



St Mary the Virgin Church of England Primary School

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Term 2 Week 5

Friday 4th December

British Citizen

This week's British Citizen award goes to Charlie for being kind and caring at the end of the day when another child hurt themselves.



Well done, Charlie!

Attendance

Whole school: week: **98.6%**
year: **96.8%**

Maple: **97.1%**

Cherry: **98.9%**

Willow: **99.2%**

Lilac: **98.3%**

Less than 94.9% - Red

95 to 96.4% - Amber

96.5 to 99.9% - Green

100% - Gold



Top Tips

- **Letters home:** Whole School: Christmas Fun Sheets, Cherry and Maple: Health Screening; Willow: Swimming
- **Christmas Jumper Day:** Friday 11th December (£1 donation).
- **Flue Immunisations:** These are on Wednesday 9th December.
- **Christmas Cards:** into school by Friday 11th please, we need to isolate them before giving them out the following week. **No 'licking' the envelopes please!**
- **ParentPay:** Please update your ParentPay



Learning Powers Certificate

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

Maple: Liv

Cherry: Bea

Willow: Luca

Lilac: Ashleigh



Linking Lemur



Brave Bee



Curious Cat



Persevering Parrot



Concentrating Crocodile

Well done to all!



Congratulations

Last weekend, Lucas and Iris undertook a 5km run in support of the Kidscape charity.

They completed their 5km in 41 minutes!

Well done to you both, that is an amazing achievement!



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.

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: 470 minutes

Cherry: 410 minutes

Willow: 2,456 minutes

Lilac: 2,023 minutes

Well done, Willow!



Sports Award

This week, the awards go to:

Kishi: for much improved control and passing technique in Football.

Eva: for excellent Gymnastics work, demonstrating poise, balance and control.

Immy: for great focus and determination during the 10 minute challenge and Football skills

Liv: for independent changing and for excellent running and following instructions during PE.

Well done to you all!



Library

In our Library update this week, the photograph shows how many books we have been able to buy with the initial £500 donated by **Vector Resourcing Ltd**

There are still many books we would like to purchase for the children so if you know of any business or individual who would like to be one of our Library Heroes, please send them our way!



A Message from your PTFA

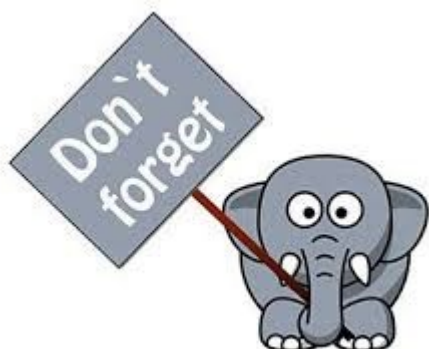
St Mary's



Don't forget that it is Christmas Jumper Day on **Friday 11th December**. Please remember to bring your £1 to raise funds for the school!

Also in book bags this week were the Christmas fun sheets; perhaps you can spend time at the weekend 'spotting the difference' and colouring your pictures while working out what the bear's name might be and how many sweets can be fitted into one jar!

Many thanks



Primary Admissions Deadline for reception pupils and Junior Admissions Deadline for year 3 pupils

The deadline for applying for reception (and year 3 of junior school) places for September 2021 is **15th January 2021**.

If you need to apply for a place in Reception for September 2021, please see the links below.

[E-leaflet- starting school for the first time \(4+\)](#)

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If you know of anyone who needs to apply, please pass the links to them.

For further information parents should contact admissions@eastsussex.gov.uk

Netball

From next term, Miss Roberts is going to run an afterschool Netball Cub on a Wednesday.

This club will be for both boys and girls in Key Stage 2, will be filled on a 'first come, first served' basis and booking will be available from the beginning of next term.



Exciting News!

We were very excited earlier in the week to see that wildlife are already being tempted into the school grounds when we were visited by a pheasant (it was a bit camera shy but hopefully you can make it out in the photo below).



Thank you

A special thank you this week goes to Mr Gray who has been working extremely hard to create a new Play House outside of Maple Class.



Benny



Benny has had such a busy time in school this week ensuring children concentrated on their work, then going out for fresh air (and a bit of puddle jumping!)

He really is an encouragement to us all to keep up with our studies and look after our health.

Wildlife Explorers

Our Wildlife Explorers (Lilac) have had a busy two weeks creating inviting environments for our wildlife friends!



Phoebe and Emilia report:

'Last week in Wildlife Explorers, we got our hands cold and wet planting some water-oxygenating plants in the pond which is near the Reflection Area. It was loads of fun!'



Grace, Hope and Bethan tell us:

'Today (Wednesday) we made a Bug Hotel. We used materials from home like sawdust and moss. Mrs Rowberry brought in things we could use to build the Bug Hotel like old bamboo, paper straws and twigs for the bugs to go through.'

Mr Gray then helped to put the finished hotel on the PTFA shed, where it is protected by the school wall.



