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### **Sunday Gospel**

In this week's Gospel, we hear that Martha was invited to say 'Yes!' to faith in Jesus. This Lent, we can say 'Yes!' to faith in Jesus and His promise of eternal life. "Do you believe this?" She said to Him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God..."  
John 11:26-27

### **CAFOD Big Lent Walk**

St. Winifred's is taking part in the CAFOD Big Lent Walk! We are going to be getting in our steps by walking/ running each day in school throughout the 40 days of Lent to help fight poverty around the world. Please support us to support them by donating to our JustGiving page [St Winifred's Big Lent Walk is fundraising for CAFOD.](#)



### **Building Work**

We are pleased to share some exciting news about improvements to our school building. Work on replacing the windows and external doors in our EYFS and KS1 block will begin on Monday 23rd March. These upgrades will significantly improve the school's energy efficiency and help us create an even better learning environment for our pupils.

The project is expected to take approximately two months to complete. We will do our best to minimise any disruption and will keep you updated as the work progresses. Thank you for your continued support.

## **SEN Coffee Morning**

In this week's newsletter can we explain that Monday's coffee morning will be with the school nurse for informal drop ins

## **Youth Climate Assembly**

Some members of our Caritas Team represented our school at Stockport Town Hall this morning at the Youth Climate Assembly. They took part in a debate with 8 other schools, listening to proposed ideas and providing counter arguments and opinions. At the end of the debate, we saw democracy in action; ballot papers were handed out to everybody to cast a vote for the idea that they would like Stockport Council to act on. We posted our votes in an official ballot box, and we will find out the results next week. The three children represented our school amazingly.



## **Easter Chicks**

Thank you so much for supporting Francis House this year with their Easter chick appeal. Unfortunately, the school office has now sold out of all chicks, and it is highly unlikely we will receive any more.



## Year One go to Imagine That!

Year 1 had a fantastic day on their trip to Imagine That! They took part in some fun experiments with bubbles, fake snow and slime. They got the chance to role play activities like shopping, building and reading the news and weather to each other. Year 1 demonstrated great collaboration whilst exploring their STEM skills!



## The Irish Music Festival

A fabulous day of dancing, singing and playing music to celebrate St. Patrick's Day for our Year 3 children earlier this week at the Manchester Irish Music Festival.



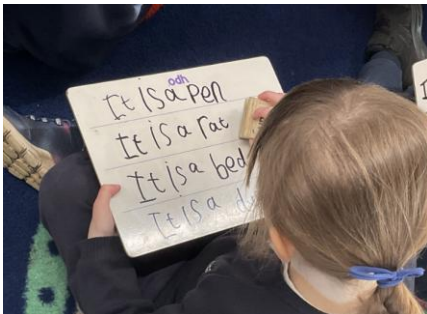
## Stockport County

Year 4 have had Stockport County coaches in on Friday afternoon to teach Creative Art through sports. They had a good kick around too!



## Reception

This week we have started learning about a book called the Selfish crocodile. We have been making model crocodiles, bridges for the other animals to cross the river and water colour paintings of the crocodile. In science we have been investigating which objects sink and float.



## Design Technology in Year Four

In DT, Year 4 made Night lights a few weeks ago. They used a range of materials, tools and techniques to create a casing for night light that would be used by a small child. In Science

we have learning about electricity and circuits that will help us to illuminate our night lights. Well done children; they look fantastic.



## Art in Year Six

We have continued our work on Vincent Van Gogh this week, focusing on our paint work and our brush strokes. What do you think of our Starry Night paintings in Class 6K? Next week, these will be transferred onto canvas and the children will use a range of media to present their final pieces.



## Easter

## **Family & Friends Easter Fun on Friday 27th March –**

We've got an egg-citing line-up of Easter activities for the children and families!

### **Break the Rules Day & Doughnut Sale**

- Easter tattoos available in the playground (8:30–9:00am) – 50p each
- For £2, children can come to school in their own clothes, with wacky hair, tattoos, nail polish and they can bring juice
- Doughnut sale after school – £1 each
- Plus, a visit from a very special guest!

