



St Mary's Catholic Primary School
'Love God, Love Others, Love Ourselves'

Upcoming dates

10th March

Year 3 RE
Assembly and
Parents Lunch

10th March

FOSM Pamper
Night

17th March

St Patrick's Feast
Day

17th March

Mid-Year Reports
sent home

17th March

FOSM Uniform
Sale

22nd - 23rd March

Parents Evening

22nd - 23rd March

D&T Days

Lent and World Book Day

Welcome to Spring term 2!

We had a great first week back reflecting on our Lenten promises and attending the Ash Wednesday Mass. Our Lenten promises will be part of classroom or school displays to help us remember to follow them during the season of Lent.

Please take a moment to peruse the attendance overview on the next page - as you know, your child's attendance will greatly affect not only their academic progress, but their social and emotional development too.

Mrs Nagamah and Mrs Johnson

Over the half Term, Sophia Fisk, Year 5, went to Sheffield to play in the 10 & Under Nationals, playing against the top 32 girls in the Country. She managed to make it to the quarter finals, narrowly losing 10-7 in a 3rd set tie break, placing 7th overall.

These results mean she is now ranked Number 1 in Essex and is ranked within the top 10 girls in the country.

Well done, Sophia!



Attendance Overview for Parents

Percentage Attendance	Description of Attendance	Actual Attendance	Whole Days Absent per year	Learning Hours Lost per year
100%	Outstanding	190 days	0	0
99%	Very Good - Best chances of success.	188 days	2	10
98%		186 days	4	20
97%		184 days	6	30
96%	Good - although room for improvement!	182.5 days	7.5	37.5
95%		180.5 days	9.5	47.5
90%	Poor - There is less chance of success and it makes it harder for your child to achieve.	171 days	19	95
89%		169 days	21	105
88%		167 days	25	115
87%		165 days	27	125
86%	Very Poor - Attendance is a serious concern and there will be a huge effect on your child's education and learning.	161.5 days	28.5	135
85%		161.5 days	28.5	142.5
80%		152 days	38	190

Spotlight on Year 1!

We are reading *The Lonely Giant* as part of our Guided Reading sessions. This story made us wonder what it would be like to live in a world where there are giants! We all made miniature versions of ourselves and took them into the playground to see the world from their perspective. We decided it would be very hard to be that tiny because it would take us such a long time to get anywhere!



Have a look at some of the art projects we have done over the last few weeks. We have looked at the watercolour art of Monet, the self-portraits of Frida Kahlo, the cubism and the blue period of Picasso and the bright and bold floral creations of Georgia O' Keefe. We are very artistic in year 1 and we love any opportunity to get creative (and messy)!

We had a wonderful World Book Day! The children made such an effort with their costumes. We took part in book making challenges, quizzes and we visited other classrooms to listen to our teachers' favourite stories.

