



*“With Christ as our guide we let our light shine.”*

## A Message from Mrs. Yuen...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have been gathering pupil voice across the school, finding out what is going well and where we can improve. It has been really interesting hearing their views. Now that the children are enjoying playing more on the school fields a common theme appeared to be goal posts! They will be pleased I'm sure to know that new goal posts are on order we are just waiting for them to arrive – which we hope will be soon.

Our Year 6 pupils are focusing on their learning in preparation for SATs Week, which begins on Monday 13th May. As is tradition at St Mary's, We will be hosting a complimentary Breakfast Club for Year 6 pupils during SATs week – more information will be sent to parents in the coming days about our arrangements.

Please remember that school is closed on Monday 6th May for the Early May Bank Holiday. We look forward to seeing all of the children back in school on **Tuesday**.

We hope you enjoy the long weekend

**Best Wishes**

**Mrs Yuen**



## Term Dates

### 15th April- Start of Term and Easter celebration day

24th April – Alice in Wonderland School Theatre  
Visit for all classes

### 6th May- Bank Holiday- School Closed

10th May – Butterfly Project safeguarding Assembly Y3-6

### 13th -16th May – SATs Week for Year 6

20th May - The Big Sing for Year 4 at Derngate Theatre

### 27th May- 31st May Half - term Holiday

## Eco Stewards update

Today our Eco Stewards had their next meeting collaborating with other Eco Teams across the trust. They found out the winner of the Eco Stewards badge design and all schools will be receiving their new badges over the next week. They had two guest speakers from Anglian water to talk about a water audit in school and found out that we live in the area of the UK that has the most water deprivation, so our water has to go a very long way. They discussed the impact on habitats and wildlife as we take our water from rivers and lakes. Also a carbon impact from cleaning the water we need. In schools we are looking at ways we can reduce our water use. The Eco stewards are going to be sharing this with the school and encourage all of us to look at simple ways we can reduce water usage, saving our water and our pennies!



## Sunshine and Sunflowers



Our Reception children have been learning about plants and exploring seeds.

They have also planted their own sunflower seed and have been looking after them to make sure they grow.



## Weeding and planting!

Children from all years have been working hard weeding and preparing our beds for planting. We have some seeds in trays that we hope will be successful in growing. We planted a mix of vegetables and flowers! If anybody loves gardens and is dividing plants and finding they have an abundance and they are not sure what to do with them-we would give them a lovely home!



## Our Little Lending Library is very popular!



Many families are using the little lending library, which has been great to see. Please do have a look and take a book! Then return it and choose another. Enjoy!

Aspiration-Resilience-Awareness-Compassion





**"ALLELUIA!"**

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