### **Easter Raffle**

- £2 per ticket (each £2 donation = 1 entry)
- Tickets are available online and will also be on sale outside school next week:  
<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/easter-raffle-26>
- Prizes include a signed Manchester City shirt, Ferrari F1 collectables, pizza voucher, Pilates classes, Easter hampers and more
- The draw will take place during Bubbles & Bingo (there's still time to get your ticket - <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/GCYV>)

This is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate Easter together while supporting the school. We hope you can join us!



## **Maths in Year Three**

This week in Maths, Year 3 children have been measuring length in millimetres, centimetres and metres. They were able to apply these measuring skills in our science learning when observing and measuring how the lengths of their shadows change at different times of the day according to the position of the sun.

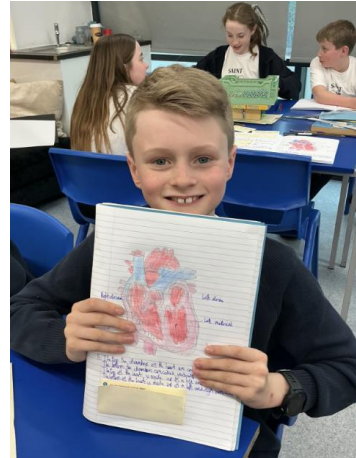
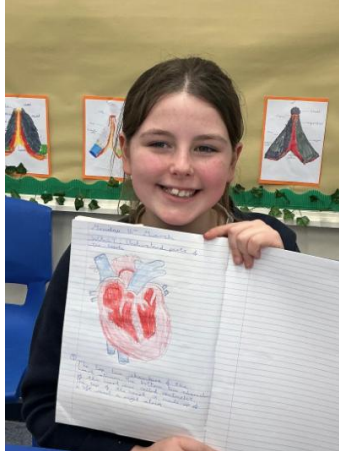
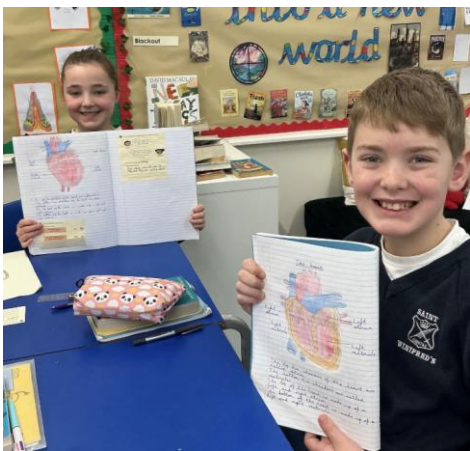
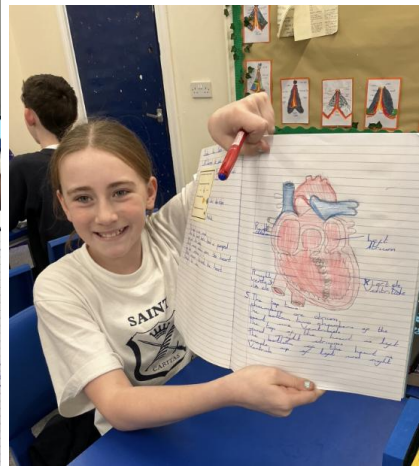
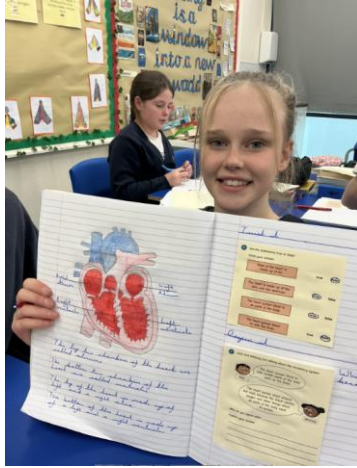
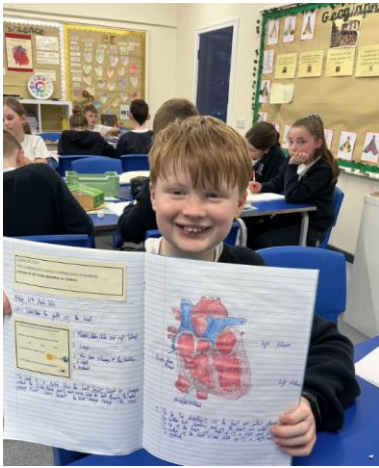


