



ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA

CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Deanery Rounders Tournament

Our well-practised Year 5 and Year 6 teams represented the school brilliantly at the Deanery Rounders Tournament, demonstrating excellent teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship throughout the day. While Mrs Thomson umpired many of the Year 5 matches for other schools, both St Mary Star teams remained focused and determined, working together to achieve some fantastic results.

The Year 6 team, captained by Frank Ngoka, played with confidence and maturity. Frank showed excellent leadership skills, reading the field well and organising his teammates into key positions, helping the team secure a convincing victory and be crowned Deanery champions.

Year 5 also had an outstanding tournament. Daniel, Joseph and Benedict were particularly impressive in their roles at first base, last base and backstop, while Benedict's consistently accurate bowling later in the competition helped restrict opposition scoring opportunities. Every member of the team gave their all, showing great effort, determination and improving their catching and throwing skills throughout the day. Their hard work was rewarded with a well-deserved second-place finish overall.

We are incredibly proud of all the pupils who took part and represented our school so positively. A special mention goes to those Year 6 pupils who were playing in their final Deanery Rounders Tournament after three or four years of proudly wearing the St Mary Star colours. Congratulations to Year 6 on their fantastic victory, and well done to every pupil for their commitment, teamwork and sporting attitude.



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Thank you for your service to our school

A Heartfelt Thank You to Two Dedicated Governors - Sylvia Cousins and Dympna Reed

Among the many children's achievements we celebrate at SMSS, it is important to recognise those whose dedication, commitment and service behind the scenes have helped make our school a success.

We pay tribute to two exceptional governors whose unwavering support, guidance and leadership have contributed so much to our school community over the past nine years and whose service to local Catholic education spans more than a decade.

Throughout their time with us, they have shown unwavering commitment, dedication and care for our school community. They helped guide the school through some challenging periods and were a tremendous source of support and encouragement when I joined as Headteacher. Their wisdom, integrity and steadfast belief in our school have played an important part in the progress and success we have achieved together.

On 2nd July, I had the privilege of joining them at Arundel Cathedral for a special Leaders' Mass, where they were presented with certificates and badges from the Diocese in recognition of their outstanding service to Catholic education. This honour reflects the significant contribution they have made over many years and the positive impact they have had on the lives of countless children, families and staff.

Their dedication has helped our school achieve so much, and we are deeply grateful for all they have given to SMSS and the wider community.

On behalf of everyone at SMSS, thank you for your service, commitment and friendship. We wish you both every happiness and success for the future. You leave with our sincere gratitude and very best wishes. You have both achieved so much...

***"Lord, we thank You for those
who give so generously of
their time, talents and faith in
the service of others. May the
good they have done
continue to bear fruit for
generations to come."***



Football Achievements



Jessica Grimes - Year 5

We are incredibly proud to celebrate Jessica, who has been awarded the Manager's Player of the Season trophy for Hastings United!

This fantastic achievement is a testament to Jessica's dedication, hard work, talent and commitment throughout the season. To be recognised by her manager as the standout player across the whole team is a remarkable honour and reflects the determination, resilience and positive attitude she brings to every match. - Well Done Jessica!



Marcus Collins - Year 5

We are delighted to celebrate Marcus, who has been awarded Player of the Season for Hastings United!

What makes this achievement even more special is that Marcus was chosen by both his teammates and coaches, reflecting the respect and admiration he has earned throughout the season. His commitment, determination, sportsmanship and outstanding performances on the pitch have made him a valued member of the team and a deserving recipient of this prestigious award. - Well Done Marcus!



Noah Farrise - Year 4



We are thrilled to celebrate Noah, who has received not one, but two prestigious awards from Hastings United this season: Supporting Player of the Season and Outstanding Player of the Season! Voted for by his coaches, these awards recognise Noah's exceptional commitment, positive attitude, teamwork and outstanding performances throughout the year. To be honoured with two trophies is a remarkable achievement and reflects the dedication, effort and sportsmanship he consistently demonstrates both on and off the pitch. - Well Done Noah!



Otto Bradbury - Year 3

We are delighted to celebrate Otto, who proudly represented the St Leonards FC Grizzlys in a recent football tournament. Otto received a participation medal after helping his team reach the semi-finals—a fantastic achievement! Making the occasion even more memorable, Otto scored an incredible seven goals throughout the tournament, demonstrating great skill, determination and teamwork. - Well Done Otto!





Robert Beker - Year 4

A huge well done to Robert, who proudly represented his team in a tournament at Polegate FC. Not only did he receive a participation medal for his fantastic effort and sportsmanship, but his team also achieved an impressive two match victories! - Well Done Robert!

