THE ST MARY'S MESSENGER

FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2026

THIS WEEK

Dear Parents and Carers

This week, Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic trip to the Gurdwara. The adults leading the tour were very impressed with the excellent behaviour of our children. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn about the Sikh religion and gain a deeper understanding through hands-on experiences.
In KS1, children have been learning all about microhabitats. Why not go on a bug hunt this weekend and see what creatures you can find in your garden or local park?
We have also been focusing on our values of responsibility and integrity. Less than a month ago, the school bought £90 worth of soft sponge footballs, and only one remains. Please help us by reminding your children to take care of school equipment.
Finally, a beautiful rainbow appeared over St Mary's yesterday, reminding us of God's love and the hope we have for every member of our school family.

With Blessings
Diane Wright





GUDWARA TRIP

After learning about Sikhism in their RE lessons, Lambs and Eagles visited the Kettering Gurdwara on Kings Street.

The children and staff received a warm welcome and learnt about the Five Ks and their importance to Sikhs around the world. Following Sikh traditions, everyone removed their shoes, washed their hands and covered their hair before entering the prayer room.

The children watched the Granthi reading from the Guru Granth Sahib Ji, the holy scripture and eternal living Guru of Sikhism. This helped them understand the importance of worship and respect within the Sikh faith.

It was a fascinating visit that brought their learning to life. The children showed great respect throughout and asked thoughtful questions. We would like to thank everyone at the Kettering Gurdwara for making us feel so welcome.

KEY DATES

25th November - 4.45pm - 5.45pm - KS2 Reading under the stars
4th December - Non-Uniform Day - Wear something festive - bring an item for the Christmas Hamper Raffle
8th December - 9.10am - EYFS & KS1 Nativity
9th December - 9.10 am & 2pm - EYFS & KS1 Nativity
10th December - 9 - 10am - Whole school English Forum
10th December - School Disco - 4.15 - 5pm EYFS, 5.15pm - 6pm KS1, 6.15pm - 7pm KS2
11th December - Lambs, Eagles and Leopards trip to Lighthouse theatre
15th December - Christmas Lunch
16th December - Lions and Doves trip to Lighthouse theatre
17th December - 9am & 1.15pm - Carol concert at St Mary's Church
18th December - 1pm - Christmas service at St Mary's Church

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NON-UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER



WEAR SOMETHING CHRISTMAS THEMED

Jumpers, festive hats, tinsel & sparkly accessories!



BRING AN ITEM FOR THE CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Festive treats, toiletries & toys welcome

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR FESTIVE FUNDRAISER!

School Christmas Disco

Thursday 10th December

EYFS

4.15-5pm

£3 per child

including a snack - parents welcome

KS1
5-5.45pm

KS2
6-6.45pm

£2 per child

plus max £2 for Tuck Shop