



*"With Christ as our guide, we let our light shine."*

## A Message from Mrs Yuen...

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and productive week in school, with the children continuing to impress us with their positive attitudes to learning and their enthusiasm across the curriculum. It has been wonderful to see classrooms buzzing with focus and energy.

I was particularly delighted to restart our Peacemaker Group at lunchtime this week. We had a fantastic response from our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils, with lots of children keen to take part. Their enthusiasm and willingness to support one another was lovely to see, and I am really looking forward to working with them over the coming weeks as they develop their skills in cooperation and empathy.

As we approach the final week of this half term, there is still plenty to look forward to. Next week we will be holding our whole-school Fit Fence event, which promises to be a fun and active opportunity for all pupils to take part together. You will have also received information about the extra after school sessions we are hosting after half term. Booking is open now for new extra-curricular clubs at St Mary's: Football, STEM, Dodgeball, Gymnastics and Art and craft. Please see [www.rhinosportsacademy.co.uk](http://www.rhinosportsacademy.co.uk) to book your child's place and the attached flyer for further information.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. It really does make a difference, and we look forward to sharing more of the children's successes with you next week.

Best Wishes  
Mrs Yuen

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## The Presentation of the Lord



Year 1 have proudly finished making their clay candle holders, which were used in a special prayer service for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in The Marian Room. During the service, the children reflected on the symbol of light, reminding us that Jesus is the light of the world. Their beautiful pots helped create a calm and prayerful atmosphere and showed the care and creativity the children put into their work

## Key Dates

Lent Term 2026

**21<sup>st</sup> January** – Sports Festival at Benham  
**13<sup>th</sup> February** – Fit Fence whole school Event

**Half Term:**

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2026-Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**18<sup>th</sup> February** – Ash Wednesday

**3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents Evenings

**5<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day

**13<sup>th</sup> March**- Non-Uniform Day in support of Lenten Charities

**16<sup>th</sup> March** – Rise Theatre whole school event day

**27<sup>th</sup> March** – End of term

## Filtering in Science



Year 5 have been exploring the process of filtering and learning about testable questions and how to answer them.

## Seasonal Changes in Year 1



Year 1 have been learning all about seasons this week. They also went on a walk around the school to observe the trees then made their own finger paintings to show what happens to the trees in each season.

## Exploring shape in Gymnastics- Year 5



This week in Year 5 gymnastics, students have been experimenting with a variety of shapes, balances and travelling actions on and through equipment. They've been working creatively to link these movements together, bringing together the key skills they've developed over the past four weeks.

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## WHO WE ARE

Rhino Sports Academy is an Ofsted registered, innovative coaching and childcare company dedicated to raising the standard of teaching and learning in local schools. We're excited to announce that we'll be partnering with your school this Spring Term! Our team of enthusiastic and passionate coaches are committed to bringing energy, expertise and enthusiasm to every session.

Joining Rhino Sports Academy gives students the chance to thrive in a fun, skill-building environment where they develop leadership skills, embrace healthy competition, discover new abilities, and grow their existing interests and talents. We're also thrilled to offer families more flexibility by accepting multiple childcare vouchers as well as Tax-Free Childcare.

## WHAT WE OFFER AT ST MARY'S

- MONDAY - Dodgeball KS2 - 8 - 8.45 AM
- MONDAY - Gymnastics - 3.15 - 4.15 PM
- WEDNESDAY - Arts and Crafts - 3.15 - 4.15 PM
- FRIDAY - STEM Club - 8 - 8.45 AM
- FRIDAY - Football KS2 - 3.15 - 4.15 PM

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