Welcome to our newsletter. We hope you had a very enjoyable Bank Holiday in the sunshine! With the warm weather arriving, please ensure your child comes to school with a hat and sun cream if required. However, as the weather is changeable, please ensure your child has a coat on cooler days.

Collective Worship

This week in Collective Worship we have continued to discuss our value of forgiveness. We learnt about the power and importance a sincere apology can have. We thought about the times that we might have had to apologise in a situation and how we can always find forgiveness in God.
EQUIPMENT FOR THE PLAYGROUND

Our plan this year is to buy some new equipment for the playground. We can only do this through your help and support through the PTFA organised events. Please come along to any PTFA organised events and show your support!

![Children illustration]

UNWANTED UNIFORM

The PTFA are looking for donations of unwanted school uniform for their next uniform sale. If you have any donations, please give these to your child’s class teacher.

![Thank you sign]

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all who came and donated to the PTFA Cake Sale and attended the disco. It was lovely to see so many of you there, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!
If your kids love to play online games, one of the names you may be hearing about a lot lately is Roblox. Launched in 2005, Roblox’s popularity with primary aged children has exploded, and it is now the No. 1 gaming site for kids and teens, according to ComScore. But Roblox isn’t actually a game. It’s a platform that allows anyone to create an online game using Roblox’s game design tools known as Roblox Studio. In a way Roblox is similar to YouTube—it gives people the tools to create digital content, and a place to share their creations with the public.

Most Roblox games are multiplayer experiences. This social aspect is one of the reasons Roblox calls itself a “social platform for play.” In fact, Roblox may be your child’s first experience with digital socializing. Players can comment and converse with other players inside a game and also chat with their friends on Roblox. However parents can turn off Roblox’s social features. Do not shy away from discussing your child’s use of games like Roblox instead spesk to them about using the platform to have fun and behave in a way that follows our school rules.

Top 5 Questions from Parents

1. What is Roblox?

Roblox is a “social platform for play” that allows people to create games for the public using Roblox’s digital tools, called Roblox Studio. There are literally millions of games on Roblox, most of which are designed for multiplayer play, though parents can turn off Roblox’s social features. Roblox may be your child’s first experience with digital socializing, which gives you a hands-on opportunity to help your child develop good digital habits that will last a lifetime. Your child will probably first experience Roblox as a player, not a creator, but many kids will “graduate” into designing their own games.

2. Why do kids love Roblox?

Roblox has millions of games that have been created by talented people from all over the world. Most kids play in multiplayer mode, which means they can play and interact with real-life friends or play with people they only interact with on the platform. If they get bored with one game, there are always dozens and dozens more to try, and new ones being created and updated every day.

Make sure to check the next newsletter to find out the other top 3 questions!

Remember to be safe when online.

Mr Maddams
ACHIEVEMENT ASSEMBLY

Congratulations!

Well done to all the children below who were nominated by their class teachers to receive Achievement Awards. Please encourage your children to keep up the good work.

**Harlow Franklin**  **Amelia Mercer**  **Luca Maher**  **Kwame Joiner**
**Jillur Rahman**  **Emily Wilson**  **David Agatiev**  **Zoe Simmonds**
**Keziah Swift**  **Toby Lorentzen**

**BEHAVIOUR AWARDS**

Congratulations must also go to the children who were picked as great role models for the school. These are:

**Finley Woodlands**  **Abigail Innard**  **Fredryk Oliver**  **Max Igo**
**Liam Jarvis**  **Elsie Mensah**  **Rosie McNab**  **Jacob Savco**
**Jake Bird**  **Brody Golding**  **Lucy Hale**  **Abbas Karami**
**Bella Brown**  **Jamie Smith**  **Aaliyah Massoud**
**Amelia Ockleford**  **Amber-Mae Roberts**  **Domas Butkevicius**

**MATHS CLUB BADGES**

A huge well done to the many children who achieved their Maths Club Badges this term. The hard work and dedication that you are putting in is really paying off. Keep practising and aiming for your next badge!

