play football and hide and seek with.

WATER by Ava, Matthew and Sienna



Our youngest children knew that bullying was mean and friendship means being kind. Acorns children agreed and added that friendship means sharing and caring.

Maple children said that bullying could make someone feel angry and sad- making them feel hurt. They agreed that friendship is about caring for someone.

The children we spoke with knew that if you felt you or someone else was getting bullied you should tell a trusted adult so that they can help you. Another child commenting that this is important because bullying might make you not want to come to school, whereas friendship means encouraging each other.

EARTH by Husaina, Enya and April



Everyone agreed that bullying is bad for someone's mental health. They understood why we have anti-bullying week to make sure everyone is aware. Children talked about how bullying can be physical, verbal and online. Acorn's children acknowledged that a sign of bullying could be not sharing and being left out lots of times on purpose. They also felt that bullies don't listen when you tell them to stop and that you should tell a teacher. Children in Elder identified that being bullied can feel like being singled out.

Our eldest children believe that the definition of friendship is having someone to rely on. Many children think that friends are one of the most important relationships you can have. Younger children commented that friends always have your back.

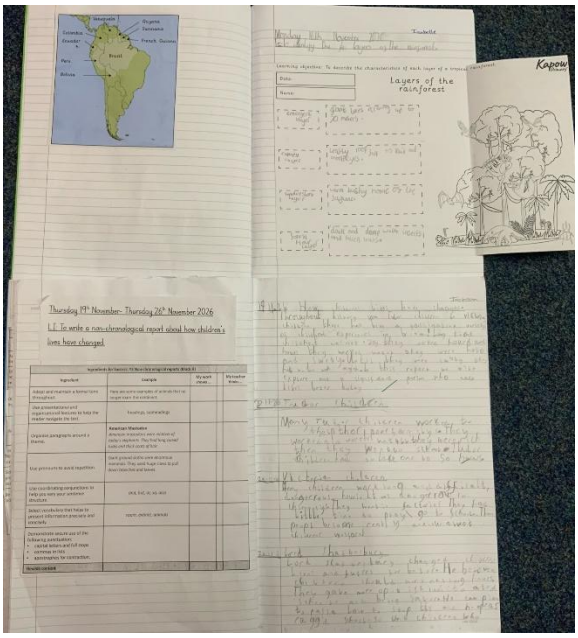
AIR Leo, Chloe and Connor

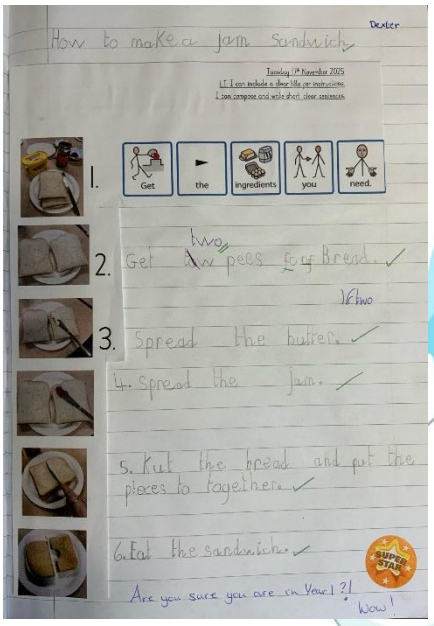


Reception children would tell a teacher if they felt that someone was bullying or being unkind to them. They do not think bullying is very nice at all. All of the children we asked knew it was not ok to be bullied- they commented that it would make you feel sad, annoyed and upset. They knew that they should always tell a trusted adult, this could be any teacher or their parents.

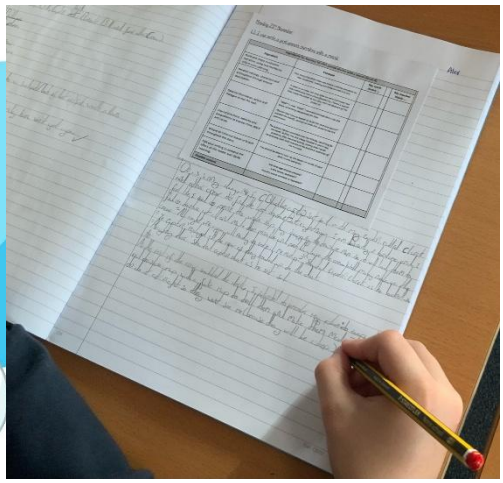
The children felt enthusiastic about their friendships- they told us they had lots of friends that they liked to play with- they even have best friends too!

