

— 23rd January 2026 —

# St Mary Magdalen's CPS



*"Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality."*

2 Corinthians 8:13



Nurturing hearts & minds

Today, as part of the transition work that we do throughout the year, Year 6 have been delving into the world of 'sharing kindness'. At a very selfish level, being kind to someone else makes you feel an awful lot better than if you are rude or unkind.

As a staff team, it always amazes us the answers that children share when we look at emotions and behaviour – and it is fantastic to see that the work that we have in over the last 4 years on emotional wellbeing is embedded.

27<sup>th</sup> January every year is Holocaust Memorial Day. The holocaust itself is a little old for our children, but in assembly today, we have shared about the burning of books in Germany. In 1945, Jella Lipman, started a children's library as Germany started to try to rebuild itself, but it's population had very little. She was met with complete resistance, so she wrote to 20 different countries and all sent her children's books from their country.

The library became an exhibition and travelled to all the major cities in Germany. Children visited the library and were exposed to stories from all different nations including those that had been at war with Germany. As a result, the children who had only known fighting, grew up to love the arts and had an incredible imagination.



It is a very apt time to think about how we treat others – no matter what is going on in our world – is it the right time for us, as adults, to learn from children and spread kindness where we can? Are we modelling those traits that we want our children to have in what they are hearing or seeing in our own behaviours?

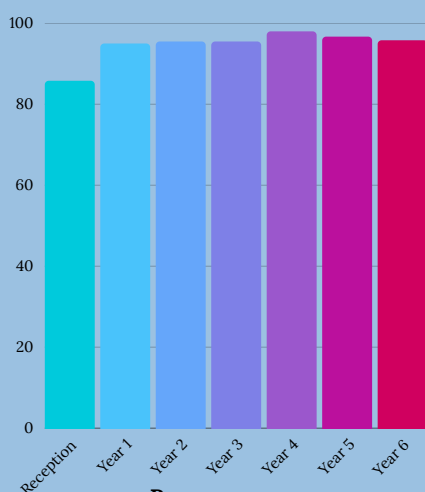


Are our children given the time to behave as children or are they growing up 'too fast' exposed to things beyond their young years? Today the Government has launched a consultation on the use of social media for under-16s, which I encourage all parents to take a look at.

Being a parent is a difficult, unpaid job! But if we stick to our beliefs and do so with love at the forefront, I don't think that we go too far wrong!

## ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK:

**95.0%**



### Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You for teaching us that faith is about what we do, not just what we say. Please help us to make positive changes in the world everyday. Help us to be fair and generous, sharing what we have with those in need. Show us how to love our neighbours through our actions and never take more than we truly need.

Amen.

### British Values: Mutual Respect and Tolerance

The Jane Goodall Earth Medal shows us that being respectful means looking after all living things. It encourages tolerance by focusing on a goal that brings different cultures and beliefs together to protect our world.

### REFLECTION

While kindness comes from people, not awards, they can help us to notice it, value it and feel inspired to do more.

### A safer digital childhood

We're launching a national conversation to gather views and drive action to keep children safe online.



## Core Value Role Models this week....



Y1: Eden



Y2: Emily



Y3: Sienna



Y4: Erin



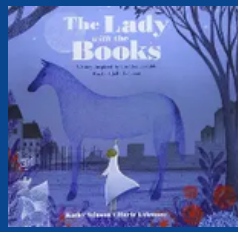
Y5: Joshua



Y6: Luca

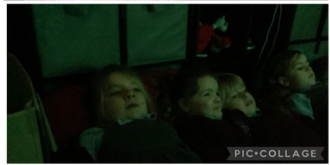
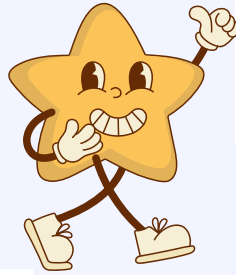


# Assembly Theme: The Lady with the Books



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## Our Week in Photos....



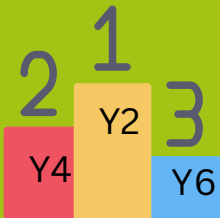
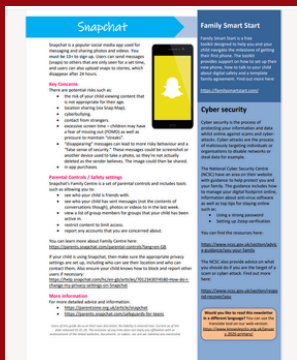
Year 5 Investigating what makes interesting sci-fi writing



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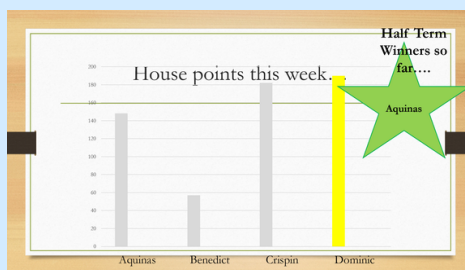
January's Online Newsletter is packed full of useful information to help your child online! Every child is learning how to use hardware and software safely - as we are - so this monthly newsletter, written by Knowsley's technical support, who look after our IT provision, is invaluable.



## Dates for your Diary

9/10 Feb Y6 Bikeability  
13/Feb finish for Half term  
19/Mar Let's Go Sing concert - Y4 - Blackburn Ice Arena  
24/25 Mar Parents' Evening  
1/Apr 10am Easter Mass  
2/Apr 9:15 Three Trees Easter Reflection Y5  
2/April School finishes 1:30

## House Points this week & half term:



Nursery Places available! (from 3years+)