



## St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 2 Week 3

Friday 20th November

### Information from Starfish Malawi Newsletter

Thank you for your continued support of Starfish Malawi. Without your donations and prayers, the work would not be possible. We thank God every day for what He is doing in Malawi and here with us in the UK. This month, we have 3 stories we want to share:

**The Hungry Period**, January to April each year, when maize stocks from the previous year's harvest run low and costs of a 50kg bag rises is always a difficult time. This year the charity will continue to purchase and distribute maize and plans to start a 'maize fund'. More details at [admin@starfishmalawi.com](mailto:admin@starfishmalawi.com)

A date has now been agreed for **the delivery container** to be packed prior to its journey to Malawi - 15th-26th March. Again, contact [admin@starfishmalawi.com](mailto:admin@starfishmalawi.com) if more details are required.

Finally, a date has been set for the next **'sponsored walk'** at Bewl Water, **Saturday 19th June 2021**, when money is raised for the Glad Tidings Orphan Care project (which to date has raised an amazing £11,000!)



### British Citizen

This week's British Citizen award goes to **Noah** in Maple Class for being a really kind friend to others in his class and playing with everyone.

**Well done, Noah!**



### Attendance

Whole school: week: **98.8%**  
year: **96.4%**

Maple: **100%** Cherry: **97.5%**  
Willow: **98.5%** Lilac: **100%**



**Less than 94.9% - Red** 95 to 96.4% - **Amber**  
**96.5 to 99.9% - Green** **100% - Gold**

### Top Tips

- **Letters home:** whole school: updates regards playground work, Christmas Dinner sign up, Nativity permission, Willow Class: swimming letters and individual pupils: End of Term Service.
- **PTFA:** please support your PTFA (information inside)
- **Keeping Warm:** our Covid-19 Risk Assessment means doors and windows are open to provide ventilation. Please ensure your children have enough layers to keep them warm in school!
- **Parent Consultations:** Tuesday and Thursday next week, plus individual dates.
- **Nativity songs** are now on the website for practising at home!



### Learning Powers Certificate

In our Celebration Assembly today, the following children celebrated their achievements:

**Maple:** Jessica

**Cherry:** Amelia

**Willow:** Joshua

**Lilac:** Verity



Linking Lemur



Brave Bee



Curious Cat



Persevering Parrot



Concentrating Crocodile

**Well done to all!**

If you need the newsletter, or any other school letter, to be in a different format, please speak with Mrs Funnell in the school office.

If you need help or support with access to any information, please also contact Mrs Funnell.

### Sports Award

This week the awards go to:

**Zara:** for excellent ball skills and control demonstrated in football!

**Amelia:** for confident and controlled stick work in hockey!

**Evalyn:** for great all round performance and much improved dribbling skills

**Thomas:** for good listening and excellent participation during PE

**Well done to you all!**



### Reading Reward Scheme

Thank you for your ongoing support in totting up the minutes read at home, and the additional comments you make.

Reading Records are checked weekly in school by the class teacher or teaching assistant and minutes are counted for the class total.

This week's results for our Reward Scheme:

**Maple:** 676 minutes    **Cherry:** 1,301 minutes

**Willow:** 1,308 minutes    **Lilac:** 2,080 minutes

**Well done, Lilac!**



### Library

This week, Miss Lewis came to visit to help us begin to sort out the fiction books in the library. We are introducing a new Free Reading book scheme to help children find a free-reading book at a suitable level for them and will write to tell you more about this soon. Miss Lewis is helping us sort through all the fiction books we have to update our library and ensure that all children can find a story book that they are excited to read. Thank you, Miss Lewis! We can't wait to begin to explore all the new books we have

### Library Heroes

Following the letters sent out in October, we would like to thank two Library Heroes.



**Vector Resourcing Ltd** made a fabulous donation that will buy many books for our Library update and thanks go to them and their Operations Director, Genna. If you would like to learn more about what they do, please go to: [www.vector-uk.com](http://www.vector-uk.com)



Our second hero is Rebecca from **Busy Bees Cleaning Company**, who has set up a standing order to be paid every month towards new books for the school.

Visit: <https://www.thebusybeescleaningcompany.com/>

**THANK YOU!**



### Wildlife Explorers

The Eco-Club members (Lilac Class), are establishing our new pond. Having cleared leaves from the water last week, they have put netting over the top to stop the leaves from polluting the pond.

They washed gravel and put it at the bottom of the pond for water plants to root into.

We hope to add the plants to oxygenate the water next week.



### Thank You!



### Inter-House Cross Country - Results

Maple raced 200m

Cherry raced 600m

Willow raced 1000m

Lilac raced 1500m

Winning Boy & Girl of each race were as follows  
(child highlighted was overall race winner):

Maple Boy – **Reece** / Maple Girl – Jessica

Cherry Boy – **Tiago** / Cherry Girl – Evalyn

Willow Boy – **Brax** / Willow Girl – Megan

Lilac Boy – Jacob / Lilac Girl – **Ashleigh**

### KS1 House Winners – Cuckmere

(2<sup>nd</sup> Rother, 3<sup>rd</sup> Medway, 4<sup>th</sup> Teise)

### KS2 House Winners – Joint 1<sup>st</sup> Medway, Rother & Teise

(4<sup>th</sup> Cuckmere)

### Overall House Winners – Rother

(2<sup>nd</sup> Medway, Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> Teise & Cuckmere)

Well done to everyone who took part!

### Technology

We have been working hard to put together online learning for times when you may need to be isolating at home or if we enter another



period of full lockdown. As this is all 'online,' please contact the school on 01892 770221, if you need help to access technology (i.e. laptops or broadband) to support this within your home.





## **Willow Class and Lilac Class - Ashdown Forest, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Willow and Lilac spent a brilliant day out in the forest exploring both the history and geography of this wonderful local landscape. Thank you very much to all the parents who joined us to help out and to all those



who picked up and dropped off.

During the map work session, the children began by exploring a simple map made of discs on the ground. Here, they got to grips with the 8 points of the compass. Once they had mastered this, they began to map the forest school area, using their knowledge of human and physical features from Geography. The children were so amazing at this, they were able to put their new map skills into practice by following a trail map across the forest.

On our 'walk through time', we discovered how the Ashdown Forest had been used in different ways at different times in the past, by playing games along the way. We learnt how the Normans used the landscape as a royal hunting forest, the Anglo-Saxons to fatten up their pigs and how the commoners collected heather and bracken plants for animal and human bedding. Lastly, the children went back in time to the stone age and had a go at sharpening sticks with sandstone.

### **Impact / Knowledge Gained**

The children are now able to:

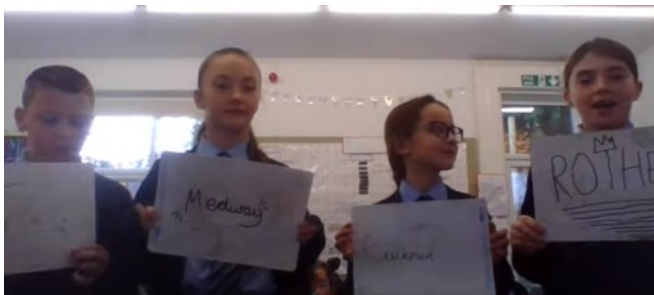
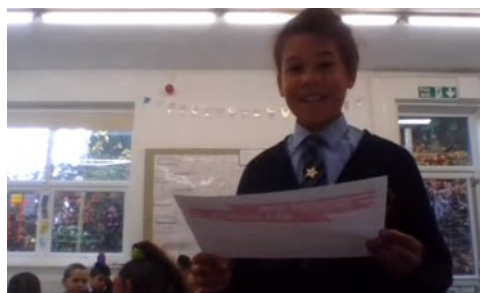
- use a variety of maps of different scales and types
- use the 8 points of the compass
- compare real life geographical features with those shown on a map
- understand that the Ashdown Forest has been used in different ways at different times in the past
- understand that the history of the Forest has shaped what we see today and the way it is looked after today reflects its history
- to notice clues in the landscape that tell us about the past.





