



The Busy Bee

Easter Edition 2026

Welcome to the second edition of the Busy Bee! This issue is dedicated to Easter, and we are confident it will bring joy to your hearts and a spring to your step.

Mrs H. Wishart



Shine a light

At St Mary's, we have children with a medical condition called Charcot-Marie-Tooth (CMT). CMT can be inherited, meaning it can run in families. Some people may carry the gene for CMT without having the condition themselves.

CMT affects the peripheral nerves, which carry messages from the brain to the muscles and also send sensory information—such as pain, heat, cold and touch—back to the brain. The condition affects people in different ways, and some people may experience more pain or weakness in certain muscles than others. People with CMT often use more energy than people without the condition, which can make them feel more tired and make everyday tasks more challenging. Despite this, people with CMT can still be active and enjoy most of the same activities as others.

Although some people think that having a disability is only a negative thing, there can also be positives. Living with a disability can help people develop empathy for others, resilience, and strong problem-solving skills.

Written by a St Mary's Pupil with CMT.



Topics of Interest



My topic of interest is Kick Boxing. I do this every Thursday at Black Dragon Blitzers in Yate. I started this in September.

I like the fact that if you are angry, you can get all of your anger out. I currently have my white belt and the 10th Dan is the highest.

I am hoping to beat my Aunty, who achieved a 6th Dan.

By a Year 5 girl.

speedy Blackbird
 The Lockheed SR-71 Blackbird spy plane is officially the world's fastest plane. It has held the world air speed record since 1976. This plane flies so high that the crew or two wear flight suits like spacesuits. It was designed to fly high to avoid attack from fighters and missiles. It carries no weapons of its own.

Lockheed SR-71	
Length	32.7 metres
Wingspan	16.9 metres
Weight	65,770 Kg
Max height	25,900
Top speed	2,193 mph



Nighthawk
 The F-117 Nighthawk was built before the B-2 to prove that stealth planes really can hide from enemy radar. The hot gases from its two engines leave the plane through a wide slot at the the back. This cools the gases quickly so that heat-seeking missiles find it hard to hit the plane.





Hop Into Easter Baking!



Easter Brownie Recipe

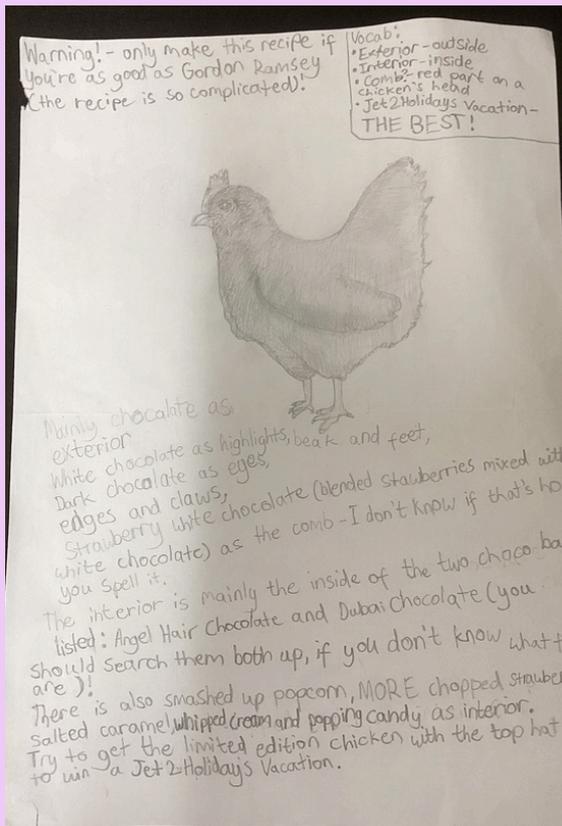
- 175g butter
chopped
- 150g dark chocolate
- 250g light brown soft sugar
- 85g self-raising flour
- 50g cocoa powder
- 3 large eggs
beaten
- 100g milk chocolate chips
- 24 mini chocolate eggs
plus extra to decorate

step 1
Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Line 24 holes of a mini muffin tray with paper cases. Put the butter, dark chocolate and sugar in a pan and heat it very gently, stirring all the time until the butter and chocolate have melted. Remove from the heat and leave to cool for a few mins.

step 2
Meanwhile, sift the flour, cocoa and a good pinch of salt into a large bowl. Stir in the warm, melted chocolate mixture and the beaten eggs, then add half the chocolate chips and mix until just combined.

step 3
Divide the mixture between the cases and place a mini egg into the middle of each muffin, pushing down gently. Bake for 12-15 mins until cooked but still gooey in the centre - they will continue cooking a little as they cool down. Leave to cool for 10 mins in the tin before transferring to a wire rack to cool completely.

step 4
Melt the rest of the chocolate chips in short bursts in the microwave, or in a bowl set over a pan of simmering water, stirring frequently. Leave to cool until it is quite thick, then dot a small amount on each cake and stick on some more mini eggs.



