

St. Mary's Newsletter



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Another half-term is complete and it has been a very wet and miserable start to 2026! However, all children in school have been working really hard to continue their learning and take part in lots of exciting things.

Hopefully when we return so will the sunshine and the children can enjoy some nice dry playtimes!

Please take a note of all the dates for your diary below and some important information regarding attendance and other information.

We look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Tuesday 24th February!**

Year 1:

Year 1 had a wonderful time visiting the local mosque this week.

The children learned about the Five Pillars of Islam and explored the different parts of a mosque, gaining a deeper understanding of how Muslims practise their faith. They asked thoughtful questions and showed great curiosity throughout the visit.

In Design Technology, Year 1 also enjoyed making their own layered salads. They practised important food-preparation skills such as cutting and peeling, and proudly created colourful, healthy dishes to take home.

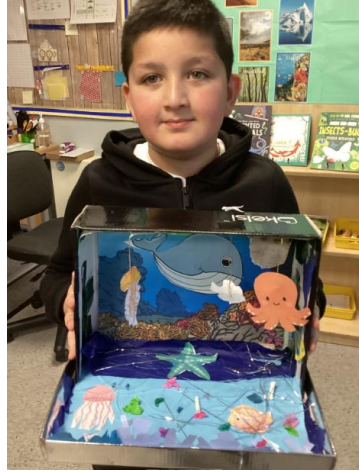


Year 2:

Year 2 have been working hard in DT to design their micro-habitat project linking to our Science unit this half term.



Year 3:

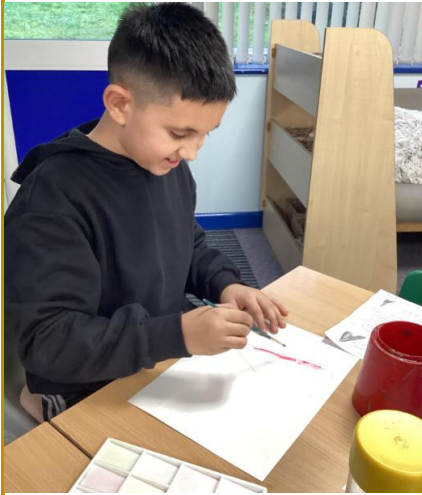


We have been developing gymnastics skills including: balance, jump and roll. We have used floor work and apparatus to create sequences. Year 3 have also been learning about Rivers. We have used atlases to locate rivers in the UL using our own compass. We also used a variety of maps to locate the River Calder and the River Aire. We have been learning about shape in Year 3. We created our own 3D shapes to help us identify edges, faces and vertices



Year 4:

We created pieces of artwork on the theme of 'No to division, yes to respect'. We planned our work before using a range of materials - such as crayons and paint - to bring our ideas to life. A few weeks ago, year 4 had a special visitor who taught us important lessons about first aid. We practised first aid techniques, including how to treat a severe bleed.



Year 5

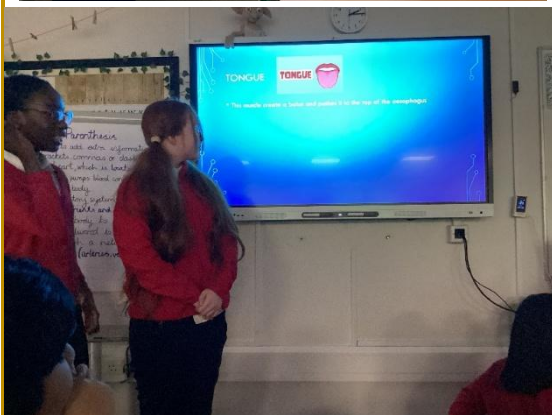
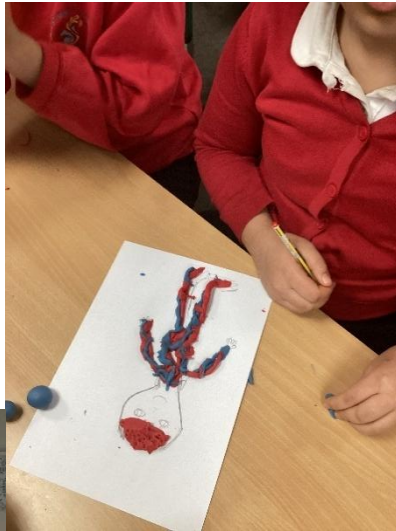
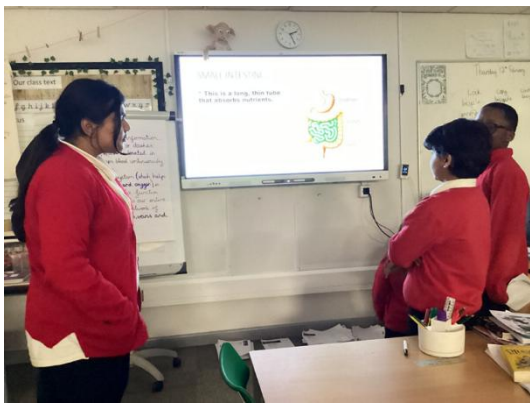
Year 5 visited Wakefield Central Mosque to understand more about their work in Religion and Worldviews about how Muslims are committed to the Five Pillars of Islam in their lives.





