

# SMSJ News

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Good afternoon everyone,

The children look fabulous today as we draw to a close Mental Health Awareness Week. It is lovely to see what they feel comfortable in and how they wish to express themselves – a truly diverse mix, emphasising that everyone is unique, loved and valued by God and by us for being who they are.

This week we also marked the 20<sup>th</sup> Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 7 February, the flagship day to raise awareness of the importance of staying safe online. Please do regularly check what your children are doing online and talk to them about it, use parent controls on various platforms and ensure age restrictions are observed – they are set for a reason! It said on the radio this week that a study found that adults spend an average of four hours a day on their phone...

The weekly tuck shop is proving to be a big success and a treat at the end of the week. All profits are being used by the teachers to provide additional resources and enrichment for the children. Thank you to the staff for setting up and running this.



Today we have enjoyed a wonderful recorder recital from our Year 3s. They have had 10 weeks of lessons provided Rutland Music Hub. We are extremely grateful for their sponsorship and provision of additional music opportunities for the school. We still have a samba drumming day and singing for wellbeing to come! In fact, the corridors resounded with lovely music from all corners today – recorders, piano lessons and Year 4 ukuleles.

This week the staff have been monitoring reading across the school and flagging up those children who are not reading at home. I can't emphasise enough how important reading at home is, enjoying sharing books and listening to stories and practising reading for fluency. We are also making adjustments to our teaching practice to ensure children don't fall behind with their reading and if they do, we can try to help them catch up. We would be very happy to have more volunteers listening to children read throughout the week, including grandparents. We ran a parents' reading workshop back in December. We are going to repost the recording of this (still on Dojo from December) and add some additional hints, tips and advice to support you and your child. Watch this space!

Year 4 and Year 6 parents have been informed that Mr Flowers has decided to take a period of shared parental leave following the birth of his daughter, Felicity. Therefore, after Easter Mr Clark will move up to teach Year 6, whilst Ms Moseley will join us fulltime and take over teaching in Year 4.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. Maybe a good time to immerse yourself in a good book?!



## Head Teachers Awards



### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU ON GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS

This week the Head Teacher award in **Reception** goes to **Emilia Kent** for her amazing effort in her phonics. Emilia has really worked hard to learn her set 1 sounds this term and has shown excellent blending with her green words. She has done so well that she has now got her first red book. Super star!

In **Year 1** this week the Head Teacher award goes to **George Pengilley Gibb** for his fantastic effort in his phonics, handwriting and sentence work this week. Fantastic work George, well done!

This week in **Year 2** the Head Teacher award goes to **Esme Doel** for her fantastic work in all of her phonics lessons this term. Esme has shown a really resilient and positive learning attitude towards her reading and phonics across the whole term. Esme has really impressed Miss Buxton with her speedy decoding of words and her growing confidence. Keep it up Esme, we are really proud of you!

Well Done 😊

The Head Teacher award in **Year 3** this week goes to **Sophie Ireland**. Sophie always puts 100% effort into all of her learning. She particularly impressed Mrs Thornton this week during the vocabulary lesson in Guided Reading. Sophie showed that she was able to quickly locate a word in a dictionary and find it's meaning. She was also the first to help others who were struggling with the task. Well done Sophie!

This week in **Year 4** the Head Teacher award goes to **Fred Jones**. Fred has been fantastic this week! He has worked very hard in all of his lessons, especially in Maths where he has really focussed on his times tables! He is quickly becoming a TT Rockstars Legend! This really has been a fantastic week Fred, well done and keep it up!

In **Year 5** the Head Teacher award this week goes to **Bea Broad** for a great week of learning. Mrs Stanfield was particularly impressed by the dedication she showed on Wednesday during a morning of self-directed learning. Bea and another child created a wonderful game about internet safety. Well done Bea!

**Jack Crowden-Naylor** receives the Head Teacher award in **Year 6** this week. It has been an absolutely brilliant week for Jack. A wonderful reverse poem about equality in sport, a stunning Algebra assessment score and a truly inspiring Art print work piece around the earthquake in Turkey. You've absolutely blown Mr Flowers away this week Jack, thoroughly deserved award!



### WOW CUP



The WOW Cup is award to **Year 3** for their fantastic recorder recital. They have been working hard to learn all the notes and gave an amazing performance.

Well Done.



# Winners of the House Cup this week:



**Gwash**  
**Well Done!**



**A very Happy Birthday to all  
those celebrating birthdays  
this week**

Sullivan Sampson  
Scarlet Shaw

STAFF PROFILES SERIES – JUST FOR FUN DURING THE WINTER MONTHS!	
Name	Mel Dudin
Current role	1:1 support assistant
Where were you born?	Coventry
Proudest achievements	Making it back from France with no ticket or money.
Favourite childhood book	Trouble for Trumpets
Favourite colour	Salmon pink
Favourite food	Cream tea
Favourite leisure activities	Meeting friends in cafes for a cosy chat.
Favourite Possession	My new pink and leopard print slippers.
Future hopes and dreams	To make it to Australia to see family.
Which three guests would you most like to invite to dinner (living or dead)	Nick Luxmoore (see his obituary in the Guardian), Hilary Mantel, Ethan Hawke.
If you were stranded on a desert island, who would you most like to have with you?	My husband of course!
Something you don't know about me...	I'm teaching myself to juggle.