★ EVERY KID, EVERY SPORT!

Girl's football team

We train every Wednesday lunch time. It is available for KS2.

Edward-“Have you played against any other schools or teams yet?”

Darcey-“Yes, um before Christmas we won a game and now we are onto the next round.”

Edward-“How many matches have you played in total?”

Hattie-“About 6 or 7???”

Darcey-“We’ve done about ten or more I think.”

Edward-“How long have you been on the team for?”

Hattie-“Since the start of the school year, when it started.”

Edward-“How many schools have you played?”

Hattie-“I think about 20.”

Edward-“How many goals have you scored?”

Darcey-“Quite a few.”



Netball Team

Edward: Are you excited to play your first netball match?

Sophie: “I am very excited to play my first netball match; it seems like fun.” “I started at the beginning of the year, but the team hasn’t played yet.”

Edward: How many matches have you played, Darby?

Darby: “I also haven’t played a match yet, but I have been on the team for 2 years.” “I am quite excited to play my first match, and I know it will be fun!”

Gracie: “I’ve played over ten, and I haven’t lost a match yet.” “I’ve been on the team for four years.”



★ EVERY KID, EVERY SPORT! CONTINUED...

Boy's Football Team:

Edward: How much fun is it to be on the team?

Freddie C: "I think it is very good and very fun, and I enjoy it." "I think it is very exciting, a 10/10 experience."

Edward: How many matches have you won this season?

Danny: "This season we've won 3 matches, but it was actually quite hard because we played against some good teams." "I've been on the team for two years, and I find it amazing."

Edward: How long have you been on the team and why do you enjoy it?

Vinnie: "I've also been on the team for two years." "I mostly like being on the team because we get to go out of school to play football."

Edward: Why do you enjoy being on the team?

Harry M: "I enjoy being on the team because I get to play footie with my friends." "I've scored 2 goals this season, and it was great."

Edward: How many goals have you scored so far?

Cian M: "I've been on the team for two years." "I've scored 1 goal so far this season, which my team says is good."



Sporting Spirit on Display

Athletics competition

Edward—"How fun was it?"

Darcey—"The athletics? It was very fun."

Edward—"What things did you do?"

Darcey—"Relay races and field events."

Edward—"How long were you there?"

Gracie—"2 hours."

Edward—"Did you enjoy it?"

Gracie—"YEAH."



Year 5/6 cricket tournament

Edward: "Did you accidentally hit someone with the ball and if so, who?"

Fletcher: "I nearly hit the Wellesley Team's coach in the face twice."

Jayden: "That's her fault for supporting Wellesley."

Edward: "Do you think that your school should do more things like that?"

Fletcher: "Yes, there are not enough opportunities for people to get into cricket."

Edward: "How many points did you score?"

Jayden: "We lost to Yate Academy by one run, but we won against Wellesley by three runs."



Young Voices

On Wednesday, January 14th, the choir participated in an event known as Young Voices in Birmingham. This year, Young Voices celebrated its 30th anniversary, bringing together thousands of children to sing in unison. Here's what some of the children from St. Mary's had to say about their experience.



Edward- "How fun was it?"
Lydia- "Very fun! It was very enjoyable!"
Edward- "What songs did you sing?"
Lydia- "Disco Fever and a Wicked Medley, and we sang Defying Gravity in it."
Edward- "What time did you get home? I heard it was late!"
Lydia- "We got home at like 11."
Edward- "What songs from Wicked did you do?"
Harrison- "We sang For Good."
Gabby- "I know we did other Wicked songs; we just can't remember the names."
Edward- "How long were you there for?"
Harrison- "12 hours, I think."
Edward- "What other songs besides Wicked did you sing?"
Gabby- "Sea shanty, Power in Me, Pop Medley... I think that's it."
Edward- "What time did you get there?"
Harrison- "When we were 10 minutes away, it was 1:30, so we got there at 1:40."
Edward- "How many people were there, would you say?"
Gabby- "I think 6 million people, technically, because there were a lot of people."