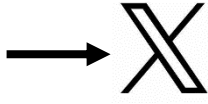
Year 6

Year 6 have been learning how the circulatory system works, including the roles of the heart, blood and blood vessels. They explored the differences between arteries, veins and capillaries, and used Play-Doh to model these structures to help visualise how blood travels around the body. They also learned how to keep their hearts healthy through exercise, diet and positive lifestyle choices. Pupils brought their learning together in a PowerPoint presentation to share their understanding.





Monday 23rd February- INSET Day- school closed
Tuesday 3rd March- Y4 trip to Jorvik
Thursday 5th March- World Book Day- More information to follow
Thursday 12th March- Y1 trip to Cathedral
Friday 13th March- British Science Day
Wednesday 18th March- Y6 trip to Cathedral
Tuesday 24th March and Wednesday 25th March- Parents Evening



Twitter has changed its name to X. Make sure your browser/device is up to date to view all the wonderful things your children are doing at home.
Please **follow us** on: <https://twitter.com/StMarysCofEPri1> to see a snapshot of what happens in school.
Remember you can tweet any interesting photographs of children learning at home.

Please remember to visit our **School Website**, which has information about the School Day, the correct uniform, and Holiday Dates and Events <https://stmarysprimarywakefield.co.uk/>

There is a **translate button** on the homescreen which changes the coded text into the language chosen. Let us know if your language is missing.
The website shows the latest photos from Twitter if you do not have an account.

Additional Notes

Attendance- PLEASE READ!

Remember to phone 01924 303625 and press option 1 or email office@stmaryswakefield.co.uk before school starts if your child is going to be absent. Give the full name of the child, their class and a clear detailed reason why they are absent from school. We cannot accept they are not well, sick or poorly we need to know the exact reasons. If a child is absent for more than 2 days please phone or email again to update us.

Information- PLEASE READ!

School has a new computer system and we are starting to use the email function to message parents when children are absent and have not phoned to let us know. We will be starting to use email more and texting less over the next few months so make sure to check your emails on a regular basis.

School Meals - After the holidays our Cook would like to offer 3 different sandwich filling choices and 3 different jacket potato options each day, this is to help those children who only order if it is a certain filling and feels this would widen their choice each day. Please remember if your child is in Upper Foundation (Reception), Year 1 and Year 2 they are entitled to a free meal each day as part of the Government Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme.

Parent/Carer Support/Drop In

Miss Simpson would like to invite Parents/Carers to a Support Drop In session. Miss Simpson is happy to help fill out forms/applications and offer support and advice where necessary. These sessions are appointment only and will run on Tuesday and Thursday Mornings 9:30am-10:30am. Appointments can be booked on 01924 303625, email office@stmaryswakefield.co.uk or book in person.

Outstanding Payments/Parent Pay

Please can you ensure that you check your ParentPay Accounts for any information and outstanding payments including trips, visits, clubs and school dinner fees on <https://www.parentpay.com/>. If you are having issues with your account please contact the school office on 01924 303625, email office@stmaryswakefield.co.uk or in person.

