

Pentecost



Dear Families,

What a wonderful half term, looking at the children's books, assessments and pure smiles, school feels like school more than ever. As we take back every part of what makes us St Saviour's little by little, we are using this as an opportunity to consider if something is still worth doing or not! We have always tried to choose carefully about how we spend our time with things that we enjoy, making a difference to how we are; did you know that drumming in the younger years support phonics and early reading whilst strings later on supports brain development. Singing supports memory, mental health and a sense of community, belonging, and they are all back!

We want the value of what we do to continue making a difference not just to your child's academic success and opportunity, but to their overall development. As you can see gardening has returned with a new patch to grow along with our annuals. Classes have started to have their turn with Cassie, our gardener, and her team just as the sunny weather is helping the berry season along. Seedlings are sprouting, in classes and in the greenhouse and the artichokes are coming along nicely. A natural order is steadily returning to all, including the chickens that are laying once more! The eggs are being used in breakfast club or given away with other produce.



Summer Hampers donations

Summer is on its way! Well we hope so.

As we are all aware, we would have loved to have a school fair but unfortunately, this is not possible. We are trying to make it as fun as possible to raise money for the school. Therefore, we are asking families, if they could donate **one item per child** from their classes from the list below. From your donations, we will then make hampers for parents & guardians to purchase a raffle tickets using Parent pay. Once this has been set up, we will let you know.

Nursery & Reception - Chocolates

Years 1 & 2 – Bags of Sweets

Years 3 & 4 – Cakes & Biscuits

Years 5 & 6 – Drinks (non- alcoholic or alcoholic)

Could these items be given to your child.

We would like these items to bring into school starting from Monday 7th June.

Thank you for your support:)

Happy Birthday

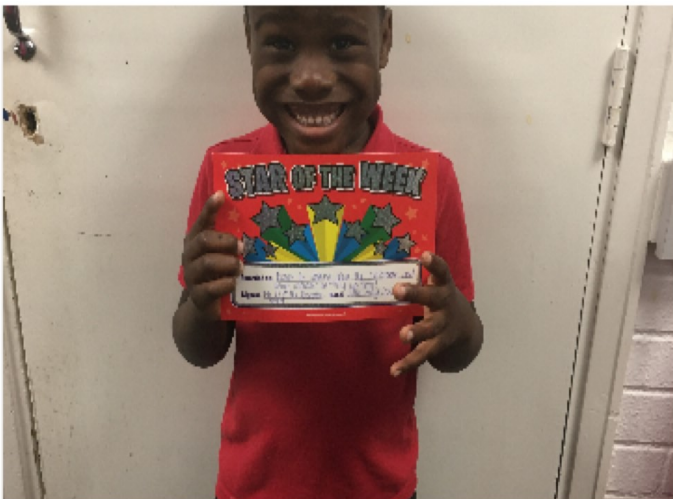
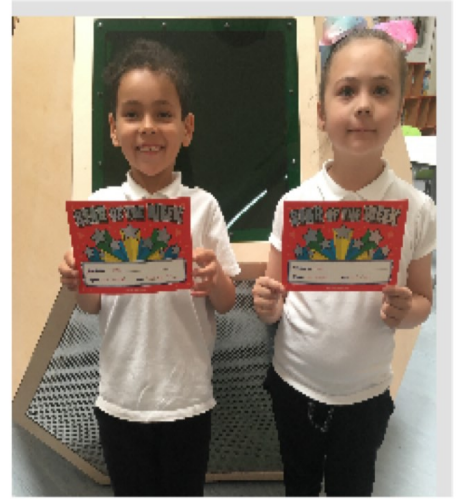
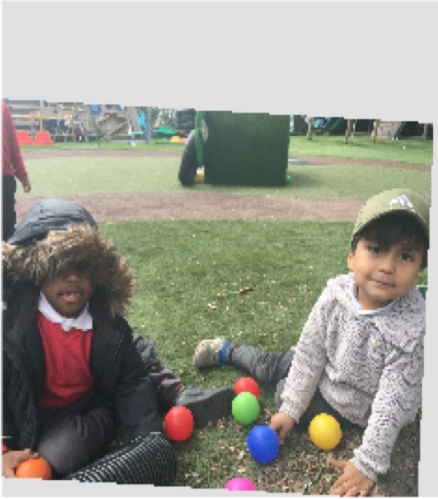
Elayna	3 rd	Yr6
Joseph	5 th	Nursery
Armel	8 th	Yr5
Jermaine	9 th	Yr3
Alfie	15 th	Yr3
Aliana	15 th	Yr5
Tommy	15 th	Yr1
Temitope	16 th	Nursery
Tiwatope	16 th	Nursery
Joey	16 th	Yr3
Mark	20 th	Nursery
Devjit	26 th	Yr4
Dejaun	27 th	Yr4
Kai	28 th	Reception
Keira	29 th	Yr4
Jayden	30 th	Nursery
Lois	30 th	Yr3

