



1st May 2026



St Mary Magdalen's CPS

"But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.'" – Matthew 14:27



Nurturing hearts & minds

Today, we have started 'National Walking Month' with a very special assembly.



During April, Mrs Kennedy, Year 2 teaching Assistant and Children's University coordinator, travelled to Japan to visit 'Kumano Kudo' - an ancient trail of paths which links sacred monuments, shrines, with the natural world. It was fascinating to hear how Mrs Kennedy coped with the strenuous feat of walking over several days and learning about a fascinating culture - a pilgrimage that has been a journey for many centuries.

This is an opportune moment to think about 'National Walking Month' and how we can introduce a few extra steps every day to enjoy the natural world and to improve our own health and fitness.

On Wednesday, we welcomed author Stuart Reid to our school for an extremely engaging assembly about his ideas and what it takes to become a keen children's author. It was brilliant and very enlightening for everyone!

Last night our TAG Rugby team took part in day 1 of a 3-week tournament - playing 5 games and winning 3, drawing 1 and losing 1. Phil was really impressed by their determination! Well done, everyone!

Today, we should be bidding a temporary goodbye to Mrs Butler. However, Baby Butler seemed to have other ideas, and the maternity leave had to start a day earlier! All of our staff and pupils send Mrs Butler all our love and prayers and look forward to meeting her new addition very soon!

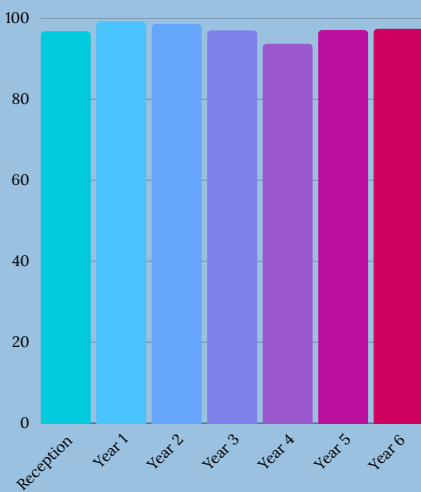
We are seeing a huge increase in the number of holiday requests during term time. Please expect these not to be authorised. Wherever possible, please do not take children out of school including trying to arrange medical/dentist appointments after school or in the holidays. Many thanks for your help.

Just a reminder that Monday is a Bank Holiday and school will not be open!

Core Value Role Models this week...

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK:

97.0 %



Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for the gift of community and for teaching us how to care for others.

Help us to be a source of comfort and light, so that everyone we meet feels loved and valued.

Open your eyes to those in need, so that no one is ever left behind.

Amen.

REFLECTION

Technology can be used in powerful ways to support people and improve their lives.

Thinking carefully about how and when we use it can help us make the world more accessible for everyone.



Y1: Olive



Y2: Sophie



Y3: Laraya



Y4: Cleo



Y5: Freya



Y6: Sadie

Assembly Theme:



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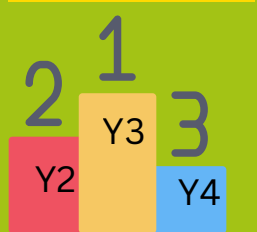
Our Week in Photos...



Online Safety :

April's Online Newsletter is packed full of useful information to help your child online! Focus this month is on the BBC Iplayer, age ratings in games, how to work out something is fake or real and the 'Mamosphere'.

Every child is learning how to use hardware and software safely - as we are - so this monthly newsletter, written by Knowsley's technical support, who look after our IT provision, is invaluable.



Junior Duke Awards

Dates for your Diary

- 4/May Bank Holiday
- 11-14 May KS2 SATS & Y6 breakfast
- 15/May - Rainbow raffle - non-uniform
- 21/May Sports Day 1:15pm
- 22/May School finishes :20pm
- 3/June school reopens for pupils

House points:

