

WHAT'S COMING UP

- December
11th - Y5 Royal Opera House Performance - 2:30 Parent to hall.
11th - EYFS/YR 1 Nativity 10am - At St Mary Church
12th - EYFS/YR 1 Nativity 2pm At St Mary Church
13th - Whole school Christmas dinner
15th - Y1 Y2 only Christingle service, St Mary's Church - 9:30am
15th - 9:05 - Celebration assembly
15th - Christmas Bazaar - 3:15 - 5:30
18th - Carol service whole school St Mary's Church - 2pm
20th - Christmas Break
January 2024
4th - Start of Term

NOTICES

We have had some cases of Headlice, please could we ask you check your children's hair and treat accordingly.

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Wednesday - SCS Y1-Y3
Thursday SCS - Y4-Y6

Last SCS club w/c 11/12

MONEY RAISED

Thank you so much for your kind donations:

£147.12 Poppy Appeal
£161.20 Young Minds
£116.95 Save The Children
£61.51 Essex Herts Air Ambulance

Dear Parents and Carers

Our boys' football team had their first Braintree Schools league match against John Ray Juniors this week. Led superbly by Captain Oscar, the team consisting of Year 5 and 6 boys fought hard throughout the game. Although they narrowly lost 6-5, we are incredibly proud of their efforts. A special mention goes to Maximus, who received the player of the match award for his outstanding performance. Congratulations on your debut for the school team, Maximus!

In other news, our Year 5 pupils had the opportunity to participate in an online workshop organised by The National Trust at Sutton Hoo. The workshop was a great success. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about Sutton Hoo and exploring the various artifacts associated with it. Similarly, our year 4 pupils joined an online workshop on ancient Greeks, conducted by the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge. These virtual experiences have become a valuable resource for our children, allowing them to access different artifacts and resources without the need for extensive travel.

I would also like to inform you about the upcoming Nativity performances for our Early Years Foundation Stage and Year 1 children. The performances will take place on Monday at 10 am and Tuesday at 2 pm at St Mary's Church. We kindly request that you wait to be let into the church so that we can ensure all the children are ready before they get too excited by seeing you all there! Please note that the children will be brought back to school on Tuesday after the performance, where they can change and be dismissed as usual. They will need their costumes for Wednesday, as they will be performing for the rest of the school.

Last Saturday many of our families and children joined the village community at St Mary's church for the Bocking Brass Band concert. It was a wonderful event and many of the children were talking about it in school on Monday. It is lovely to see the school and the community come together for such events and we hope that we can participate in many more.

Lastly, I am delighted to announce that due to the immense success and popularity of last year's school Carol Service, we have decided to organise it again this year. The Carol Service will take place on Monday, the 18th of December, at 2pm. If you attend the service, you may take your child from the church after the service. For those who are unable to attend, we will walk any remaining children back to school after the service to be dismissed as normal. Get ready to embrace the festive spirit and bring your singing voices for an afternoon filled with carols and Christmas readings!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.
Mrs Cagney





STAR OF THE WEEK

Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to:

Leo (EYFS)
Nancy (Yr 1)
Huxley (Yr 2)
Millie C (Yr 3)
Thea (Yr 4)
Hugo (Yr 5)
Teddy B (Yr 6)

AR READERS

Quiz Scores 100%

Year 2 - Ryan, Joseph B, Matilda
Year 3 - Millie C, Isla
Year 4 - Isobel, Thomas
Year 5 - Kaya, Aaron, Elsie-Rose

Word Count Winners

Year 5
328,592

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS



WINNER - Brunel
Year 4

Year 2 - Huxley
Year 3 - Irene
Year 4 - Scarlett
Year 5 - Alaia
Year 6 - Lenny

ATTENDANCE

94% - Year EYFS
 97% - Year 1
 95% - Year 2
 97% - Year 3
 95% - Year 4
 89% - Year 5
 93% - Year 6

Attendance target
95%

CLASSROOM NEWS...

YEAR 3

This term in Year 3 we have learnt all about rocks and soils. We know how metamorphic, sedimentary and igneous rocks are formed, and that they are broken down to form soil. This week we carried out the last part of our work on this, looking at the permeability of different soils. We designed our own experiment to see how fast water drained through a clay, organic or sandy soil. We made sure that it was a fair test by adding the same amount of soil and water to each funnel. Most of us were surprised to find that the most permeable soil was the organic rich one.



YEAR 4

Year 4 had their testing week in swimming which meant we had to swim on our front and backs and do all sorts of things like jumping in the pool, climbing out of the pool and blowing bubbles. We boxed up our own newspaper report in English so that we can write our newspaper text and in maths, we have been multiplying by 10 and 100 and dividing too. In Science, we learned about evaporation and condensation and in history, we learnt about different Ancient Greeks Gods and Goddesses and had to make fact files.

By Year 4 Learning Ambassadors, Freya and Lacey

YEAR 5

In Year 5 this week, we have been completing our shared write: writing a newspaper about our local area. The children have shown a strong understanding of the genre and can confidently explain the different features of a newspaper report. In Maths, we have all shown great perseverance in our learning on Fractions. It has been tricky and confusing at times but everyone has powered on through. As part of our topic on the Anglo Saxons, we have a zoom workshop with volunteers at Sutton Hoo. It was a great opportunity for us to see all the artefacts that were found at the ship burial site and we were able to ask the experts lots of questions to improve our understanding.

YEAR 6

This week saw Year 6 building on all of their learning from our Talk for Writing unit on biographies. They have conducted research and then planned, written and edited their own biography on an inspirational woman from WWII. Ask your child about the person that they chose- I know that you'll be blown away with what they have discovered. In maths, we are really getting to grips with fractions now. We can add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions and are now findings fractions of amounts. Ask your child what KFC means when dividing a fraction (you might be glad to find that it has nothing to do with chicken).