There are too many highlights from this half term, but teaching and dancing as part of teaching being one of my favourites, thank you year 4 for the fun! We accept change as inevitable, how we deal with it matters, the purpose, passion and commitment of staff, and your support and trust, is utterly appreciated. It makes our school a special haven in all this mess and change easier to handle. We would like to consider how you come back, we have already had little meetings with people, al fresco, and would like your opinion on this, the uniform and other aspects soon. If you would like to be part of a working part please contact us by the first week back. In the meantime, do enjoy a safe and happy half term, please remember that vaccines are for the over 30s and anyone can have one at the various centres. PCR testing is available and is more securely that the LFTs when symptomatic. Currently there is enhanced capacity in the Local Authority for testing including analysing this for the different variants. If your child has symptoms and tests positive by Monday please email to let us know so we can inform their bubble.

However your spend your week, do stay safe and enjoy the sunshine,

Mrs Smith

Well done to all our Stars of the Week!



Nursery

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have been fantastic at resettling in the Nursery this half term and it appears that they have been having lots of fun. We are sure that they will be very tired by the end of this week.

This half term the children have been learning the story of we're going on a bear hunt. We have used this to plan our literacy where the children have heard, mapped, stepped and retold the story. The children have become very familiar with the story and we have been using actions and a bear to help the children learn the story.

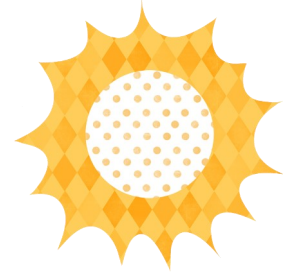
The children are also continuing to learn how to recognise their high frequency words, initial sounds and blending sounds together to make words as well as recognising and writing their names, if you could continue to practise this at home this will make a great difference to your children. We have also been working on our subsidising numbers the children are getting really good at this.

We have also been learning about the people that help us and the fire alarm going off helped us with this as we had the firefighters visit our class!

We will continue to do our best to minimise infection risk and will continue to promote and teach the children about good hand and respiratory hygiene to help keep them, us and the wider community safe.

Pease do continue to read with your child and talk to them about their day in Nursery, As always, if you have any questions then please do let one of the team know.

Mrs Simpson, Mrs wood, Mrs Golding and Ms Miah



We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Michael Rosen Helen Oxenbury



Please make sure your child comes to Nursery with spare clothes in case of accidents or mess. As the warm weather gets closer we will have lots of water play.



Reception

This half term the children in Reception have been using the story of the Three Billy Goats gruff for their learning. They have listened to the story, mapped it in their books and written parts of it too. The children also had the troll come and visit them in class and they had to make a wanted poster to try and capture it!