Lilac Class Forest School

Thursday 3rd December 2020

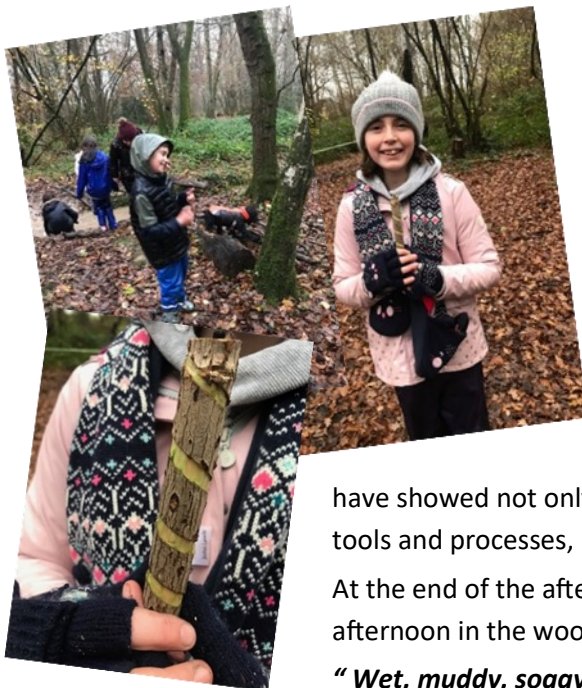
The Impact of Forest School for the children is the knowledge they gain from the Forest School experience. It can be seen through the skills, tools used, art and craft activities, observations and knowledge of the fruit, plants, trees in relation to the seasons, and the skills involved in learning how to play Forest School games. #naturepremium

Today was pouring with rain, but having worked so hard during the week, Lilac class set off with enthusiasm and positivity into the down pour. Once in the woods, we made a fire to warm ourselves and dry off and to use to make some charcoal.



The hammock was fun! As was the chance to walk the dogs Poppy and Indie to the woods.

The stream was fantastically engaging today, due to the downpour. Despite the cold, Lilac class got stuck in with damming the stream and generally getting fully immersed in water!



The tools the children used today were an axe and mallet, to make kindling for the PTFA Christmas sale, charcoal tins and a fire to make charcoal from fresh cut hazel, penknives and screwdrivers to create and carve elder pens for the PTFA Christmas sale. They

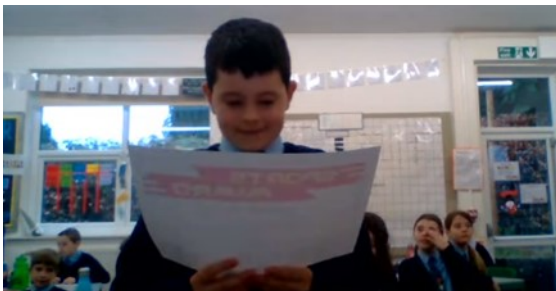
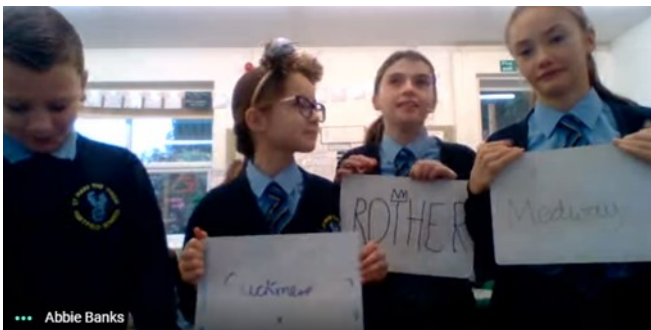


have showed not only great confidence in using tools and processes, but fantastic skills development. Really well done to all. At the end of the afternoon, Lilac Class thought of one word each to describe their afternoon in the woods....

“Wet, muddy, soggy, fun, cold, elder, pen, axing, stream, water, brilliant, fire”

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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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.



A message from Reverend Julie

This week we will be back in our churches to gather for worship. I wanted to let you know what is going on in the month of December. Please find information about our services and how to book.

We also have an online Advent Calendar with a reading for every day and a short reflection.

Smvandhtchurchbookings@gmail.com

Please book for the December services using the booking email above. **WITH YOUR NAME. NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING AND WHICH CHURCH/Date.** You can of course book in for several services as long as you let Andrea know which ones you hope to attend and how many there will be going you.

December 6th Second Sunday in Advent.

St Mary's 9:30am - Morning Worship (Frances Rowberry and small choir to sing)

Holy Trinity 11.00am Morning Prayer followed by short communion. (Frances Rowberry and small choir to sing)

December 13th Third Sunday in Advent

St Mary's 9:30am Christmas Praise followed by short service of communion. We will watch the school end of Year Christmas service in church. (we hope to have a small choir singing carols)

Holy Trinity 11:00 Matins. (we hope to have a small choir singing carols)

December 20th Fourth Sunday in Advent

St Mary's 9:30am Quiet service of prayer and reflection With music and readings.

Holy Trinity 11.00am **Matins with the blessing of the crib (Small choir) The children will be invited to hang a nativity figure on the Christmas Tree and sing a Christmas Carol.**

December 24th Christmas Eve we will be telling the story of the First Christmas and would love you to join us, 4.30pm St Mary's Churchyard. Crib Service. If the children and adults want to dress up as angels, shepherds, sheep or Kings, there will be an opportunity to shine in your family bubbles.

Please remember to book if you want to attend.

11.15pm: St Mary's Midnight with shortened communion.

December 25th

St Mary's 9.30am Christmas Celebration Service

Holy Trinity 11.00am Christmas Celebration Service

December 27th 9.30am St Mary's Short service of Morning Worship with Holy Communion

11.00am Holy Trinity: Short Service of spoken Matins.

There will be no online service on Sunday 27th.

Our [church Advent Calendar](#) will be available on the websites from the **1st December**. There will be a window to click on each day with a recorded reading and a reflection to read. If you miss a day, you can always go back and listen again. www.hartfieldchurch.org & www.colemanshatchchurch.org

Rev Julie



Well Being Poster

As we experience colder, wetter days and having last week looked at how we can make exercise a habit, this week we look the benefits of exercising outdoors (regardless of the weather!)