## Celebration Assembly

Every Friday morning we have our virtual Celebration assembly as a whole school! It's a brilliant opportunity to see the whole school together and lovely to see the children waving to their friends in other classes. We celebrate those who have been on Blue or the Star during the week, as well as giving out Learner of the Week, Sports Star, British Citizen and awarding the Reading Cup and Attendance Ted to the winning class. We finish each assembly with cheering a big happy birthday to those who have celebrated birthdays in the week - it's the best way to start a Friday morning.



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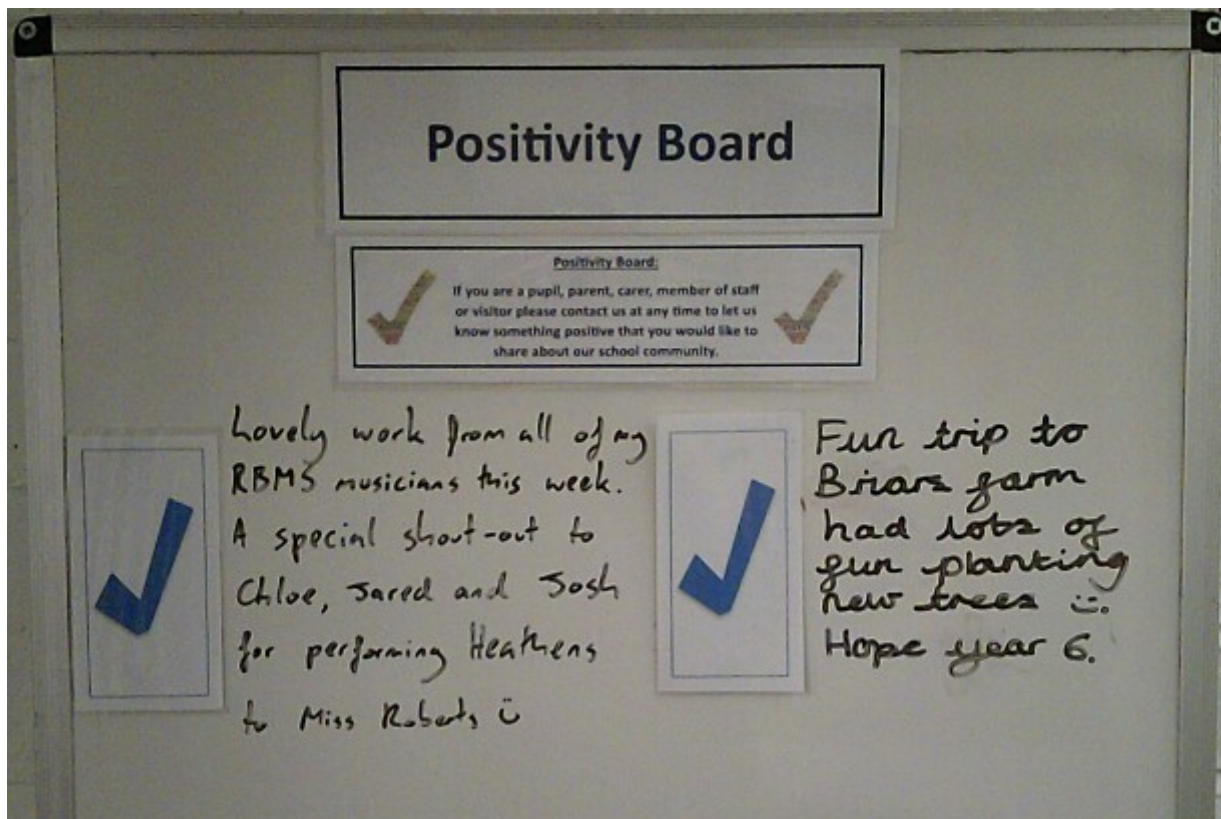
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## Positivity Board

This board enables us to write positive comments, or thoughts, from parents, carers, staff, children and visitors that they would like to share with others about the school, their classes, the children or events.