## **Break The Rules Day**



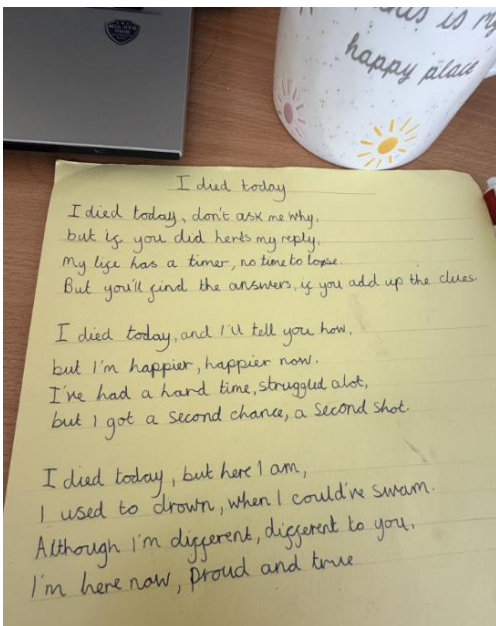
## **Science in Year 6**

Year 6 have been learning all about the circulatory system in Science. This week, we found out about the structure of the heart and we drew fantastic diagrams to aid our learning of the four chambers.



## Poetry in Year Six

Roisin, in Mrs Kendry's class, wrote a wonderful poem in her own time based on their class novel (Pig Heart Boy). Well done Roisin on writing such a thoughtful poem.



## Bubbles and Bingo



## Transition to Primary School

**Is your child aged 3 -5 and due to start nursery or reception in September**

Are you or your child feeling anxious about this transition to school? Join us for an online session to learn more on how to support your child so they can start school with confidence

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April session 7.00 - 8.30 pm**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May session 9.30 - 11.00 am**

This session will include useful information on practical strategies, daily routines, understanding and supporting your child's emotions, brain development, and guidance on accessing additional support for any special educational needs and disabilities your child may have.

To book visit:  
[www.stockport.gov.uk/events?tag=start%20well](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/events?tag=start%20well)  
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## **Upcoming Dates**

\* Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - 9am, SEND Coffee Morning in the Staffroom hosted by Miss Wildgoose

\*Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March - Parents Evening, bookings are on your School Spider app. This will take place in the School Hall and you can visit your child's classroom to look at their exercise books and work

\*Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March – All children going to 'The Stations of the Cross' service at St Winifred's Church

\*Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Break the Rules Day

## **Pupil Attendance**

Please see below the figures for pupil attendance for last week. Our school target is 96% pupil attendance. Please remember that school begins at 8:45am.

<b>Group</b>	<b>% Attend</b>
1BD	95.7
1M	99.0
2MY	97.8
2MS	95.7
3D	96.2
3J	95.0
4D	97.1
4H	95.1
5M	98.7
5P	98.7
6L	97.9
6K	100.0
Totals	97.3

We warmly welcome parents to approach us with any questions about school life. Please note that your first point of contact is always your class teacher.

In addition, Mrs Bird (Deputy Head Teacher), Mrs Gibb (Early Years), Mr Hanvey (Lower Key Stage Two), Mrs Kendry (Upper Key Stage Two) and I are always available to work in to support your child's learning and wellbeing.

We value open communication and welcome all to work together for the benefit of all our pupils.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs A Duffy  
Headteacher