

# ST MARY'S SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

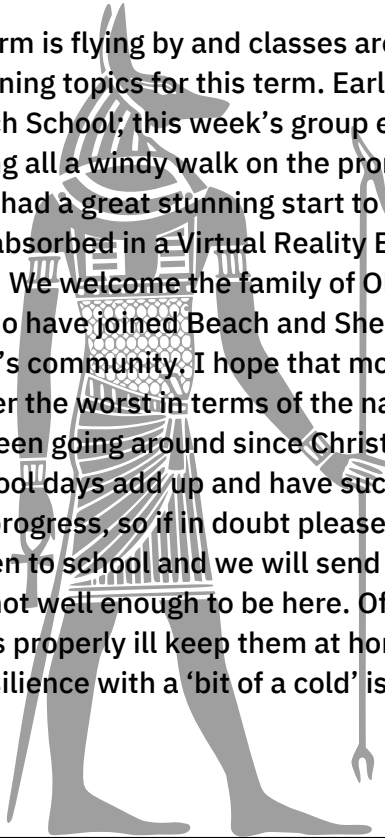
Spring 2 - 31st January 2025



## FROM MRS COLE

Dear Parents and Carers,

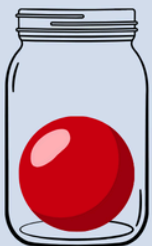
This half-term is flying by and classes are engrossed in their learning topics for this term. Early Years have begun Beach School; this week's group enjoyed experiencing all a windy walk on the prom has to offer! LKS2 had a great stunning start to their topic last week, absorbed in a Virtual Reality Egyptian experience. We welcome the family of Olivia and William, who have joined Beach and Shell Class, to our St Mary's community. I hope that most children are now over the worst in terms of the nasty viruses that have been going around since Christmas; missed school days add up and have such a big impact on progress, so if in doubt please do send your children to school and we will send them home if they are not well enough to be here. Of course if your child is properly ill keep them at home, but building resilience with a 'bit of a cold' is a good skill for life!



## HOUSEPOINTS



St  
Maximilian  
Kolbe



727

St  
Oscar  
Romero



695

St  
Kateri  
Tekakwitha



637

St  
Mother  
Teresa



567

This week we have launched the Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope in school. A Jubilee year is celebrated in the church every 25 years. Pope Francis asked us to celebrate this Jubilee year with deep faith, lively hope, and active charity. The Bible tells us that Hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Rom 5:1-2.5). Pope Francis wants each one of us to celebrate this year by trusting in God, looking forward with hope, and showing love to others through kind and caring actions. You will hear more about this as the year goes on. We also celebrate the Presentation of the Lord, or Candlemas, at Mass this weekend, when baby Jesus was presented to Simeon and Anna in the temple, and recognised as the Light of the World.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend, hopefully with some sunshine!

Mrs Cole



At Forest School this week, Beach class practiced cutting wood with a saw as well as using hammers to chop it in half. They then made a boat with sails.

goodbye

Miss Pearce, Beach Class teacher, is sadly leaving us at the end of this half-term, to focus on recovery from a physical health condition. This was a difficult decision for her to make, and she will be greatly missed by Beach Class and all the staff. Miss Pearce has worked at St Mary's for seven years, firstly as a teaching assistant and now as a teacher, and has been a parent here for nine years. Miss Pearce has many gifts and talents that we will miss enormously, not least her unending calm and patience, as well as her creativity. I would like to thank Miss Pearce enormously for all her hard work for the children and families at St Mary's; those of you who have had children taught by her will know just how much thought and care she gives to each and every child. We wish Miss Pearce all the best for her recovery to full health away from the pressures of teaching. We are very pleased that she will still be part of our school community as a parent.

Mrs Cole





In whole school assembly St Maximilian Kolbe house captains presented their winning house donation to Mount Noddy Rescue Centre, the local branch of the RSPCA. Alexander and Sofia had researched different charities, given a presentation to their house about three and then held a vote. Chris, from Mount Noddy, came in to tell us a little bit about the work that they do and shared some very cute pictures of the dogs and cats they help.

Each house earns house points. Each half term the winning house gets to wear their own clothes as a reward and, as part of our Catholic Social Teaching, the children get to pay their hard work and good choices forward. The way we do this is through voting for a charity that the winning house would like to give a donation of £25.00 to.



**Year 3 & 4 have been learning the importance of community!**