



Dear Parents,

I hope you have all been managing to keep as cool as possible this week during this exceptionally warm weather. We have made every effort to ensure your children remain hydrated and cool and still enable them to focus on their learning. Please share the Race For Life donation link with family and friends so we can support this worthy cause. Thank you, Mr Thorne

## St. Mary's Sports Day

Parents, family and friends are invited to the St. Mary's Sports Day taking place on Friday 30th June for a 1.15pm start. Children have been practising their races and are eager to be cheered on for the big day!



## Mottey Meadows Visit



On Wednesday 14th June, Years 1, 2 and 3 were fortunate to visit Mottey Meadows in Wheaton Aston. Mottey Meadows is a National Nature Reserve (NNR) and is one of the five best examples in the UK of a wildflower-rich floodplain meadow. It contains around 240 species of flowering plants and grasses; some of which are under threat.

During the visit, the children took part in a guided walk and observed the nature and wildlife within the meadows. They also learnt about the management of the meadows and their importance. Over the next week, the children will be experimenting with different art techniques to draw pictures of the meadows. These pictures will be displayed at this year's Hay Making festival on Saturday 24th June.

## Upcoming dates:

Saturday 24th June	Y4 'Rocket Day' at Brewood Middle School for Y4 pupils and parents
Wednesday 28th June	Last J Team session 3.15—4.15pm
Thursday 29th June	Story session for children starting Reception 2.45—3.10pm
Friday 30th June	St Mary's Sports Day 1.15pm start
Saturday 1st July	Gardening Team meet @ St Mary's 10am—volunteers needed!
Tuesday 4th July	Years 1 & 2 visit to West Mids Safari Park
Wednesday 5th July	Race For Life event
Thursday 6th July	Story session for children starting Reception 2.45—3.10pm
Friday 7th July	Y4 Languages Morning at Wolgarston
Thursday July 13th	Y4 Induction Day at Brewood
Thursday July 13th	Induction afternoon for the new Reception intake & parents' lunch 1.00—3.10 pm
Thursday July 20th	Y4 Leavers' Assembly—arrive at 1pm for 1.15 start
Thursday 20th July	Y4 Leavers' Disco 6pm
Friday 21st July	Last day of the summer term
Wednesday 6th September	1st day back at school



# ST. MARY'S SUPERSTARS!



Congratulations to all our St. Mary's Superstars! We are very proud of you!

Deputy Headteachers' Award Jaret Hyde (Y1)

## Star Writers

Isobel Hammond (Rec)  
Abigail Evans (Y1)  
Sophie Cochrane (Y2)  
Mia O'Neill (Y3)  
Joseph Partridge (Y4)

## Star Mathematicians

James Cowley (Rec)  
Freya Walkeden (Y1)  
Vakariss Serapinavicius (Y3)  
Hannah Guy (Y4)

## Star Readers

Skye Small (Rec)  
May Arthrell-Sweet (Y1)  
Beth Hyde (Y2)  
Lauren Trow (Y3)

## Years 1 & 2 - Update

Year 1, 2 and 3 were lucky enough to go and visit Mottey Meadows. We got to walk through the meadow and explore all these different plants and grasses up-close. We had a great time and the weather was beautiful!



We then used our art skills to draw pictures of everything we saw at Mottey Meadows, we used chalk to create our backgrounds and then we added in all of the plants, grasses and detail using wax crayons.

During this half term Year 1 and 2 have been doing a lot of measuring. In Year 1 we have been using non-standard measures to find weights, lengths and capacities. We enjoyed using everyday objects in the classroom to find out measurements. In Year 2 we have been using standard measures; we have been using cm, g and ml to find lengths, weights and capacities. In English we have been looking at the Disney film Tarzan, we have been looking at using adjectives and noun phrases to describe the characters. We have also been extending our sentences using conjunctions like 'and', 'but', 'so', 'because' and 'when'. We then put all this together to re-write the story with an alternate ending.