**John Coleman**  **Adela Stacnic**  **Zion Thompson**  **Lexie Frankham**  **Amelia Ockleford**
**Jack Taylor**  **Megan Chenev**  **Lilly Kearns-Smith**  **Carter McClaven**  **Harlow Franklin**
**Remus Olaru**  **Jillur Rahman**  **Leo Gwiazda**  **Nicole Short**  **Kayden Cole**
**Caelen Buck**  **Joshua Richards**  **Lilly Bonner**  **Kayla Blackwell**  **Keera Gray**
**Kristina Olaru**  **Bella Brown**  **Karolina Raiba**  **Layk Maher**  **Daisy-May Golding**
**Mollie Maxwell**  **Milie Laidlaw**  **Chloe Groves**  **Abby Pithen**  **Meadow Bannard**
**Joe Nicell-Foster**  **Radek Radomyski**  **Leo Lumsden**  **Charlie Toppin**  **Harry Brasington**
**Lily - May Beckley**  **Isaac Wells**  **Oliver Stenson**  **Lucas Richards**  **Lyla Gray**
**Jasmine Anniwell**  **Lottie Barrow**  **Lydia Simpson**  **Archie Coles**  **Toby Lorentzen**
**Frederyk Oliver**  **Amber Porter**  **Mackenzie Taylor**  **Aaron Scott**  **Skye Meekins**
**Emir Salim**  **Casey Clayton**  **Olieur Rahman**  **Lily-Rose Bennett**  **John Mutemeyerwa**
**Liam Jarvis**  **Justy Obeng-Anafi**  **Brody Golding**  **Alfie McMinn**  **Evie Smart**
**Layla Hartgrove**  **Abra Obeng-Anafi**  **Jamie Cooper**  **Korey Plevin**  **Kieran Plevin**
**Aidan Hayward**  **Olivier Grucela**  **Larsson Edwards**  **Amber-Mae Roberts**
**Harvey Lawsson**  **Gerald Owusu-Bempah**  **Muhammad-Felix Safwan**

**Kiara Leotta Da Silva**  **Finnley Barnnard-Howes**
HOME ACHIEVEMENTS

It’s so wonderful to see children achieve outside of school as well as inside. Well done to the following children for their out of school achievements.

*Skyla Newell—Completing her swimming Stage 1*

*Poppy Binder and Lucy Hale —Receiving certificates for their loyalty to the Body Rocks Dance School*

*Isla Mcauliffe —Completing her swimming Stage 2*

*Taylor Pilcher—Receiving a trophy for being street dancer of the day*

*Skye Meekins—Receiving a certificate for climbing to the top of the wall at Kids Play*

*Kezia Swift—Achieving silver and gold badges in gymnastics*

*William Whitenett—Receiving 2 3rd place, 4th and 5th place rosettes for horse riding and dressage*

*Makenzie Taylor and Lacey Shortland—Performing in their show with Starlight*

READING CHALLENGE

We have raised the importance of reading at school and now need your help at home. Each week we expect the children to read between 3 and 5 times a week and for you to put comments in their reading records. The reading records will be checked once a week by the class teachers and the average score is then taken to Collective Worship. The winning class will be awarded a trophy to keep for the week.

Over the last fortnight, the trophy was won by:-

Mr Maddams’ Cypresses with a score of 7.36 reads

CLASS ATTENDANCE AWARD

Every week the class with the highest attendance is recognised in our Achievement assembly. The class that achieved the highest attendance were:-

Mrs Baker’s Bonsais with 98.8%
ALL STARS CRICKET

Last Thursday, some of us were lucky to be visited by Matt from All Stars Cricket. Matt spoke to us about all of the exciting things that All Stars Cricket involved. We learnt that Stars stood for Smile, Teamwork, Aiming high and Respect: things that are all important in any sport, but most importantly in cricket.

Matt demonstrated some of the fun skills that you can learn through cricket, like ‘keepy-ups’ with a bat and ball. The children chose Mr Randall and Miss Farrer to try the Keepy-Up challenge in the hall. It’s fair to say, it was a tough competition, but Mr Randall just pipped Miss Farrer to the finishing post.

After the exciting assembly, certain year groups were lucky enough to receive a cricket session. The sun came out just for the cricketers and everyone had a fantastic time. If you are interested in signing your child up for the 8 week All Stars Cricket course, then please find more information on the flyer sent home with your child.

A big thank you to Matt for coming out and involving us in the exciting afternoon!
SPORT AT ST. MARY’S

It has been a fantastic few weeks for sporting achievements at school.

GYMNASTICS

At the recent Kettering School Sports Partnership gymnastics, the St. Mary’s squad were a force to be reckoned with. In the Key Stage 1 competition, we came away with gold, silver and bronze medals. Well done to Betsy Litster for achieving gold, Billie Manning for achieving silver and Tehya Reynolds for achieving bronze!