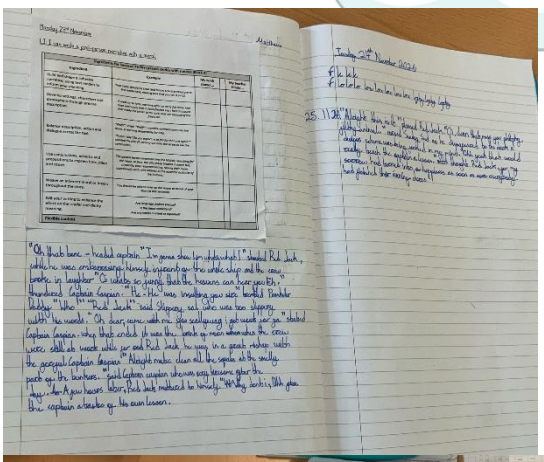


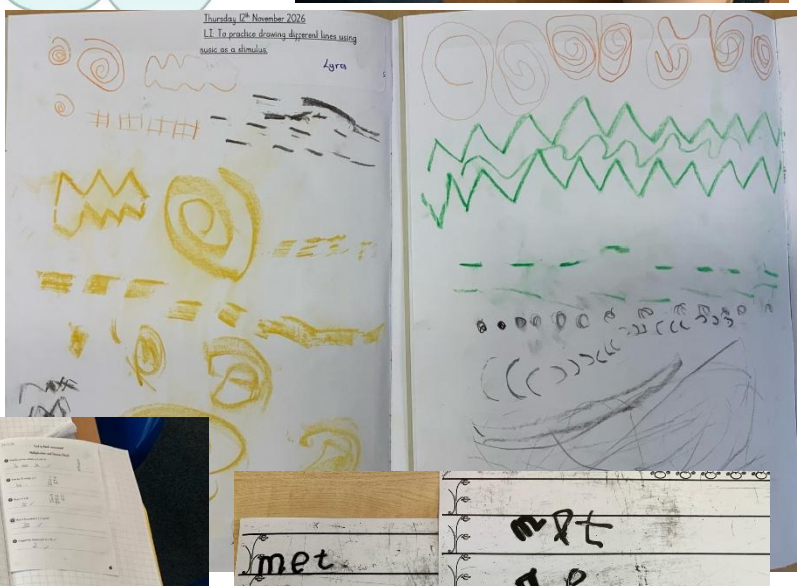


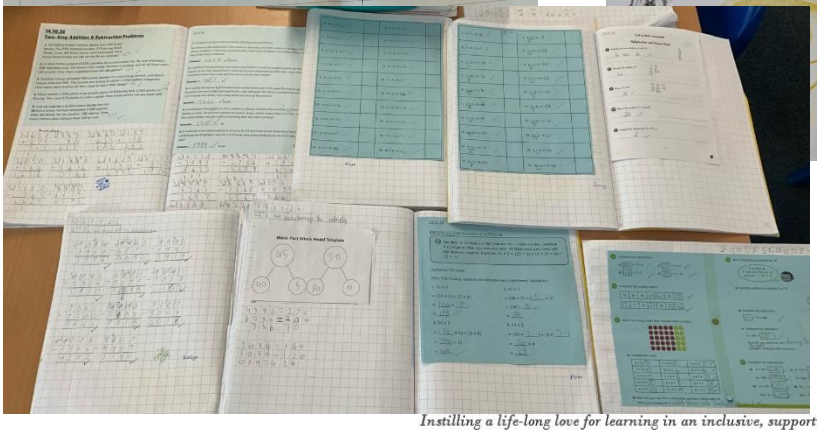


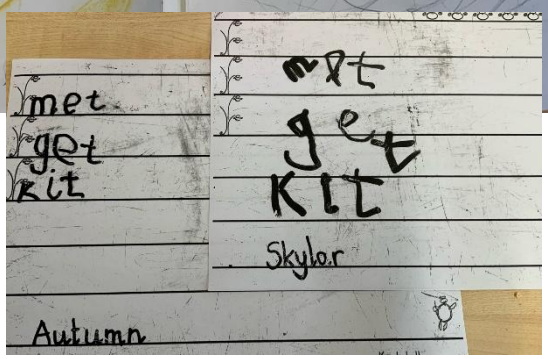












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