



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

'Love God, Love Others, Love Ourselves'

Upcoming dates

2nd May

Bank Holiday - School
Closed

9th - 12th May

Year 6 SATs Tests

16th - 28th May

Year 4 Swimming

18th May

Suntrap Zoom for Year
5 parents and carers

Keeping Safe

Last week, PC Steph visited St Mary's to speak with each class about different ways to keep themselves safe (she will be visiting Year 5 in May). The children found these sessions extremely informative, important and enjoyable!

Along with this newsletter, I have attached our school's child-friendly safeguarding guide for you re-visit with your child.

Mrs McNickle

Could you walk, cycle or scoot to school?

Remember we have cycle racks at outside the front of the school, which you can lock/chain your bike to!



National Online Safety (NOS)

Click on the link below to bring you to the Online Safety Guides for Parents/Carers page of our school website. Here you will be able to access NOS, from which you will be able to find the most up-to-date guides for social media apps and platforms along with useful tips to help keep children safe.

<https://www.stmaryschingford.com/the-curriculum/e-safety/online-safety-guides-for-parents.html>

We continue to keep Mrs Rita Driscoll, whose funeral took place on Friday 22nd April, in our thoughts and prayers.

Eternal rest, grant onto her O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.
May she rest in peace. Amen.
May her soul and the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen



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PC Workshops



Reception

The children were very excited to have PC Steph in our classroom. They couldn't believe we were going to be visited by a real Policeperson! They learnt a lot through the real-life police equipment that was brought in to show and tell. They couldn't believe how heavy their protective gear was! We loved trying on parts of the uniform. We ended the talk with a great experience of taking our own fingerprints.



Year 1

PC Steph came to visit Year 1. She discussed her role with the children and all of the different things her job involves.

She showed the children the different types of uniform the police have to wear. Year 1 had a chance to be a 'police constable'; try on some of the uniform; and use the equipment.

Their favourite part of the visit was having their fingerprints taken and using the handcuffs!!

Year 2

Class 2 really enjoyed the workshop with PC Steph. She spoke about the importance of 'Clever Never Goes', which meant the importance of being safe when you are around somebody that you do not know.

We watched some videos where we were able to discuss, as a whole class, what we should do in a strange or unfamiliar situation. The children were reminded that Clever the Robot never goes with strangers and they were given the tools of how to respond when in a particular situation.

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Year 3

Year 3 really enjoyed our 'Clever Never Goes' talk from the policewoman last week. We learnt that we should never go with someone who we do not know and are not expecting because this is dangerous.

It was a very informative session about the dangers and how to avoid them. We had the opportunity to take our own fingerprints and we learnt that our fingerprints are unique to us. The policewoman also answered lots of questions that we had about working as a police officer!

Year 4

Year 4 children were very excited for a real life constable to come into school to discuss 'Stranger Danger' with them.

The constable explained how we should always be alert and use our 'feelers' (our brain!) to determine who we should trust - in person and online alike. Year 4 were very enthusiastic in responding to all the hypothetical situations our visiting constable presented us with.

Towards the end of the workshop, the children just couldn't resist asking about her life on the job!



Year 6

Year 6 really enjoyed the workshop led by PC Steph. During which, they learnt about and discussed gangs and Internet safety. This focused on how gang members groom vulnerable people to join them by making them feel as though they are part of a new family who care about them, when in fact the opposite is true.

PC Steph also explained the dangers of talking to someone online and the difference between real in-person friends and those we meet on the Internet.

At the end of the session, Year 6 enjoyed having the opportunity to ask PC Steph a range of different questions.

