St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Roundup

FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2026

Dear Families,

What a wonderful start to the new half term we have had at St Mary's! It has been lovely to welcome our children back looking super smart, full of enthusiasm and ready to learn. We are incredibly proud of how quickly they have settled back into school routines and how beautifully they have been demonstrating the St Mary's Standard.

Thank you to everyone who has took part in the Jarrow March project, we are so impressed with all of them and can't wait to share them with you all.

This week, all classes have begun exciting new topics in RE, History and Art, and the children are already showing great curiosity and creativity.

A gentle reminder to please ensure that your email address is correct and up to date with the school office. We share important information, updates and reminders through Arbor, email, our school website and our Facebook page, so please keep an eye on these to stay informed.

Also, our class newsletters are being shared today, providing families with an overview of what their children will be learning and the exciting opportunities planned for this half term.

We have lots of exciting things happening at St Mary's over the coming weeks, and we cannot wait to share these experiences with our children and families. We look forward to another wonderful half term filled with learning, laughter and opportunities for every child to flourish.

Best Wishes,
Mrs Colley and Mrs Graham

This Weeks Attendance

Class
Reception Class – 96% 12 sessions missed
Year 1 – 95% 17 sessions missed
Year 3 – 94% 16 sessions missed
Year 2 – 93% 18 sessions missed
Year 6 – 91% 26 sessions missed
Year 5 – 90% 30 sessions missed
Year 4 – 88% 33 sessions missed

Attendance Matters

This week, a total of 152 school sessions were missed due to pupil absence. Every session in school is valuable, and missing learning time can have a significant impact on children's wellbeing and progress. We understand that children can become unwell but we do ask that holidays are booked in the school holidays where possible.





Please contact our school office if you would like to book a school meal for Children in Need.





This week we received a lovely letter from Kate Osborne MP for achieving Gold in the School Games Mark. We are extremely proud of this award and grateful to all staff and children involved. A huge thank you to Mrs Miller for organising this, please see the letter below:

Dear Headteacher,

I am writing to congratulate you on your success in achieving a Gold School Games Mark for the academic year 2025/26.

I am delighted your school has been recognised for your commitment to supporting all children to be physically active on a daily basis, through the School Games Mark award.

As you know, this generation of young people face many challenges including around development, wellbeing and access to essential skills. Regular physical activity can support progress in each of these areas and I am sure you see the direct impact being active has on children's happiness, health and readiness to learn.

Too many children continue to be inactive outside the school day, making the importance of school-based activity greater than ever. By putting PE and school sport at the heart of your school, you are helping more children and young people access the substantial benefits which come from being physically active.

The School Games Mark assesses progress against measures including physical activity, inclusion, youth voice, physical literacy and opportunities to take part in competition. Your success in achieving a School Games Mark reflects your schools' determination to support every child to find ways to be active, so no child misses out.

Thank you, and congratulations again to everyone at your school for your success in this important area.

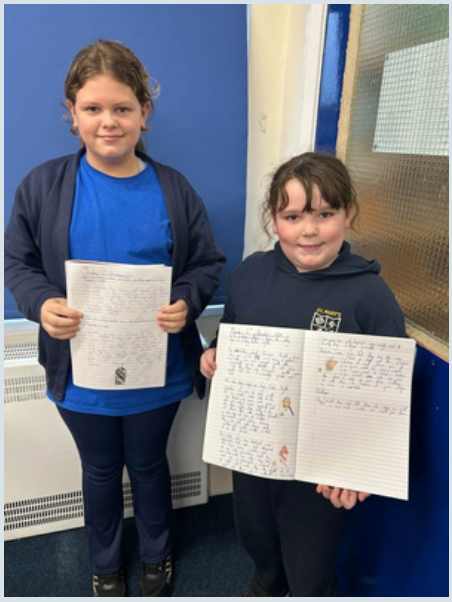
Yours sincerely,

Kate Osborne MP

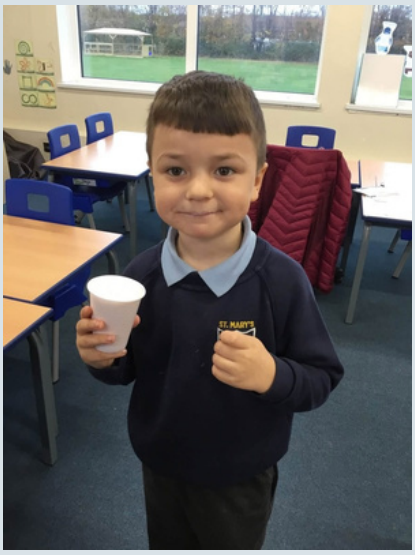
A week at St Mary's in pictures



Nursery had great fun exploring forest school this week.