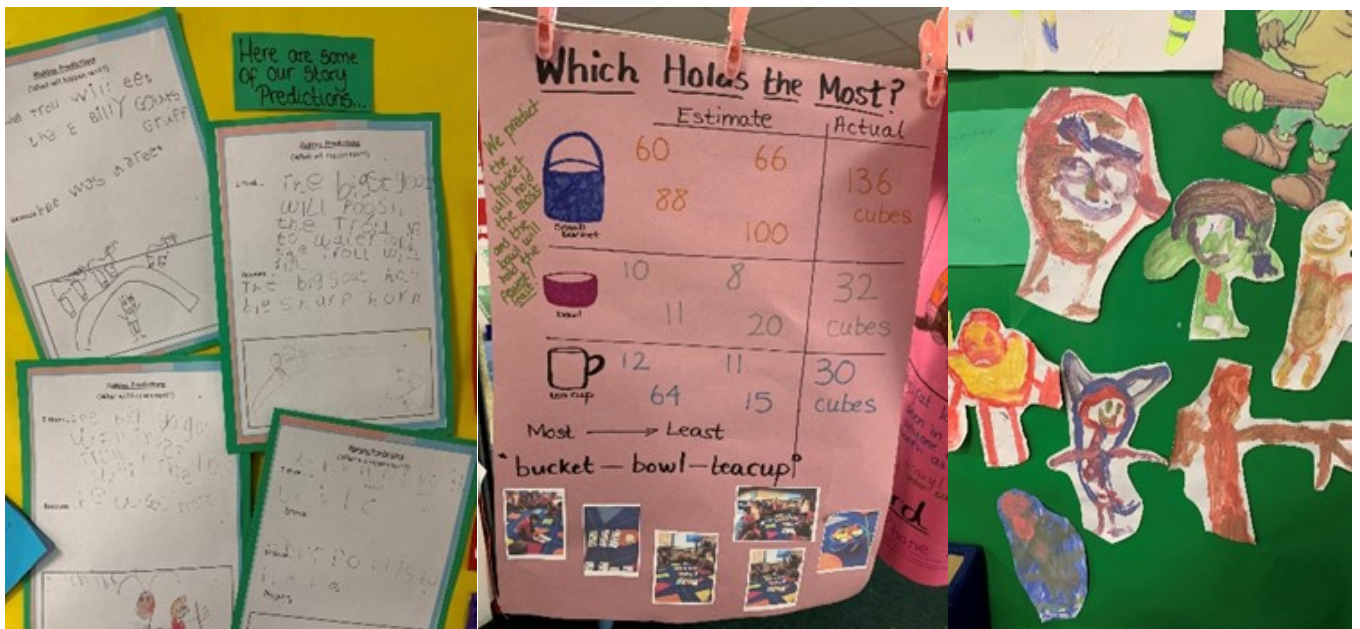
It has been wonderful to see how much the children continue to grow ahead of their final term in Reception. They are fantastic listeners and show how great they are at this during their learning on the carpet.

The children have been practising their adding and taking away this half term in maths and are using lots of different objects to help them with this. Next half term the children will practise this further along with their number bonds to 10 and doubling numbers.

Please do keep using Bug Club at home and practising the children's 45 high frequency words as these will help the children with their reading and writing!

Have a great break!

Miss Jacobs and Miss Walker



Year 1

This half term the children in Year 1 have been using the story of Traction Man for their English learning. They have staged scenes from the story using props and action figures, acted out the story and written the story. The children also learnt about publishing a part of their own superhero story and wrote some wonderful pieces. We also (without much success) tried to make some slime as a class and wrote the instructions of how to do it... next time we will not add as much water!!!

In maths we learnt about multiplication and division and fractions. We used lots of different objects to help us with this learning. This is something that the children will cover again towards the end of the year and again in Year 2.

We have also spent a lot of time learning about Shabbat and why this is important to Jewish children. In Science we were stuck on a desert island and looked at how we could survive... we built shelters and spoke about making a S.O.S. signal. History and Geography taught us all about the first every invented Superhero and our local area.