Please contact us at any time to let us know something that you would like to share. In the newsletter every week, there will be a picture to share and celebrate the positivity within our school.



## Benny

This week, Benny has been helping children fill their 'choosing time,' (hiding treats around the hall) and getting us out and about for fresh air!



As well as getting up to a little mischief!



## A message from your PTFA Chair

St Mary's



With Christmas fast approaching we really need to make the most of the opportunities available to raise extra money for the school. With people locked down and doing a lot of Christmas shopping online, accessing early Black Friday deals, this is more important than ever. I would like to reiterate my message from last week and implore you to take a few minutes to sign up to Amazon Smile and Easy Fundraising. Our school has just over 60 families, last night the Amazon smile metrics show me that only 16 have signed up. Please, please, please take a moment to do this, it benefits your child/ren as any money raised goes straight back into our school.

### **The link for Easy Fundraising:**

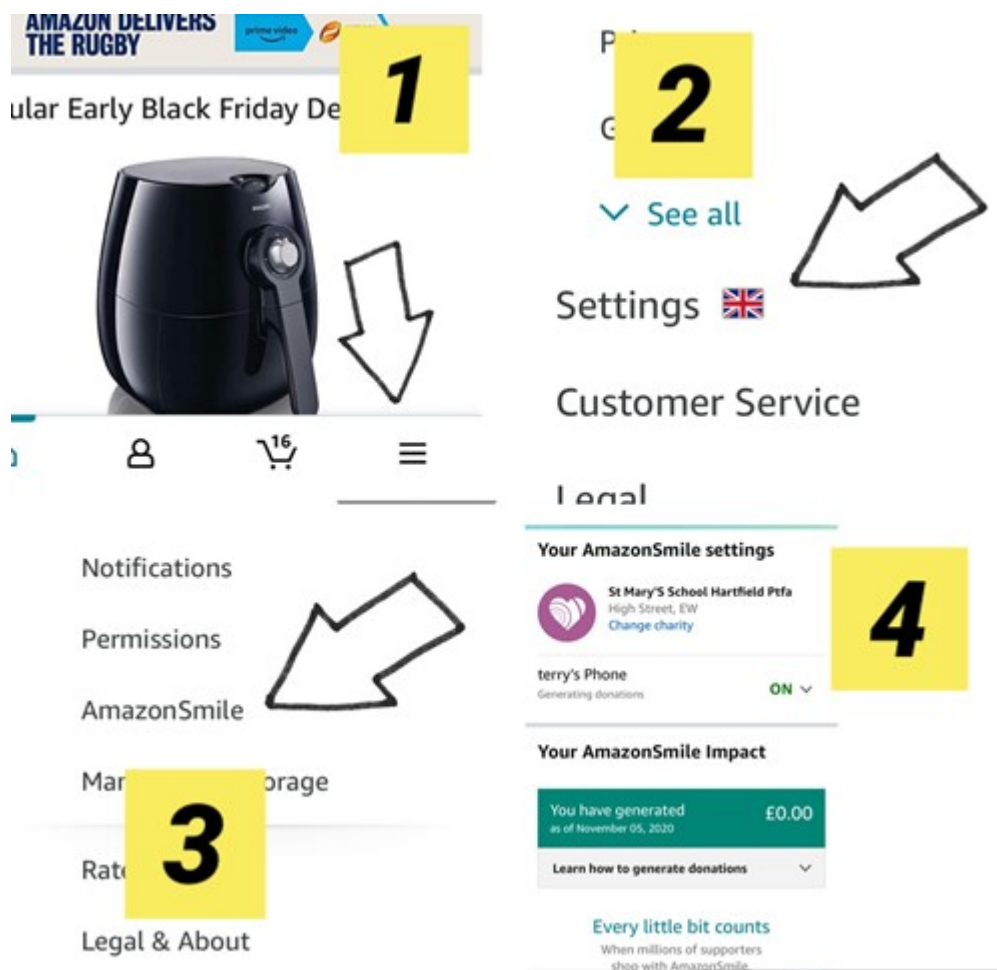
<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/hartfieldschoolpta/>

### **The link and instructions for Amazon Smile:**

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1048046-0>

You have to set up an Amazon smile and nominate St Mary's School Hartfield PTFA and this needs to be done on **ALL** devices you use. Whilst Amazon have provided a link that should take you straight to the page I am aware that on different devices it might differ slightly. If you have trouble finding it on your settings type Amazon smile in the search bar and it should bring up a banner saying *enable Amazon smile*. It also says you need to have the newest update of Amazon. Once it's done it should say your notifications are enabled to ON and that St Mary's is your selected charity. You will need to do this on all devices you use to purchase from Amazon. I've been told sometimes you have to totally log out and then log back in before you can see the Amazon Smile in the settings.

If anyone is having trouble, please let us know and we will be happy to assist.





Christmas is Coming!



Make sure you check school bags as we need slips returned by 27th November please!



### Opportunity

We received information from the 'Blue Peter Team' who thought you may be interested to know that they have now launched [Blue Peter on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter) at CBBC.

They said: "Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and we are uploading videos that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. We also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog."

If you are interested in getting involved you can subscribe free at <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter>



### Opportunity

We have been asked this week by two parents if we would share their new enterprises with you. Please see below for an opportunity to save money on your utilities together with an opportunity for personalised gift ideas. Both flyers have contact details should you wish to look into them further!



Authorised UW Partner

## Save money, by going shopping

- Earn as much as 7% cashback at 50 high street favourites like M&S, Sainsbury's and Boots
- And 1% cashback everywhere else

What's more, when you switch all your home services to UW - energy, broadband, mobile and insurance - you'll save time and money with a single, monthly bill.

### Get in touch to find out more

Victoria Waine  
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1% cashback earned with non-participating retailers applies to your first £1,000 spend every month. There's a one-off, £5 fee for the UW cashback card, which will be applied to your bill, and a £2 monthly fee. The first 5 top-ups each month are free of charge, and just 35p for each top up thereafter. Cashback amounts are credited to your Utility Warehouse bill each month. Cashback partners are valid on the date of going to print. Terms and conditions apply. For a full list of current Cashback partners, go to [uw.co.uk/cashback](http://uw.co.uk/cashback)



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## Well Being Poster

The last couple of posters have looked at maintaining our mental health, this week we look at things we can learn from any mistakes that we make!

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## LESSONS WE CAN LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES



### REFLECTION

Mistakes teach us about what went well and what did not go so well. They allow us to use reflection as a positive learning experience



### PERSPECTIVE

Mistakes allow us to view situations from a different perspective



### COPING

Mistakes teach us about how we cope in certain situations. They help us to prepare more effectively when in similar scenarios



### RESILIENCE

Mistakes teach us about the importance of hard work. They teach us to never ever give up



### PLANNING

Mistakes teach us about organisation and planning. They help us to understand how to improve for the next time



### OBSTACLES

Mistakes teach us about how to overcome obstacles. They help us to evaluate and analyse situations from a new perspective



### RESPONSIBILITY

Mistakes teach us about becoming responsible for our actions.



### TEAMWORK

Mistakes can help to teach us about the importance of teamwork and support.



### PROBLEM SOLVING

Mistakes teach us about the importance of problem solving. They teach us about how to think more effectively to overcome obstacles



### KNOWLEDGE

Mistakes teach us about the importance of learning and continual development to improve skills