### New staff appointment

Governors are delighted to announce that Mrs Caroline Stanford has been appointed as the lead for teaching and learning at St Mary's. Her remit is to lead teaching and learning developments at St. Mary's to ensure good progress and achievement of pupils. Mrs Stanford will arrange visits for staff to outstanding schools and look at how this best practice can be utilised back at St. Mary's. If Mr. Thorne is off site, Mrs Stanford is the senior teacher responsible for any day-to-day school issues.

### Race For Life—please donate!!

St. Mary's children and staff will Race for Life:

At: St Mary's First School

On: Wednesday 5th July

Children in Nursery will complete 1 lap of the field; children in KS1 will complete 2 laps; and children in KS2 will complete 4 laps.

Donations should be made on our Race For Life web page:

[www.justgiving.com/stmarysfirstschool](http://www.justgiving.com/stmarysfirstschool)

Donations can be made public or private, and we have set a target of £500 so let's try and smash it! Please share the link with family and friends, thank you.



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### EKO Outdoors summer holiday sessions

Pupils have been enjoying their outdoor sessions with Educating Kids Outdoors (EKO) this term and if you are interested in hearing about more their Ministry of Kids (MOK) Holiday Clubs and EKO 24 hour Sleepover then do take a look at their website on <http://www.ekolearning.org.uk/holiday-clubs/>

The dates, themes and locations are:

**Monday 31 July**

MOKFest @ Shifnal Scout Hut

**Tuesday 1 August**

The Wonders of Colour @ Shifnal Scout Hut

**Thursday 3 - Friday 4 August**

24 hour EKO Sleepover @ Pigg's Playbarn, Apley Farm Shop

**Monday 7 August**

Incredible Inventions @ Shifnal Scout Hut

**Tuesday 8 August**

Trip to Apley Farm Shop and exploring their woodland Skylark Trail

### Kitchen Vacancy

There is a job vacancy in the School Kitchen 6 -9 hrs/week, please contact the school office if interested.

### New Nursery Phone number

Please note that the telephone number for the Nursery and Out of School Club has changed to **01785 334924**.

### School Grounds Working Party—Volunteers required

We are planning a day of weekend work to maintain and update the school grounds, including weeding, edging and planting. If you can spare any time to come and help on Saturday 1st July (start time 10am), we would love to see you. Please bring trowels, spades and gloves.

### Year 4 pupils —Transition paperwork and Language Day slips

Please can parents ensure their child's data sheet is completed and returned to Brewood Middle School as soon as possible, thank you.

Language Day slips and money should be handed in to St. Mary's School Office.

### Safeguarding Update—Evacuation Procedures

Following advice from the County Council, all schools are reviewing evacuation procedures. Pupils will be undertaking a number of drill practices in the next few weeks including fire drills and internal evacuation or lockdown procedures. If there are any emergency issues which arise—i.e. a stray dog in school, a warning about an incident in the village, or an intruder on the site etc. (These are very rare occurrences).

The school has revised its procedures for these and will notify you by text, newsletter or email. In the event of a genuine internal evacuation or lockdown, parents will be notified by text as soon as possible and asked:

NOT to come to school. This could interfere with the emergency access to school and may even put themselves at risk.

NOT to contact school as this will tie up telephone lines which may be needed for emergencies

TO WAIT for the school to contact parents about when it is safe to come and collect your child. Thank you for your support in this matter.

### News from Your PTA—200 Club

The winners for the April draw are:-

1st Prize - Paul Lane (18) drawn by Mrs N Mandzuk

2nd Prize - Laura Barlow (40) drawn by Mrs S Cornes

The winners for the May draw are:-

1st Prize - Doreen Ellis (32) drawn by Bella Roberts

2nd Prize - Katie Evans (8) drawn by Abigail Evans

### Health and Safety Notices

- Now the summer months are here, please ensure your child is suitably dressed for the weather.
- We have been notified that some children are running across the car park to the school gate, please can you ensure that in the interest of safety, children are accompanied and walk to the pavement. If parents drop their children at the gate and leave before the gate is opened, please be aware they are unsupervised by school staff.
- Children should not venture around the back of the school at pick up and drop off times, and please remind them that scooters should not be ridden on the school premises.

### News from the Canteen

Tuesday 4th July is American Independence Day, and the Canteen will be preparing a special American themed lunch on Thursday 6th July (due to a school visit on the 4th)

