



THE ST MARY'S MESSENGER

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE 2026

THIS WEEK

Our children have been working incredibly hard to demonstrate just how much learning they have acquired over the past year. It has been wonderful to see their confidence, resilience and determination shine through in their lessons and end-of-year assessments. We are immensely proud of all their achievements and the progress they have made. Every child should feel proud of what they have accomplished.

We were also delighted to see eight of our Year 6 children represent our school at the Inter-School Swimming Gala. They competed with enthusiasm, determination and excellent sportsmanship, bringing home an impressive collection of medals. A special congratulations goes to Isabella Horton, who truly shone like a superstar, swimming her way to multiple gold medals and making us all incredibly proud. Well done to all of our swimmers for being such wonderful ambassadors for our school.

With the current spell of very hot weather, we would like to remind parents and carers to ensure that children come to school prepared for the sun. Please apply sun cream before school and send your child with a named hat every day. We will be limiting time spent outdoors during the hottest parts of the day and making sure children have regular access to drinking water.

To stay sun safe, children are encouraged to:

- Wear a hat whenever they are outside.
- Keep hydrated by drinking plenty of water throughout the day.
- Stay in shaded areas where possible.
- Apply sun cream before arriving at school.
- Take regular breaks from direct sunlight.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep all of our children safe and comfortable during this hot weather. We hope everyone enjoys the sunshine responsibly!

Many Thanks
Diane

STARS OF THE WEEK

Butterfly Class – OJ

Dolphin Class – Pijus

Bee Class – Paula

Deer Class – Joanne & Joel

Lamb Class – Andreea

Eagle Class – Wayne

Leopard Class – Isaiah &

Fernando

Dove Class – Sam

Giraffes – Renesmee &

Debbie

UPCOMING EVENTS

26th JUNE – School Closed

**30th JUNE – Year 6 trip to
Warning Zone**

**7th JULY – Leopards, Eagles &
Lambs trip to Stanwick Lakes**

**14th & 16th July – Arbor parent
tutorial 9 – 9.15**

**17th JULY – Year 6 Leavers
Worship**

17th JULY – End of year service

17th JULY – Close for Summer

3rd SEPT – Return to School



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DAY OF RUGBY

We were lucky enough to be invited to take part in the Northampton Saints School Cup, held at Franklins Gardens on Friday. The cup was aimed at promoting girls rugby and over 200 girls in years 5 or 6, from 20 different schools took part in the event.

Highlights of the day included a full stadium tour, and the opportunity to meet all of the Northampton Saints players prior to them heading off to Twickenham, where they were successful in winning the Premiership Title for only the third time in the clubs history.

In the afternoon, our team of 13 girls, took part in a tag rugby tournament held on the pitch. We played Incredibly well, and despite a shaky start, went on to win our last three games. I was really proud of the resilience and persistence the girls showed and the improvement in each game.

A special mention must go out to Lydia and Oblation, who steered the team to victory. Lydia providing 12 of the 20 try's the team managed to score.

At the end of the day, the girls were celebrated and got to bring home lots of goodies such as t-shirts, flags and hair bobbles.

On the way back to school, Mr Burdett and I were foolish enough to think the children would be tired, but were instead given a rendition of "Oh when the Saints go Marching in" on repeat!

It was a fantastic day and we are incredibly proud of all of the girls who took part!

Ben



SWIMMING GALA

As mentioned in Mrs Wright's message, on Wednesday, 8 children from year 6 represented the school in the Kettering schools Swimming Gala. Isabella Horton won Gold in the Girls Freestyle, along with Daniel Franja who won Silver in the boys event. Nathan Gaszak also won Bronze in the Boys Breaststroke. We were also very successful in winning medals in the relay races, eventually finishing in 4th place overall on the medal table.

However, success doesn't just mean winning medals and we must celebrate the fantastic progress and effort put in by the children. At the start of the year, 4 of the 8 children who represented the school in the event were unable to swim 25 metres. These children have worked incredibly hard in their lessons, progressing to a level where they were able to take part and compete.

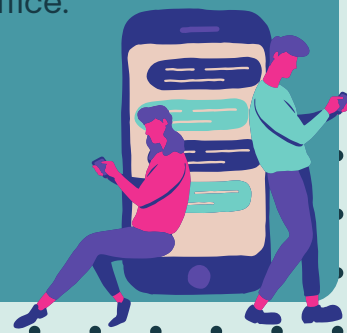
ARBOR PARENT TUTORIAL

Having problems booking clubs?

Don't know how to give consent for trips or make payments?

At 9am on Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th July, we are running parent friendly tutorials on everything Arbor related.

If you have any further questions, please contact the school office.



SUMMER FAMILY EVENTS



SUMMER DISCOS

Friday 28th August & Friday 11th September - 6pm - 10pm

Market Place, NN16 0AJ

Free and family freindly, Kettering's Friday night discos are the place to be. Start the weekend the right way with a boogie in the town centre. DJs Bill Burton and Dave Bellamy bring the tunes, you bring the moves.

SKATEBOARDING DAYS

Saturday 20th June & Saturday 28th August

Ise Lodge Skate Park, Grantown Close, NN15 5DJ

Open to all, from beginners to experts, hosted by Illicit Skateboards. There will be prizes to be won with a series of competitions throughout the day.

Illicit



ROMAN FEST

Saturday 25th & Sunday 26th July.

Chester House, Irchester, NN8 2DH

Roman army displays, craft activities, live demonstrations - plus a variety of stalls run by museums, local societies and professional archaeologists.

SUMMER FAMILY EVENTS



KETTERING BY THE SEA

Tuesday 21st July - Tuesday 11th August - 10am - 4pm

Market Place, NN16 0AJ

Families can enjoy a fun, free day out as the square is transformed into a traditional British Seaside escape.

LOVE FOOD EVENT

Sunday 30th August - 10am - 5pm

Wicksteed Park, Barton Road, NN15 6NJ

All the best local street food traders in one place. There is a fantastic range to choose, as well as, lots of produce to be taken away. The hardest thing is deciding what to buy.



BANDS IN THE PARK

Every Sunday from 21st June - 23rd August

Rockingham Road Pleasure Park, NN16 9RG

21st June - Kettering Town Silver Band
28th June - Mojo Mules
5th July - Revellers Steel Band
12th July - Moulton 77
19th July - The Conundrum
26th July - ROSA
2nd August - Epigone Jazz
9th August - Sam Wilkinson Band
16th August - Rushden Mission Band
23rd August - Dee-Ja Vu