The Year 3/4 teams came 1st and 3rd and the 1st place team will go on to represent Kettering at the level 3 competition on May 24th. Ellie Laughton got an individual silver medal and Holly Wilson, Saskia Bond and Matilda Babb all won a bronze medals. The Year 5/6 teams came 4th and 5th also. What a fantastic result!
CHRISTIAN AID
In Collective Worship this week, we were visited by ZaZa and Helen from Christian Aid. The ladies told us about the destruction that the hurricanes in Haiti had on their houses. We learnt about how houses were made from sticks and straw in Haiti and so could not withstand the winds. Christian Aid are raising money to help rebuild some of the destroyed homes.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
This week in School Council, we have been talking about Christin Aid and we designed posters to help with our money raising campaign. After the visit from ZaZa and Helen, we decided that each class will have a small cardboard money box house, to help raise money for the destroyed houses in Haiti. All and any donations are welcome, no matter how small or large, hopefully we can raise enough money to buy the tools, equipment and resources needed to desperately in Haiti.

GIRLS’ FOOTBALL
Northampton Town FC we will be launching the SSE Wildcats football programme. This is a nationwide programme being launched in every county across England. The idea of the programme is to provide an opportunity for girls aged 5-11 to get involved in football in a safe, enjoyable environment with other like-minded girls their age. There will be three centres running across Northampton, these are;

Wellington Wrenn School – Fridays 5:30 – 6:30pm (3G artificial pitch)
Duston Sports Centre – Thursdays 6-7pm (sports hall)
Daventry Leisure Centre – Wednesday 5-6pm (sports hall)

If you think you might be interested in this exciting opportunity, please pass your name to your class teacher. For more information, please see the leaflet on the following page.

SAVE THE CHILDREN
A huge well done to the children in EYFS and Year 1 for raising a fantastic £83.83 for Save the Children from their Peppa Pig Muddy Puddle Walk!

WOW CLUB
Each Wednesdays, a Worship On Wednesdays (WOW) club is held in the dance studio after school. This is a chance for families to come together with Yvonne, Sandra and often Tom, to reflect on their week and enjoy the company and community of others. Why not pop along on Wednesday after school to find out more!

TWITTER
Please check out our St. Mary’s twitter account to see all of the exciting things happening at school! Visit @st_primary for any updates.
TEA ROOMS

A big thank you to the Tea Rooms who donated a Gluten Free Victoria Sponge and Chocolate Orange cake to our cake sale. Thank you also to all parents who donated. They certainly went down a treat!

HOMEWORK

Thank you to those parents who supported their children with their reading homework. Please see below the figures for each class. Well done to Miss Anderson’s class who achieved 100%! They will receive a special treat in school for all of their hard work.

As a school, 56% completed their reading homework. In February, this score was 47% so we are heading in the right direction! There is 1 last homework project coming in the last term, let’s try and beat our score!

Miss Weller—43%
Miss Anderson—100%
Miss Farrer—64%
Miss Price—52%
Miss Sanders—58%
Mrs Litchfield—71%
Miss Kelly—60%
Mrs Price—57%
Mr Maddams—48%
Miss Evans—96%
Mrs Baker—80%

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to Michael Nolan—Archie Nolan in Year 1’s dad—who is buying the school a new football, gymnastics and net-ball kit. We are so thankful to him and his company CMD property services.

HOME/SCHOOL AGREEMENTS

Thank you to those parents who have signed and agreed the home/school agreement. 304/333 parents and children replied—this is 91% of the school. Out of the 29 remaining, only 2 parents have explained their reasons for not signing it. To help us move forward, we would be grateful if the other parents would let Mrs. Reynolds know. The purpose of this agreement is to strengthen the partnership between home and school to maximise the children’s learning and happiness. Thank you for your support with this.

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR RELIEF POST

Do you like working with children? Can you be inventive with keeping the children occupied? The school is looking for some relief lunchtime supervisors to join our team and who we could call on in the event of a staff absence. The role covers 2 hours (11.30 till 1.30pm) and the pay rate is £7.90 per hour. If you would like to know more, please contact Helen Owens for an informal chat.
On the 22\textsuperscript{nd} May, we are welcoming back the Scholastic Book Fair. This year we are focusing on increasing the love of reading across our school and a Book Fair is one more way that we can do this.

A Book Fair is a fun, pop-up event that happens in schools. With a selection of over 200 of the newest and best children’s books suitable for all ages and abilities there is sure to be a book perfect for every child!

The team at Scholastic have selected books from over sixty publishers, with prices starting from £2.99 and exclusive titles that you won’t find in the shops or at any other fairs. Plus, every book sold at our fair can help to earn free books for our school with Scholastic Rewards!

