

**ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NURSERY**  
**NEWSLETTER – 14<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022**

**SCHOOL NEWS**

It has been a very challenging week as upto 30% of our teaching and support staff have been absent due to a range of reasons. As you may have heard, there has been a national shortage of supply teachers as all schools try to manage during the pandemic. Unfortunately, the Nursery Class bubble will remain closed until Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Staff have worked extremely hard to ensure St Mary's School remains open and we are very grateful for their commitment and flexibility. We are also very proud that all the children have behaved so well and adapted positively to changes in routines.

We have now received our delivery, so Breakfast Bagels will be available for all children from Monday – children can come into school from 8.40 am (with Year 6 helpers coming in at 8.30 am).

**SCHOOL VISITORS**

Our EYFS and Year 5 pupils were treated to a visit from the "Space Dome" on Monday. A Large Dome was set up in the hall and children entered into the Dome and learnt about space through an amazing audio and visual presentation.

The Bikeability Team came into school to work with our Year 6 pupils this week. The children learnt how to ride a bike safely and about road safety awareness. They received a badge, certificate and bike booklet for their hard work.



**SWIMMING**

Year 4 and Year 5 have had a great start to their swimming lessons as part of the PE National Curriculum. Swimming will continue for these classes until the Easter holidays.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

There will be no activity-based After School Clubs next week due to staffing shortages, with the exception of Abigail's Trail which will go ahead on Tuesday. Busy Kids After School Club will still be available until 5.15 pm each school day.

## HEADLICE

We have increasing cases of headlice recurring within classes. We must ask that all parents and carers check their children's heads and treat where necessary. This will hopefully eradicate the problem as much as possible. If staff notice that children have headlice, parents will be contacted and asked to collect their child for treatment. After treatment, children can return to school the same day.

## WEEKLY AWARDS

### STAR OF THE WEEK

Nursery – Sophie Travis  
Reception – Evelyn Stephens  
Year 1 – Primrose Chan  
Year 2 – Franc Fera  
Year 3 – Daniel Murfitt  
Year 4 - Bentley Meades and Annabelle Gjeta  
Year 5 – Brandon Crowshaw  
Year 6J – Shad Abubakr  
Year 6K – Serena Raby



## ATTENDANCE

Here are our attendance figures for this week. The winning class will receive £10 for class treats.

Reception	96.5%
Year 1	84.4%
Year 2	90.2%
Year 3	76.2%
Year 4	97.2%
Year 5	85.3%
Year 6J (Mrs Jackson)	90.6%
<b>Year 6K (Mrs Knowles)</b>	<b>97.4% (Winner)</b>



**Weekly Overall School Attendance is 89.0%**

## BIBLE QUOTE OF THE WEEK



**John, 4:14**