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Value of the Week:
Gratitude

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'.....Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever ' Psalm 106:1

ABSENCE = LOST OPPORTUNITY



Did You Know... ?

If Your Child's Attendance During the School Year...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

Getting Your Child to School Really Matters

Award Winners

Congratulations to all our award winners this week:-

Class	Certificate of Achievement	Disciple of the Week *	Growth Mindset Award	Attendance Figure
3CF	Lena	Nancy	Jack C	95.3%
3GT	James G	Esha	George	95.3%
3ME	Hayden	Luca	Patryk	95.3%
3ST	Oliver	Amelia	Joseph	94%
4CD	Gracie	Christian	Mila	96.7%
4HW	Kiara	Max	Jack	97.2%
4PS	Clara	Delilah-Jae	Olivia	99.7%
4SC	Amelia K	Ruairi	Aryana	94.7%
5JP	Bobby	George	Franek	98.7%
5KN	Sophia	Jacob	Amelia C	98%

5MW	Edward	Logan	Poppy	97.1%
5NW	Daisy	Lacey-Mae	Agnes	95.5%
6AC	Luke	Hani	Michael	92.9%
6JK	Alexandra	Amy	Jayden	92.7%
6LT	Kezia	Blair	Michael	91.3%
6SA	Lydia	James	Ava	97.3%

Attendance for the whole school is % 95.7%

Best Class at lunchtime: 3GT,4HW,5NW,6SA

Golden Ticket Initiative

Congratulations to all our Golden Ticket winners who have gone above and beyond this week-enjoy your hot chocolate!

This week's winners are:-

Year 3

Year 4 Billy (4CD) for being an outstanding role model both in the classroom and around the school.

Year 5 Daisy (5JP)

Year 6 Jayden (6SA) Always being an example to others with his first class attitude.

***We have made the decision that our Disciples of the Week also deserve Golden Ticket for the efforts that they go to to demonstrate the Gospel Values.**

It would be lovely if you could tweet a picture of your child enjoying their treat @smmjnr or tag us on instagram smjnr

HOUSE POINTS -

	YEAR 3	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	TOTAL
St Andrew	153	167	212	243	775
St David	162	169	219	459	1009
St George	169	170	235	308	882
St Patrick	168	150	231	320	869

Times Table Leaderboard

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Highest number of minutes on TTRS	Karthik Pillai	William Miller	Diya Pillai	Lewis Mills
Class with the best engagement	3CF	4CD	5NW	6JK & 6LT
Most Improved	Sebastian	Adon	Isaac W	Teagan
TTRS Class Champions	3CF - Sebastain 3ST - Max 3GT - Esha 3ME - Scarlett	4PS - Jack 4HW - Archie 4CD - Timothy 4SC - Oscar	5NW - Diya 5MW - Alvina 5KN - Brodie 5JP - Joseph	6AC - Nathaniel 6SA - Lakshit 6LT - Harry 6JK - Lucas

Congratulations!
PLAYER OF THE MATCH AT THE WEEKEND
KENZO



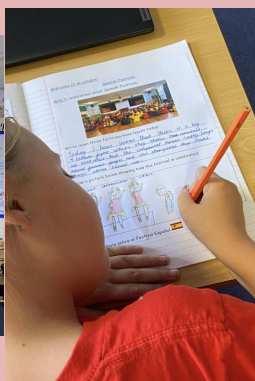
Gallery

Spanish Day

Our children had a wonderful time celebrating National Spanish Day this week and thanks to all of your generous donations we raised **£225.20!** A HUGE amount, which the people from Collins website have kindly matched, securing the purchase of 76 dictionaries, this will ensure that each year group has their own set to support learning in our Spanish lessons!

The children were able to try tortillas for their lunch, listen to the soothing sound of Spanish guitar in the corridors and delve into Spanish culture in their afternoon activities. We had a great day celebrating.

Remember to check out our school twitter page each Friday to see our Spanish ambassadors sharing the phrase of the week.. Last week we learnt how to ask how someone was feeling, this week we are learning how to introduce ourselves, please email or tweet us videos of your families getting involved, we would love to see your Spanish speaking skills.



Fr Roy Visit

This week Year 6 were visited by Fr Roy for a brilliant question and answer session. The Year 6 children were able to gain an insight into 'Vocation' and 'Commitment' which is our current RE topic. We thoroughly enjoyed learning more about how Fr Roy was called to be a priest.



Sports Clubs are going well this term!



