



ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Deanery Cross Country

On Thursday 19th March, 32 enthusiastic runners from Years 3 to 6 represented our school at the Deanery Cross Country event hosted by St Mary Magdalene's. It was a fantastic morning (in the sun) of determination, teamwork, and sheer grit as the children tackled a demanding course that tested both stamina and mindset. For our Year 5 and 6 competitors, the challenge was even greater, with the course completed twice! A true test of endurance that every runner rose to brilliantly.

Cross country is unique in that it is very much a team event. Every position matters, every runner contributes, and every point counts towards the final standings. Our pupils embodied this spirit perfectly. They supported one another, pushed themselves right to the finish line, and showed resilience that made us incredibly proud.

We were thrilled to celebrate several medal winners on the day: Felix and Frank in Year 6, Piper and Marcus in Year 5, and Desire in Year 4. Their outstanding performances were matched by the effort, courage, and determination shown by all who took part. Whether finishing near the front or digging deep to complete the course, every runner played a vital role in the team's success.

What stood out most was the attitude of our children. They encouraged each other, showed brilliant sportsmanship, and truly "left everything out there" on the course. Their smiles at the finish line said it all: pride, relief, and the joy of knowing they had given their very best.

A huge well done to every single runner. You represented our school with heart, resilience, and positivity. We are incredibly proud of you all.



Safeguarding

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Year 5 Victorian Day

Year 5 treated us to a truly memorable Sharing Worship this week with their performance of A Very Victorian Classroom. The whole class worked incredibly hard in the lead-up to the event, learning their songs, perfecting the timing of their lines, and bringing real energy and commitment to their acting. Their precision, focus, and teamwork shone through, and because they cared so much about getting it right, the final performance was absolutely flawless.

A huge thank you must go to our wonderful parents and carers for providing such fantastic costumes and props. The children looked brilliant, and their outfits added so much authenticity to the experience.

The Victorian theme continued throughout the day as Year 5 stepped fully into the past. They practised chalkboard handwriting, recited East London by Matthew Arnold, played traditional parlour games, and even took part in Victorian drills. The morning began with a serving of gruel, which unsurprisingly was met with mixed emotions!

Well done, Year 5. Your enthusiasm, effort, and commitment made this a truly special event, and we are incredibly proud of you.



If you would like your child to feature in our termly Achievement newsletter next term, please send the information to the school office email:
office@st-mary-star.e-sussex.sch.uk

Mini Marathon Achievers

A huge well done to Marcus, Jessica, Isabelle, Piper and Pola (Year 5) for taking part in Sundays mini Marathon run of 1.2 miles. Out of 360 runners they all placed in the top 50 with amazing times

Marcus - 15th Place with a time of 7 minutes 14 seconds

Piper - 28th Place with a time of 8 minutes 13 seconds

Isabelle and Pola - Joint 42nd with a time of 9 minutes 15 seconds

Jessica - 50th Place with a time of 10 minutes

Amazing guys, well done!



Oliver McShane - Year 2

Oliver has started his Kickboxing journey with HKA Kickboxing and was presented with his first white belt.

Well done Oliver!



Elijah Dacunha-Carvalho - Year 2

Elijah received a certificate for outstanding swimming during a lesson. He did back stroke and front crawl.

Well done Elijah!



Betty Bradbury - Year 1

Betty was awarded a medal during her dance schools award ceremony for her superb tap dance solo.

Well done Betty!



Jacob Reed - Year 1

Jacob has achieved his Level 1 swimming badge, and now moved up to the next group. To do this Jacob had to show he could enter the pool safely, and show confidence in the water.

Well done Jacob!





The East Sussex School
Of Performing Arts

Peter Pan

A Musical Adventure

MUSIC BY GEORGE STILES
LYRICS BY ANTHONY DREW'S
IN A NEW VERSION BY ANTHONY DREWIE
BASED ON THE BOOK BY WILLES HALL

ADAPTED FROM J.M. BARRIE'S ORIGINAL PLAY WITH PERMISSION FROM GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN
THIS AMATEUR PRODUCTION IS PRESENTED BY ARRANGEMENT WITH MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL ALL AUTHORISED

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1PM & 6PM | SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 2026