Music Makers



Year 5 J sax

Edward- "Do you enjoy playing the J sax?"

Olivia- "Yes."

Edward- "What song have you done so far?"

Olivia- "We haven't done any songs yet, we've just been learning to make a sound."

Edward- "What notes have you been practising to play?"

Olivia- "We've been practising to play quiet and loud notes."



Class Focus



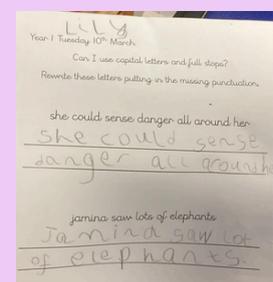
Curious Quests

This year, the Year 1/2's have been taking part in something called Curious Quests, where they are learning about a place called Kampala in Uganda. Each week they are given a different task to complete.

When we visited them, their task was to draw an impala, which is a type of deer. They also had a special writing challenge when describing the impala: they had to remember to use capital letters and full stops correctly.

Once they complete their task, they must pass an obstacle. Some of the obstacles they have faced before include the Cookie Monster and Lava Lake. The obstacle they were tackling during our visit was the Spider Dragon!

Did you know that Kampala means "Hill of the Impala"?



Turning Pages, Opening Worlds

World Book Day

World Book Day is all about dressing up as your favourite book character. However, it's not just about costumes — it's also about having fun and celebrating books, as well as the authors who spent time creating these wonderful stories for us.

On this day, you can dress up as a character you love and show your personality. Don't be afraid to make your costume homemade- be creative and express your true self! Authors work very hard to write the books we enjoy, and World Book Day is a chance to celebrate what they have done for us.

Books can help your mind grow and give you time to relax and unwind. Here are some book suggestions from us:

- **The Extremely Embarrassing Life of Lottie Brooks**
- **A Series of Unfortunate Events**
- **Horrid Henry**
- **Dog Man**
- **Alex Rider**
- **Percy Jackson & the Olympians**
- **Dork Diaries**



BOOK REVIEW



Diary of a wimpy kid -dog day
by Jeff Kinney

How did you get into the series?

I had already read the one before Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days by Jeff Kinney

Why did you choose this book?

My dad told me that the children at his school find this series very funny, so I decided to give it a try.

What was your favourite part?

My favourite parts were the funny cartoons because they made the story even more enjoyable.

If you could be a character, who would you be?

I would be Greg because he is always doing something ridiculous and funny.

By Michael Year 5





Competition Time



Poppy invited you to create an Easter egg featuring some innovative and exciting flavours. Here are our top four winners:



Reception Winner is
Neevie



LKS2 Winner is
Maxi

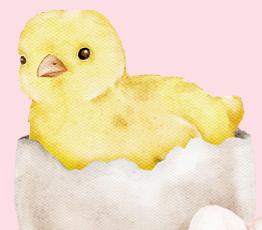


KS1 Winner is
Piper



UKS2 Winner is
Livvie

Our winners will receive a prize. Our entries will be displayed in the Hive. Well done everyone!



🐰🌸 Easter Quiz for Kids 🐣🌸



1. What animal is most commonly associated with Easter?

- A. Lion
- B. Rabbit
- C. Dolphin
- D. Penguin

2. What do kids often hunt for during Easter?

- A. Magic wands
- B. Snowflakes
- C. Treasure maps
- D. Easter eggs

3. Which season does Easter usually take place in?

- A. Autumn
- B. Spring
- C. Winter
- D. Summer

4. What sweet treat is very popular at Easter?

- A. Chocolate eggs
- B. Carrot sticks
- C. Popcorn
- D. Cheese cubes

5. What do many people decorate for Easter?

- A. Eggs
- B. Books
- C. Shoes
- D. Hats



Answer Key
1.B — Rabbit
2.D — Easter eggs
3.B — Spring
4.A — Chocolate eggs
5.A — Eggs

Which of sheep are you today? Why?

**On this sheep-scale,
how do you feel today?**



Hope you have enjoyed this edition of the Busy Bee.
Happy Easter! From Maggie, Samaya, Noah, Edward
Poppy and and Jessica