



THE ST MARY'S MESSENGER

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026

THIS WEEK

Dear Parents

I hope that you have had a wonderful week.

One of the greatest joys of the new OPAL playtime programme is seeing the kindness, care and friendship that flourish among our children each day. Whether they are helping one another build, create, solve problems or simply including others in their games, our pupils are demonstrating the value of community in a truly wonderful way. These moments remind us of the words in Hebrews 10:24-25: "Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds... encouraging one another." It is heartening to see our children living out this message so naturally, showing that a strong and caring community is built through small acts of kindness, encouragement and belonging.

This sense of community has been especially evident as our new EYFS children have begun staying for lunch. It has been a delight to watch our Year 6 pupils embrace their responsibility as a caring role model, offering reassurance, companionship and a helping hand to our youngest children as they settle into school life.

We have also enjoyed the exciting start to our after-school clubs, with children enthusiastically engaging in a wide range of opportunities including Comic Book Club, Dance, Football and Girls' Tag Rugby. Seeing pupils try new activities, develop new skills and build friendships across year groups is a wonderful reminder of the strength and warmth of our school family.

Have a lovely peaceful weekend with your family.

With blessings

Diane Wright

KIDS CORNER

Guess the teachers

We've merged the faces of three teachers, can you guess who they are?



KEY DATES

22nd September – 9am Year 2 Maths lesson demo and forum for parents

30th September – 9am Year 3 & 4 Maths forum for parents

1st October – 2.30pm Phonics demo and meeting for parents

7th October – KS1 trip to Wicksteed Park

8th October – 2pm OPAL presentation to parents

14th October – 9.15am EYFS read-a-long with your child

20th October – 2.45pm Lions class worship

23rd October – 2.45pm Leopards class worship

23rd October – Break for half term

3rd November – Return to school



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5 C's of Online Safety

Consent - Do you give permission ?

Content - What are you viewing ?

Conduct - How are you behaving?

Contact - Who are you talking to?

Commerce - Are you spending any money?



Staying Safe Online

We teach our children about how to stay safe online, following our 5 C's of online safety.

Consent - Do you give permission for people to use your image or video?

Content - What are you viewing, is it age appropriate?

Conduct - How are you behaving, are you being kind?

Contact - Who are you talking to, do you know them outside of the internet?

Commerce - Are you spending money?

This week in Praise Party, we have talked through the 5 C's with our children, so please ask them to teach you at home 😊.

OUR INCLUSION TEAM

We all find parenting tricky from time to time, and sometimes require additional help to support our children or family. Whether this is due to special educational needs, behaviour, medical needs, financial or housing issues or anything else that crops up along the way, our inclusion team are committed to supporting all children and their families. The team has a wealth of experience and knowledge in lots of different areas. Feel assured that you need some non-judgemental help or support, contact our inclusion team via the school office and we will do our best to support you.



Mr. Ben Collins

DSL, Parenting Support,
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Ms. Hannah Starkey

DSL, Deputy Headteacher,
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Mrs. Michelle Dix

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