A huge well done to our year 6 pupils for their fantastic safety guides for Guy Fawkes night.





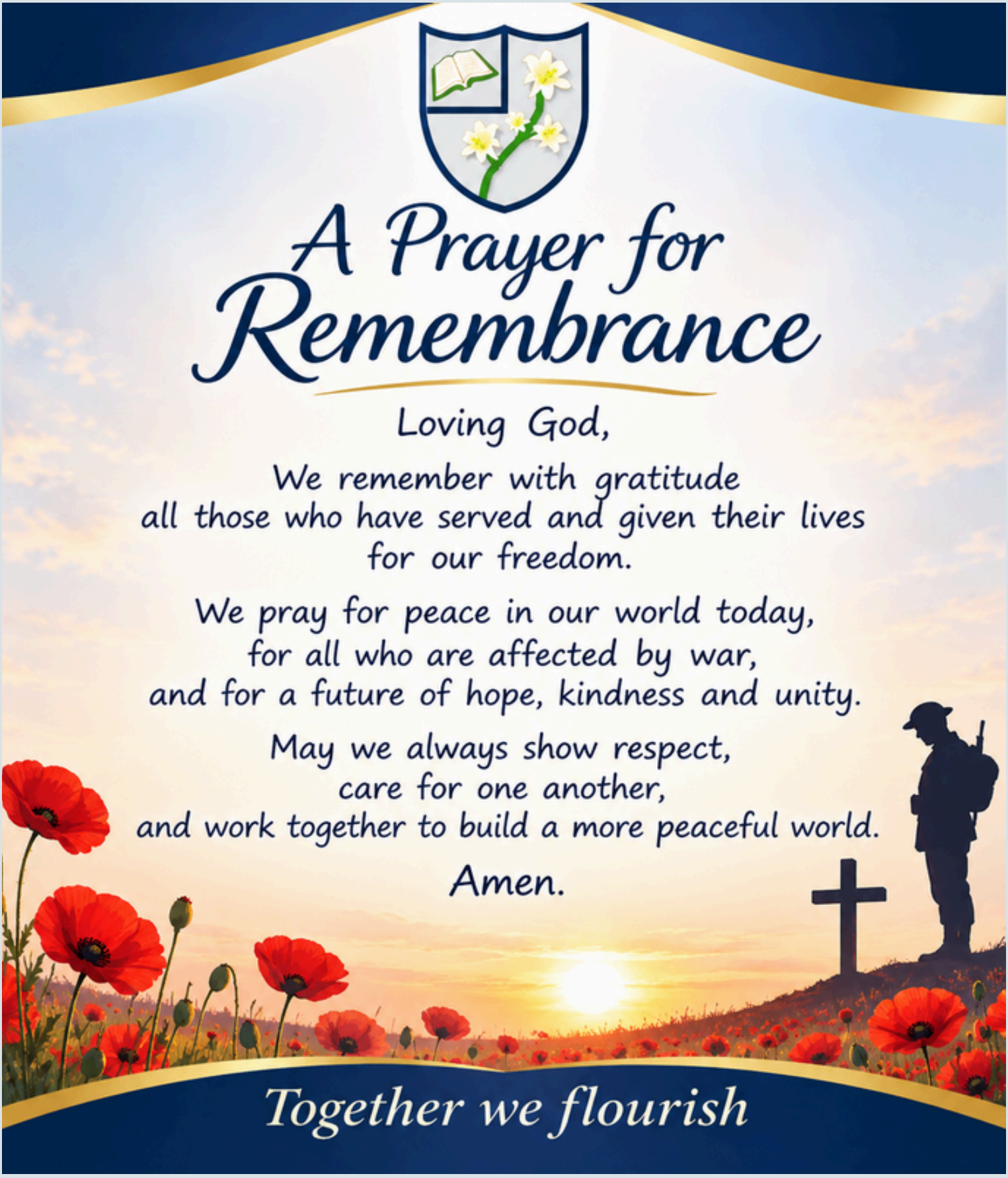
Year 1 had a great time making fruit smoothies this week. They were delicious, well done year 1!



Year 2 started the week with a literacy hook lesson where they had to use clues to make predictions.



Reception loved making edible sparklers with chocolate and sprinkles for bonfire night.


A Prayer for Remembrance
Loving God,
We remember with gratitude
all those who have served and given their lives
for our freedom.
We pray for peace in our world today,
for all who are affected by war,
and for a future of hope, kindness and unity.
May we always show respect,
care for one another,
and work together to build a more peaceful world.
Amen.
Together we flourish