**After School Clubs**  
**13<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Monday – Bricks4kidz**  
**Tuesday – Boccia/Curling Yr 1/2**  
**Wednesday – Boccia/Curling KS2**

**Tuck Shop**  
**Every Friday**  
**Snacks 50p**  
**Drinks 50p**

**Early Pancake Day**  
**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

**Pudding will be Pancakes**  
**with**  
**lemon and sugar**  
**or**  
**Banana**

St Mary &  
Primary

St John  
School



**£3**  
entry per  
child

# DISCO

Thurs 16th Feb

**KS1: 6-7 pm**

**KS2: 7:15-8:15PM**

**Wow!**



**Yes!**

With ...  
**Disco Steve**  
providing  
entertainment  
[www.kidzco.co.uk](http://www.kidzco.co.uk)

**TUCK SHOP!**  
**GLITTER TATTOOS!**  
**ADULT**  
**REFRESHMENTS!**

**KS1 parents must stay please**  
**KS2 can drop & go when providing a contact number**

ALL PROCEEDS TO ST MARY+ ST JOHN PFA





- £29.00 Per Day Incl. Activities
- Full Week Discount
- 0830 - 1730 Each Day
- HAF Booking Available

#### SUMMER HOLIDAYS

- July 24th - 28th
- August 7th - 11th
- August 21st - 25th

#### EASTER HOLIDAYS

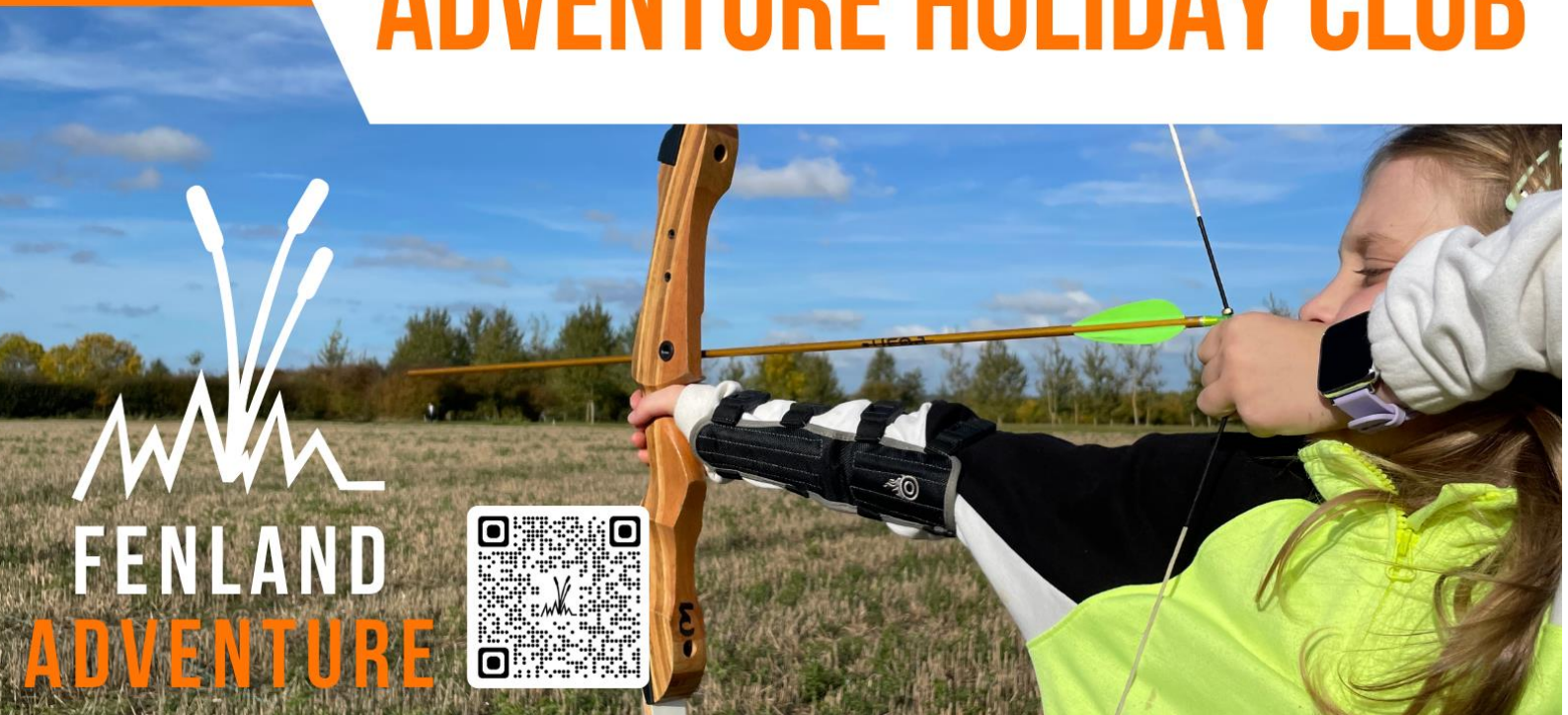
- April 10th - 14th
- Quick & Easy  
Online Booking

# CALLING ALL PARENTS!

Come and join us for fun adventurous outdoor activities during the Easter and Summer holidays. Activities include climbing, archery, target shooting, midi fencing, bush craft, giant go-karts, pioneering and water slide. For further information, or to make a booking, please scan the QR Code below.

[www.fenlandadventure.co.uk](http://www.fenlandadventure.co.uk)

## ADVENTURE HOLIDAY CLUB



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