



*"Do Everything in Love"*  
*Corinthians 16:14*

## Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024

2024 is a special year for St Mary's, as it marks 125 years since the School was founded.



To put this in historical context, the railway reached Kettering in 1857; a waterworks opened in 1872, Kettering District Council in 1894 and Kettering General Hospital opened in 1897. The public library did not open until 1904, the same year Kettering gained an electricity supply. Wicksteed Park opened in 1921!

The School was founded, soon after St Mary's Church, to serve the new community of houses that grew up around the new manufacturing industry of the town. The school roll very quickly grew to over 200 and the first HMI Report (the original OFSTED!) noted this rapid growth and commented on the good progress made by the children.

This continued and the following report praised the staff for maintaining its standards as a 'very good school'.

I am proud to say that in this respect nothing has changed in 125 years! Today, 125 years on, the School continues to serve largely the same community, giving its children the best education and start in life that it can. That was on display only last Saturday at the *Love the World* event at St Mary's – lots of fun and creative activities to encourage children and their families to think about what they can do for our environment.

I hope that this 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary will help us all appreciate and value the School, its history and legacy to the community. We are all part of that and our job is to build on the work of our predecessors, be our best selves and contribute towards a brighter future for all.

Just a reminder to all that our school will be closed on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May as our facilities are being used as a polling station.

*Mark Broughton*

Chair of Governors



# Celebrating Diversity and Identity

Cultural celebrations foster respect and open-mindedness for other cultures. Celebrating our differences, as well as our common interests, helps unite and educate us. To understand other's perspectives, to broaden our own, and to fully experience and educate ourselves.

After a long process, both Franek and Maria have been granted British Citizenship. We are extremely happy for them.

[Celebrating Identity & Diversity \(antibullyingpro.com\)](http://antibullyingpro.com)



# Diary Dates

Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Wicksteed Park Heritage Fair where St Mary's will be holding a stall with memories from the years to celebrate its upcoming 125 <sup>th</sup> year.
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	School closed for Polling Day
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday- School closed to Pupils
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Bright Sparks Trip to the Royal Festival Hall in London
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Stay and Play Session for Pre-School children
23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Key Stage 1 Reading Cafe
27 <sup>th</sup> May	Last Day of term
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Pupils Return to school
12 <sup>th</sup> June	STEAM Trip Year 6
13 <sup>th</sup> June	EYFS Induction Evening 5-7pm
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Thank a Teacher Day
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Training Day- School closed to pupils
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Key Stage 1- parents in for Maths Lesson
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Key Stage 1- Twycross Zoo Trip

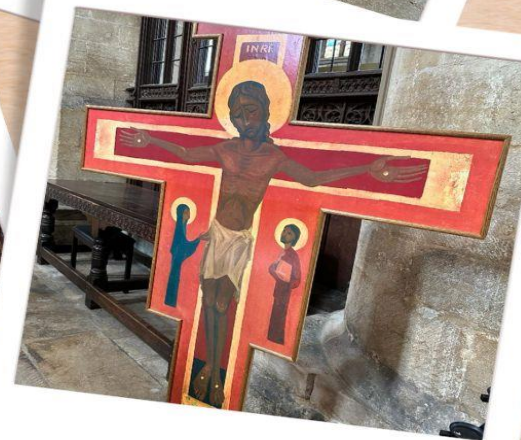
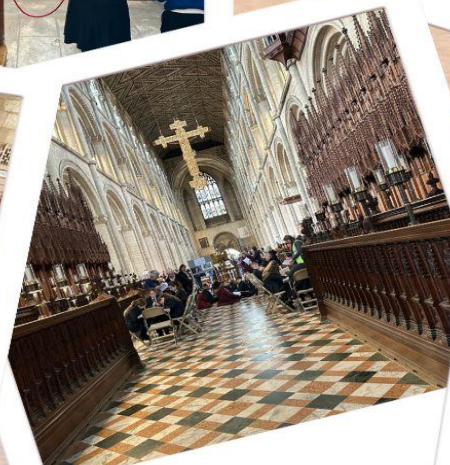


2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Key Stage 2- Parents invited to Maths Lesson
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Rock Kidz Day! - Come to school dressed as rock stars!
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Key Stage 2 West Midlands Safari Trip
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Key Stage 2 "Have a go" - Skateboarding
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Key Stage 1 and EYFS "Have a go" - Dance
10 <sup>th</sup> July	"Have a go" - Fencing
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 visit to Hope UK
11 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS Sports Afternoon - 2pm
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Dove and Lion's sports day- 11am-12:15pm
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Lambs, Eagles and Leopards sports day- 1:45pm-3:00pm
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Dolphin, Bee and Deer sports day- 9:15am-10:30am
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Stay and Play Session for pre-school children 1:30pm-3:15pm
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term- Church service at 2pm- all welcome!



# Our Trip to Peterborough Cathedral

Some of our year 5 pupils experienced a pilgrimage at our Mother Church, Peterborough Cathedral this Tuesday. The pupils learned about the origins of the site, where over 1400 years ago monks worshiped in the Abbey. This magnificent building took over 120 years to create nearly 600 years ago. The pupils learnt about how the building was created and the day concluded with a wonderful service led by Canon Tim.







# St Mary's Primary School



## Star of the Week

22nd - 26th April 2024

### EYFS

VICTORIA  
& JOANNE



### YEAR 1/2

SIRENE



### YEAR 3/4

WHOLE  
CLASS



### YEAR 1

JASON



### YEAR 5/6

ANNABELLE



### YEAR 6

WHOLE CLASS



### YEAR 3

ROHELIA



### YEAR 2

LOLA



### YEAR 4/5

SCARLETT