Thank you for helping your children with their spellings, we will continue to practise these after the holidays. Please also use Bug Club to help your children with their phonics and reading. Have a great holiday.

Mr Dunford, Mr Rowland and the Y1 Team!



Year 2

We have all been very green fingered this half term in Year 2 busy growing radishes, green beans, beetroot and sunflowers!

In Science, we have focused on seed germination, parts of a plant and functions and the habitats of different plants. In Maths, we dived deep into our new topic on Fractions as well as using our topic Measurement: Length and Height to support our investigations of our growing plants.

In English, we focused on our class story, 'The Secret Sky Garden' this pathed the way for fantastic creative writing focusing on friendship. This linked with our RE, our key question this half term was 'Does going to the mosque give Muslims a sense of belonging?' We explored what 'belonging' means not only to people who follow the Islamic religion but also to all of us in our daily lives.

In History and Geography, we focused on local history from our area, Poplar. We really enjoyed comparing photos in and around Poplar to photos in present day. Our favourite was Chrisp Street Market, which has changed over time in some ways, but the Clock tower was still there in our old photos! We also linked our Geography to our Science topic; we looked at different plants and their habitats around the world. It was interesting to see how some plants adapted better than others to different surroundings. In PSHE we have been focusing on our Environment, looking into how to keep our area clean and healthy for all of the creatures that inhabit it.

Finally, we say a farewell to Miss Dooley who has been in teaching with us for this half term. Miss Dooley is returning to the Year 5 bubble for the next half term and I'm sure you will join us in saying a big thank you for all of her care and support to the children over this half term.

Have a restful half term,

Miss McGonigle, Miss Dooley & Miss Salmon



Year 3

Dear Families,

The children have been excellent at resettling into school life this half term and have been really engaged with their topic 'Urban Pioneers'.

We have been learning and using our storytelling techniques to learn the story 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura and comparing the Stone Age period to our lives nowadays, through our topic Urban Pioneers. What a difference 2.6 million years can make!

We have also been learning our class poem 'Last night I saw the City Breathing' by Andrew Fusek Peters. We have been exploring figurative language and how the writer uses personification, metaphors and similes to help us create a clear image in our minds. We have even been practising writing some of our own for our own poems. Please keep an eye out for an email with us performing the poem and join us in celebrating the end of our topic 'Urban Pioneers'.

In Maths we have been learning all about fractions and have been practising working out fractions of amounts and halves and quarters. We have also started using our times tables rock-stars in Maths. Please continue to support your child with learning these at home.

Thank you for all of your support this half term and congratulations to Mr Lawson on the arrival of his daughter! Have a lovely half term,

Mr Lawson, Mr Whitehead, Mrs Maria and Miss Williams



Year 4

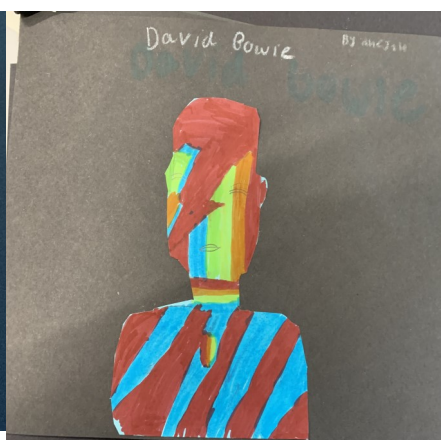
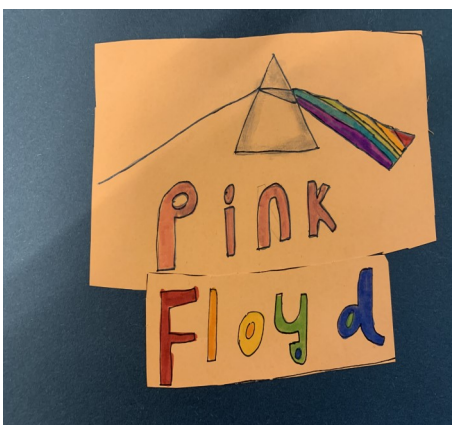
Year 4 marvellous musicians!