Maten Satar - Year 2

A huge congratulations to Maten, who was awarded Man of the Match by the club managers and coaches at Sparks FC. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to his hard work, determination, teamwork, and skill on the pitch. To be recognised by the managers and coaches is a special honour and reflects the positive attitude and commitment Maten brings to every game. - Well Done Maten!



Jessica Grimes - Year 5

What an incredible achievement! Jessica was one of only a select few players from her team chosen to play in a special match at the Brighton & Hove Albion FC Amex Stadium. She put in a fantastic performance, scoring an amazing three goals and helping her team secure a convincing victory. We are incredibly proud of Jessica's talent, dedication and sporting spirit. Well done, Jessica – what a memorable achievement!

Marcus Collins - Year 5

Congratulations to Marcus, who proudly represented his team at a tournament in Ashford and was awarded a participation medal for his efforts and sportsmanship. Marcus and his teammates enjoyed a fantastic day of competition, battling their way through to the final and finishing as worthy runners-up. What a brilliant achievement! We are incredibly proud of Marcus for his commitment, determination and teamwork.



Noah Farrise - Year 4

Noah recently played in two football tournaments, where his team achieved an impressive second place finish in both competitions. Reaching the final in each tournament is a fantastic accomplishment, and the excitement didn't stop there — across the two finals, an incredible 31 penalties were taken by all teams involved! What a thrilling experience and a true test of skill, determination and teamwork.

Gymnastics Achievements



Divine Jerome - Year 5

We are incredibly proud of Divine, who competed in the Summerfields Gymnastics Inter-Club Competition and achieved outstanding success. Divine took first place in both her floor routine and vault, demonstrating exceptional skill, dedication and confidence throughout the competition. What a fantastic achievement—Well Done Divine!

Aysha Lisboa-Semerak - Year 2

Congratulations to Aysha, who recently competed in the Summerfields Gymnastics Inter-Club Competition and represented her club brilliantly. Aysha achieved an outstanding first place in the vault, showcasing her strength, skill and determination. She was also awarded a participation certificate in recognition of her hard work and commitment throughout the competition. - Well Done Aysha!



Betty Bradbury - Year 1

A huge congratulations to Betty, who has achieved her Level 7 Gymnastics Badge at Hollington Gymnastics Club. This is a fantastic accomplishment and reflects the dedication, determination and hard work she has put into her training. Betty has worked incredibly hard to master challenging skills, including her front handspring and back handspring, showing great perseverance and courage every step of the way. - Well done Betty!

Sienna Grimes - Year 1

A huge congratulations to Sienna, who recently competed in the Hollington Gymnastics Inter-Club Competition for the very first time—and what an incredible debut it was! Sienna achieved first place on both the Vault and Beam, as well as second place for her Floor Routine. To top off an already fantastic performance, she was also awarded the Highest Scoring Athlete Trophy in her age category. - Well Done Sienna!





Piper Hancock - Year 5

Congratulations to Piper on her fantastic achievements at the Hollington Gymnastics Inter-Club Competition! Piper performed brilliantly, securing third place on the beam and an impressive 4th place in both the vault and floor routine events. What a wonderful accomplishment, demonstrating her hard work, dedication and gymnastic talent. - Well Done Piper!

Mia Dadswell - Year 2

A huge congratulations to Mia on her fantastic success at the Hollington Gymnastics Inter-Club Competition! Mia delivered an outstanding performance, earning second place in both the vault and floor routine events, as well as a commendable fourth place on the beam. These impressive results are a testament to her hard work, dedication and gymnastic skill. We are incredibly proud of her achievements and the determination she showed throughout the competition. Well Done, Mia!



Lyla Silva - Reception



Congratulations to Lyla, who recently took part in the Summerfields Gymnastics Inter-Club Competition. Lyla delivered a fantastic floor routine and was delighted to be awarded an impressive third place. What a wonderful achievement, reflecting her dedication, hard work and determination. - Well Done Lyla!

Pola Read - Year 5

Pola recently took part in the Hollington Gymnastics Inter-Club Competition and achieved some fantastic results. She was awarded first place for her floor routine and also secured an impressive fifth place in the beam competition. What an incredible achievement. - Well Done Pola!



Isabelle McShane - Year 5

Isabelle recently competed in the Hollington Gymnastics Inter-Club Competition and delivered an outstanding performance, earning third place on the Beam. This is a wonderful accomplishment and a testament to her hard work, determination and dedication to gymnastics. - Well Done Isabelle!



Minnie Kimber-Mountain - Year 2

Congratulations to Minnie on achieving her Level 8 Gymnastics Badge! Minnie trains at Hollington Gymnastics Club and has worked incredibly hard to reach this fantastic milestone. To achieve her Level 8 badge, she demonstrated excellent skill, determination and perseverance, successfully performing a challenging floor routine that included a range of specific jumps and box splits. - Well Done Minnie!