The Book Fair will be taking place after school from Tuesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} May – Thursday 24\textsuperscript{th} May.
It will also be open for a final time before school on Friday 25\textsuperscript{th} May in the Dance Studio (near the Year 2 classrooms).
We look forward to seeing you there!
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SIGN UP NOW

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Daventry Leisure Centre - Wednesday 6-7pm
Wellingborough Wrenn School - Friday 5:30-6:30pm

For more info or to sign up contact:
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WEDNESDAY 16TH MAY 2018

8-12 YEARS, 13-16 YEARS & ADULT GROUPS
6.00 - 7.30 pm
KETTERING TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB
LATIMER PARK, BURTON LATIMER, NN15 5PS

TO BOOK A PLACE CONTACT
ACADEMY DIRECTOR JASON THURLAND
jason.thurland@ketteringtownfc.com
Kettering Carnival

Kettering Carnival Court Selection Night
Kettering Athletic Club
Friday 11th May 2018 @ 7.30pm

If you wish to enter for a chance to become a member of the 2018/2019 Kettering Carnival Court, please fill out an application form on our Facebook Page or email us at ketteringcarnival@gmail.com

Admission
£5 Adult
£3 Child/OAP
Entrant is Free

@Kett_Carnival
**BEFORE SCHOOL**

A gentle reminder that children and parents should remain outside on the playground until 8:50am when the whistle is blown. No parents or children should be inside the buildings or classrooms, unless a prior arrangement is agreed with the teacher. If you have a concern and wish to speak to your child’s teacher, please wait until the teacher is on the playground, or arrange a suitable time to meet after school. Thank you for your support with this.

**A PRESENCE ON THE PLAYGROUND**

We are starting to see an increase in the amount of parents that are popping into the school office first thing in the morning before school to drop forms in. You can return forms via your child’s book bags and they will put into class trays that come up to the office. Also either Mr John Currall or Mrs Emma Simmonds will be available on the school playground from 8.45am to answer any queries or take messages at the beginning of the school day. You will be able to spot them easily as they will be wearing their Hi-Vis jackets. From 8.50am they will be located at the gate by Latimer Close. They can both take any messages and action them for you and also take any forms/medication from you.

Please do speak to whoever is out on duty to help us to free up the office space first thing in the mornings for any **urgent or confidential issues only**.

**PROCEDURES FOR REPORTING ANY CONCERNS**

If you have any concerns regarding your child’s education please could we ask that you in the first instance come to the class teacher and have a chat. More and more issues are getting put on social media sites without us having the chance to investigate this issue and try and help. We would like to work with parents and pride ourselves on being very approachable and open to any concerns parents may have. If you feel the class teacher has not looked into your complaint or you are not happy with the outcome you can then go to a member of SLT (listed below) who will look into it and escalate to the Deputy or Principal if necessary.

**SLT Members:**
- Melanie Barron
- Michelle Evans
- Emma Baker
- Emma Farrer

If you are still not happy with the outcome of your complaint you can then go to

**Head of Governors:**
- Mr Neil Dorothy
School Year Sept 2017—August 2018

Thursday 10th and Friday 11th May 2018—Parable Arts
W.c. Monday 14th May 2018—KS1 and KS2 SATs Week (all week)
Friday 18th May 2018—Year 2 trip to Holdenby House
Monday 21st May 2018—Sports Day—Year 1 and Year 2 (am)
Tuesday 22nd May 2018—Year 5 and Year 6 (am)
Tuesday 22nd May 2018—Scholastics Book Fair
Wednesday 23rd May 2018—Sports Day—Year 3 and Year 4 (am)
Wednesday 23rd May 2018—Sports Day—EYFS (pm)
Thursday 24th May 2018—Year 3 and 4 Gymnastics Competition (am)
Thursday 24th May 2018—Year 5 and 6 Gymnastics Competition (pm)
Friday 25th May 2018—Miss Farrer’s Last Day

Monday 28th May 2018—Bank Holiday

Half Term—Tuesday 29th May 2018—Friday 1st June 2018
w.c. Monday 4th June 2018—Maths Club Badges (all week)
Wednesday 13th June 2018—Year trip to Twycross Zoo
Thursday 14th and Friday 15th June 2018—PTFA Father’s Day Sale
Friday 15th June 2018—KS1 Father’s Day Service
Tuesday 19th June 2018—Year 5 trip to Cadbury World
Monday 2nd July 2018—Year 6 @ Govilon
w.c. Monday 9th July 2018—Maths Club Badges (all week)
Tuesday 10th July 2018—Prayer Space
Saturday 14th July 2018—PTFA Circus Day
Tuesday 17th July 2018—Year 3 trip to National History and Pitts Museum Oxford
Tuesday 17th July 2018—Year 6 Tea Party
Thursday 19th July 2018—Leavers Service @ Church

End Of Year—Monday 23rd July 2018—Friday 31st August 2018