The children have risen to the challenge this half term with listening, dancing and making music! Our topic of Playlist has meant distinguishing between Mozart, Beethoven, and Satie, understanding how the tone or rhythm makes you feel. We also learnt when music and dancing changed to challenge stereotypes from Elvis, to David Bowie, to Stormzy! Some pupils had the opportunity to dance in the style of swing, rock n' roll and even to MC Hammer, with Mrs Smith showing us how! All the pupils celebrated with a dance-a-thon!

We have gathered our questions to ask our stars, namely Rudi's grandfather, General Levy, and our singing teacher Cynthia Gerald, who sung with Womack & Womack, although we are not singing "Footsteps on the Dance Floor" have a look on this link sing along

In our English we enjoyed the story of Rooftoppers and wrote incredibly empathic alternative endings and diaries that almost made the adults cry. Whilst we have been working hard, we have watched our tomato seedlings slowly growing just as we are slowly getting ready for year 5 in 7 weeks! Shocking isn't it, soon we will need to start looking for Secondary Schools!

Have a lovely half term, The Year 4 Team



Year 5

WOW Year 5! It has been another amazing half term! We are completely blown away by your resilience, endless enthusiasm for learning and most importantly your support for each other. It has been wonderful to watch you all grow in confidence this half term.

In English, we have loved reading our class book 'Suffragette: The Battle for Equality' by David Roberts and we have completely immersed ourselves in the suffrage movement. Learning about the NUWSS and the WSPU, designing sashes, writing incredible persuasive speeches, researching and writing a biography about Emmeline Pankhurst and not forgetting re-enacting Edith Garrud's famous 'Suffrajitsu'.

In Maths, pupils started the half term learning about equivalent 'Fractions, Decimals and Percentages' connecting their learning from the previous term and our next unit was to focus on 'Decimals' applying their learning to reasoning and challenging money problem solving questions. Year 5, you are now decimal experts!

During this half term, we have explored how settlements have developed in Geography, explored the question 'What does it mean if God is holy and loving?' in RE and researched not only how technology has changed but also how the roles of women have changed and how vital they were in the war effort during WW1.

Each week, Year 5 have shown their maturity and ability to work as a team during the M-Set sessions with Paula Manning that focus on our mental health and well-being.

"I loved learning about the suffragettes fighting for equality." Aliana

"I enjoyed learning about the suffragettes and how the WSPU was autocratic and the NUWSS was democratic." Sumlina

"It was great learning about decimals and percentages in Maths." Elle

"I've enjoyed learning about what the Bible says about God in RE." Joel

Year 5, you are an absolute pleasure to teach. We hope you all have a lovely and relaxing half term break ready for the last half term of Year 5! Miss Daly, Miss Dooley and Mrs John J



Year 6

Year 6 have had a reflective and philosophical first half of the Summer-term. The children have had a challenging time with their learning both in terms of catching up with missed learning as well as all of the new learning Year 6 brings. Since the children came back from Easter they have coped remarkably well and have continued with all of the Covid-19 routines and procedures we have put in place to keep them safe. Our half term started with the introduction of our 'A Child's War' topic, looking at WWII and the different perspectives and viewpoints to conflict. During Maths we have been learning all about Measurement; Perimeter, Area and Volume, we have also looked at Ratio and have now moved on to Statistics. We have been enjoying Roberto Innocenti's thought provoking picture book 'Rose Blanche' as our model text and inspiration to our writing in English. We have been having fun with electrical circuits and making our own board games.

We hope you all have a well-earned break, so everyone comes back refreshed and ready for the children's last half term with us at St. Saviour's.

Thank you, Year 6 team.

"My favourite learning this term has been learning all about the 2nd World War and how it began." Emilia.

"I really enjoyed learning about electricity and making circuits, I particularly like making my own game based on 'Operation'" Ryan.