Swimming Achievements

Dimitrios Markoulidis - Year 5

A huge congratulations to Dimitrios for his outstanding performance at the Seagulls Inter Club Gala. Demonstrating both skill and determination, he secured first place in the 25m Butterfly and an impressive second place in the 50m Front Crawl. These fantastic results are a testament to his hard work, dedication and commitment to swimming. - Well Done Dimitrios!



Michelle Okeke - Year 2

We are delighted to celebrate Michelle's fantastic achievement in swimming. Michelle, who trains with Summerfields Swimming Club, has proudly earned her Level 1 Swimming Badge. To achieve this award, Michelle demonstrated that she could enter the water safely and confidently, as well as swim 5 metres using both front stroke and backstroke. This is a wonderful accomplishment that reflects her dedication, perseverance and growing confidence in the water. - Well Done Michelle!



Robert Beker - Year 4

Robert has been awarded Star Swimmer for his outstanding technique in both backstroke and front crawl. As a dedicated member of Summerfields Swimming Club, Robert consistently demonstrates excellent skill, determination and commitment in the pool. His hard work and positive attitude have truly shone through, making him a deserving recipient of this recognition. – Well Done, Robert!



Other Achievements



Ocean Serate - Year 2



A huge congratulations to Ocean, who recently took part in The Green Lawn Tennis Club Junior Tournament in the highly competitive 8 & Under category and achieved an outstanding third place finish. This is a fantastic accomplishment that reflects Ocean's dedication, perseverance and sporting talent. Competing in a tournament takes courage, determination and hard work, and Ocean should be incredibly proud of her success. - Well Done Ocean!



Desire Jerome - Year 3

A huge congratulations to Desire, who has been awarded her Silver Achievement Award for Violin through her lessons with Create Music, which she attends here at school. This is a wonderful accomplishment and reflects Desire's dedication, perseverance and growing musical talent. Achieving a Silver Award requires pupils to demonstrate increasing confidence and skill in their playing, showing progress in areas such as technique, musical understanding and performance. - Well Done Desire!



Ava Brookes - Year 1

A huge congratulations to Ava, who was awarded Majorette of the Week for her exceptional twirling during the recent heatwave! Despite the challenging conditions, Ava demonstrated remarkable skill, determination and performance. She also proudly represented her troupe in the Battle Carnival Parade, showcasing her talent and commitment. What a fantastic achievement – Well Done, Ava!



Olivia Ngoka - Year 5

Congratulations to Olivia, who has achieved her Blue Belt in karate with SAMA Karate! Earning a new belt is no easy task and reflects months of dedication, perseverance and hard work. To achieve her Blue Belt, Olivia would have been assessed on a range of karate skills, including her techniques, stances, punches, kicks, blocks and kata (a sequence of choreographed movements), as well as demonstrating focus, discipline and confidence throughout her grading. This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to Olivia's commitment to her training. - Well Done Olivia!



Damian Koychev - Year 5



Congratulations to Damian, who achieved outstanding success at the Sussex Rising Stars Badminton Tournament, securing an impressive second place in both the singles and doubles competitions. What a fantastic achievement and a testament to his dedication, skill and sporting talent. - Well done, Damian!



Ana Botan - Year 6

A huge congratulations to Ana, who recently took part in the Hastings Dance Festival and delivered an incredible performance. She competed a group Jazz/Acro dance, showcasing her talent, dedication and hard work. Ana and her team achieved first place in the Under-14 category – a

fantastic accomplishment and a testament to their commitment and passion for dance.— Well Done Ana!



Piper Hancock - Year 5

A huge congratulations to Piper for achieving her Athletics Level 2 Award during a competition with Sussex Athletics. Piper demonstrated outstanding determination, skill and athletic talent across a range of events, successfully completing the 600m run, 75m sprint and standing howler throw. This is a wonderful accomplishment and reflects Piper's hard work, perseverance and enthusiasm for sport. - Well done Piper!



Oliver McShane - Year 2

A huge well done to Ollie, who has been awarded a Recognition Award by his kickboxing club, HKA, in recognition of his outstanding effort, determination and focus during training. Ollie has shown a fantastic commitment to developing his skills, consistently demonstrating resilience, discipline and a positive attitude in every session. - Well Done Ollie!



Throughout the year, we have been delighted to celebrate the many talents, achievements and successes of our pupils beyond the classroom. From sporting triumphs and performing arts accomplishments to community involvement and personal milestones, our children continue to inspire us with their dedication, perseverance and enthusiasm. We are incredibly proud of all they achieve and love sharing these special moments with our school community.

If you would like your child to feature in our termly Achievement Newsletter next term, please send the details, along with a photograph if possible, to the school office at: office@st-mary-star.e-sussex.sch.uk.

We look forward to celebrating even more of our pupils' wonderful achievements.