Class R enjoyed their trip to Pizza Express yesterday and have been bringing me lots of fabulous work showing how much progress they have made. I am immensely proud of our happy school—the relationship all our staff have with our amazing children is a joy to watch. Our children regularly skip into school with excitement about the day to come! Thank you to all of you for helping make the St. Mary's family such a positive for both the children and staff! Have a wonderful Easter break.

Rachel Thorne.
**Class Highlights Summer 1**

**Class R**
We have loved everything! We liked going to Pizza Express and making our pizzas—especially eating them!

We have enjoyed learning about Jesus at Easter—and liked doing the counting with sweets and bubbles! We liked painting and Mrs Sunshine!

**Class 1**
We have been learning about volume and capacity, we enjoyed pouring water into cups of different sizes.

In RE we made palm leaves and acted out Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey.

We loved learning different dances from around the World in our PE lessons.

By Autumn and Xander

**Class 2**
In maths we have been learning about groups of 1 - 100, fractions and sharing equally between. We have also been going around the school and measuring the temperature. We have been enjoying reading 'Wisp' in English and writing diary entries. We loved it when we made Welsh cakes on St David's Day and sang a song called Yellow Bird. In Science we have been learning about the human body, in Topic, we have learnt about Australia and in R.E. we have been looking at the happy and sad parts of the Easter Story. By Eva, Eleanor and Lewis.

**Class 3**
We have been doing Egyptian Cinderella as a whole class and boxed up our story and written it up.

We have written a diary as an Egyptian farmer.

We have learned about Jesus dying on the cross. We have thought about Palm Sunday and Good Friday.

We have learned about King Tut and Tutankhamen and we did an Egyptian Museum.

In Science we have learned about Rocks and Fossils and volcanoes.

By Kira and Jessica.

**Class 4**
We have enjoyed the Mummy dance—we dressed in bandages and it was a lot of fun to perform.

We enjoyed creating the artefacts for the museum. Mummifying the oranges was a lot of fun.

We enjoyed making the PowerPoints for the ancient civilisations and planning our 500 word competition entries.

We enjoyed creating and drawing our own electrical circuits. The newspapers were fun to write; we wrote a newspaper set in 1924.

It was great to have a real dentist come in and teach us. We have enjoyed learning about Egypt in general and voting for our Rainforest charities that we researched ourselves.

**Class 5**
We enjoyed it when the History Man came in because we found it amusing when he insulted everyone! We have enjoyed rehearsing for Stations of the Cross but are a little nervous about our performance this afternoon. At one point this term there was a crime scene in the hall!
In our English lessons we have been doing Talk for Writing which is all linked to the scene. They have been fun and we have been doing 'Short Burst writing' every day. We have finished our awesome Ancient Greeks topic by making and playing board games to show all our learning. By Callum and Charlie.

**Class 6**

Yesterday we went round East Grinstead to take photos for our East Grinstead tourist guides. We also had a hot chocolate!

We had a History Man in, he was extremely funny and entertaining. We learnt that the Ancient Greeks created most of the words in the English language. We also learnt that the armour was made from layers of linen and glue which actually was quite strong!

We have used the school laptops quite often this half term but are really looking forward to our new ones arriving next half term! By Mia, Toby and Tyler

**Teacher highlight**

It was wonderful to have the Charlotte’s Web performers in at the start of this term. I was really impressed watching Class 6 in the workshop afterwards - we have lots of budding performers ready to work on our own production in the Summer Term! There was a definite 'buzz' around the school after this event and the writing produced was extremely high quality.

Mrs Collier

**Book of the week**

Class 2 have really enjoyed reading Zana Fraillon’s Wisp this half term—this book is about a child refugee who has no memories of the world outside and the magical wisp comes along to help. A real story of Hope that they have all loved.

**St Mary’s Church**

The Church has lots of events and services over the Easter break—a flyer has come home with details of the services and don’t forget the sale and children’s craft workshops.

**Reminders**

We have been seeing a variety of snacks at playtimes - please remember that all playtime snacks for Key Stage 2 children should be healthy and fruit based.

We are aware that lots of our families have friendly dogs—some of our children however are wary of dogs. Please ensure that when on the school site all dogs are on leads and kept to the church side. That way we can ensure a happy and safe entry and exit for all pupils.

**Voice In a Million**

Voice in a Million was amazing because nobody had ever experienced something so huge!

The trip to Voice in a Million was two hours long. The concert started at 7.15pm and ended at 10pm. We arrived home at midnight.

We joined in with 11 songs and we got to listen to New Hope Club, Bring It North and Road Trip—we also got their autographs.

We wore Voice in a Million T-shirts and we waved glow sticks. We had to bring two packed lunches—one for lunch and one for dinner!

We really enjoyed it!

By Miriam, Scarlett and Millie.
St. Mary’s Sports!
Please do have a look on the website—children—sporting achievements—our Sports teams have been doing so well!
I am so proud of our Swim team—this is the first year we have won medals at the swimming gala.
Well done to all our teams!

Safeguarding/ E safety news and support

Gaming and age ratings—common sense media is a one-stop-shop website for advice on age ratings for all media—films and games.

There is also a useful YouTube video about Gaming PEGI ratings and a useful APP to help you when they are choosing games.

I have also attached the March edition of DITTO-Ed magazine which has lots of the latest useful advice and guidance.

School Association

Thank you to our amazing SA team who have arranged some great events this half term. The staff really enjoyed the quiz and I am sure all the mums really enjoyed their gifts following the Spring Fair last week!

We are looking forward to the installation of our new laptops and ipads over the Easter break—they will really help with learning across the school!

Values—thought for Half Term

Our focus value next half term is Responsibility. Some famous quotes to think about and discuss with your children:

‘The time is always right to do what is right’ Martin Luther King

‘Mistakes are always forgivable if one has the courage to admit them’ Bruce Lee

‘Out of responsibility comes possibility’ Lisa Ville Prosen

Prayer Space

Eternal and Loving God
Thank you for letting Jesus resurrect from his death.
Thank you for forgiving us and help is to do the same.
Please help us to care an be kind for others

Amen

Miriam and Daisy

Attendance

Whole School: 96.4%
Class R: 96.4%
Class 1: 94.6%
Class 2: 96.1%
Class 3: 96.9%
Class 4: 96.6%
Class 5: 96.9%
Class 6: 97.4%

Upcoming Dates

23rd April—Return to School
23rd April—Sports for Champions workshop
24th April—swimming starts for Classes 3/4/5
25/26th April—Class 4 Blackland Farm residential
7th May—Bank Holiday
13th May—KS2 SATs week
15–17th May—Class 5 Goodwood residential
27th May—Half Term