Next week our Year 6 pupils will commence swimming lessons. Swimming is a compulsory part of the curriculum as the national expectation is that all pupils should be able to swim 25m by the age of eleven

Faith in Action

Our Year 5 pupils commenced their Holy Communion Programme 'With You Always' this week. 5JP and 5NW celebrated mass and then enjoyed a treasure hunt around the church.

Fr Roy was incredibly impressed with our children's thoughts and answers to his questions after the Gospel reading. The children made us so proud with parishioners commenting on how prayerful and well behaved they were. The two classes took their booklets home yesterday, please ask them about the session and complete the last 2 pages with them. It is so important that parents know what their children are learning in preparation for these sacraments and you are a part of their faith journey too.

5KN and 5MW will attend mass and complete their treasure hunt on Friday 21st October. 5KN at 10am and 5MW at 1pm.

Please remember attending mass once a month is an essential part of the programme. As you arrive in mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning please give your child's name to one of the welcome team.



PTA Disco

The first PTA disco in three years will take place in school next Tuesday (18th October). The children may, if they wish, come to school in their disco clothes. Fancy dress is optional but we ask that there are no accessories. Mobile phones are NOT allowed at the disco. The discos will take place at the following times:-

3pm-4pm- Lower Keystage 2

4.15pm-5.15pm-Upper Keystage 2

Pupils should enter for the disco via the main entrance and should be collected from outside the school hall.

Growth Mindset

I have a **GROWTH MINDSET.**

I am in charge of how smart I am because

I can **GROW** my **BRAIN**

like a muscle by learning hard things.

I can achieve **ANYTHING**

with **EFFORT** and

RIGHT STRATEGIES.

And when I fail or make a mistake,

it is a **GREAT** thing, because

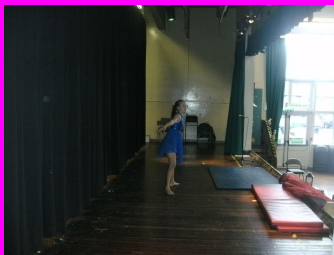
I can **LEARN** from them and

I GET BETTER!

Big Life Journal
www.biglifejournal.com

Theatre Café

Congratulations to all this week's Theatre Café performers



Harvest Service

Our Year 4 Harvest Service will take place in the school hall next week at 2pm on Wednesday 19th October and Friday 21st October. Please note the change of date-there is now no performance on Thursday 20th October

Church News

St Margaret Mary's Feast Day Mass

Today the children attended mass to celebrate the feast day of St Margaret Mary.



Thursday Mass at 10am

5NW will be taking part in next week's Thursday mass. Parents are warmly welcome to join the children.

Children's Church at Sunday 10am Mass.

Tea & coffee served after Sunday 10am Mass
in the Parish centre - all welcome!

Dovecot Food Club next to Sayers: Mondays 10am to 1pm.

Families can receive £15 worth of food for £5. Food can be dropped off during these times



PTA News

Asda's green token giving scheme - we are currently one of three nominated causes and you can vote for us via the link below. You can vote every 7 days until 31st December and we will win £500 if first place, £400 if 2nd, and £300 if 3rd. Monies will go towards playground equipment/improvements.

<https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=5864>

Tuesday 18th October Autumn discos - look out for our e poster by email, and hard copy letter home to purchase tickets

Thursday 10th November - Pre-loved book sale for the children during the school day. Book donations gratefully received from Monday 31st October onwards, after half term. Books will be sold back to the children for 50 pence each. E poster to follow.

Friday 2nd December - Christmas fair. Can you or someone you know help by providing a raffle prize??? If you'd like to be involved contact us via smmjpta@gmail.com

Easyfundraising - This is a shopping affiliation scheme, where you sign up and then when you shop online via the browser or app, we receive a donation. There is no monetary cost to the shopper. We have raised £776.98 so far using this scheme. Please support us!

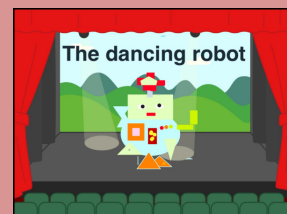
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmargaretmmarysrcjuniorschoolpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-sch-e2

Power of Parenting

Mrs Perry and Mrs Harris are currently running a Power of Parenting Course. This takes place at the infant school every Friday morning.

CLC

This week our remaining Year 3 classes have benefited from working with the CLC. They have been learning about coding and have worked hard to create their own interactive dancing robot game!



Birthday Treat

Starting next half term, we are giving pupils the opportunity to wear their own clothes on their birthday.

- Those children whose birthday falls over a weekend may select to wear their own clothes on either the Friday before or the Monday after their birthday
- Children whose birthday falls over a school holiday may choose to wear their own clothes either the day we break up or the first day back of the new term.
- Children whose birthday falls on Own Clothes Day may wear their own clothes on the previous day.
- Pupils whose birthday was between 1st September and 14th October 2022 may wear their own clothes next Friday (21st October).

Pupils should let their teacher know that they intend to wear their own clothes and should expect lots of people to wish them a Happy Birthday on the day that they wear their own clothes.

Pastoral Support

A range of Pastoral support is currently available to our pupils. This includes:-

- Support from Mrs Perry and Mrs Culley
- Support from Listening Ear Counselling Service
- Bereavement Groups
- Anxiety Groups
- Rainbows (to commence in the near future)

We also have a Mental Health Nurse who will be in school once a week to support any pupils who require support.

Finding it difficult to support your child with their homework? 😞

Don't worry, you are not alone! We will be running a series of Parent Courses throughout the year, to offer guidance and ideas of how best to support your child at home. Our first one will take place on **Friday 21st October at 9:15am** and will focus on **Supporting your Child with Reading at Home**. There will be an opportunity, during this workshop, to work with your child, on the strategies taught. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mrs Medway on medway@smmj.org.uk

Extra-Curricular Timetable

We have a wide range of extra-curricular activities for our children to participate in. Please see the timetable below:-

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
YEAR 3	Before School					
	Lunchtime					
	After School				Rebound Dance	
YEAR 4	Before School					
	Lunchtime					
	After School	Dodgeball	Boxing			Rebound Dance
YEAR 5	Before School					
	Lunchtime	Spanish Homework Help Reading Cafe				
	After School	Rebound Dance Basketball	Athletics		Dodgeball	
YEAR 6	Before School		6AC and 6JK Table Tennis	Bleep Test	6SA and 6LT Table Tennis	
	Lunchtime	Spanish Homework Help				
	After School	Rebound Dance		Football Squad		Athletics

Social Media

This week, we have set up an Instagram account **smmjnr** and an email has gone out asking parents to give permissions for their child's image to be featured on Instagram. Please note that, without parental consent, no child can feature on our social media platforms (Instagram and Twitter).

Why not give us a follow? @smmjnr

Autumn Term Dates for Diary

October

17th-20th October-Year 6 Swimming

18th October- PTA Disco

19th October-Governors' Staffing, Building and Finance Meeting

Year 4 Harvest Assembly (2pm)-**please note change of date and time**

20th October-5NW to Daily Mass (parents welcome to attend)

21st October- Year 4 Harvest Assembly (2pm)

Break up for half term holiday

31st October-Return to school following half term holiday

Flu Nasal Spray vaccinations

NOVEMBER

3rd November-6SA and 6AC to Daily Mass (parents welcome to attend)

10th November-6JK to Daily Mass (parents welcome to attend)

PTA Pre-Loved Book Sale (Clare Lawson Room)

Parent Forum 6pm

14th-18th November-National Anti-Bullying Week

14th-24th November Year 5 Swimming

16th November-Anti-Bullying Conference

Governors' Curriculum Meeting

17th November- 4CD to Daily Mass (parents welcome to attend)

18th November-PTA Non Uniform Day

SEND Coffee Morning

21st-24th November-Assessment Week

25th November-School Closed-Staff INSET Day

DECEMBER

1st December-5JP to Daily Mass (parents welcome to attend)

2nd December-Christmas Fair

5th-15th December-Assertive Mentoring Conversations (dates of individual classes to be released)

5th December - 5JP Assertive Mentoring Conversations

7th December - 6AC Assertive Mentoring Conversations

7th December-Full Governing Body Meeting (5pm)

8th December-5MW to Daily Mass (parents welcome to attend)

8th December - 6JK Assertive Mentoring Conversations

9th December-National Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Coffee Morning

Christmas Lunch

12th December - 5NW Assertive Mentoring Conversations

13th December-Year 3 Nativity Performance (2pm)

14th December-Year 3 Nativity Performance (9.30am)

15th December - 6LT Assertive Mentoring Conversations

19th December-Christmas Party Day

Loving, learning, growing together with Jesus



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towards Artsmark
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Make the healthy choice