

# STM Weekly Round Up

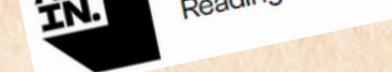
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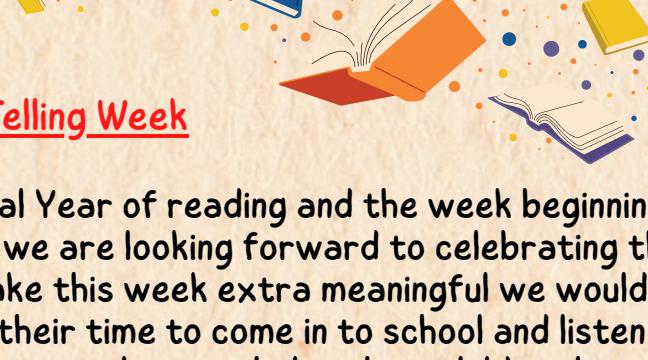
Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's assembly focused on the story of John the Baptist and his important role in bearing witness to the true identity of Jesus. Together we explored how John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus and courageously spoke the truth about who Jesus was. We discussed how John's actions remind us the importance of being honest and brave even when it is not easy and how important it is to make time to truly know each other. The children were encouraged to reflect on what it means to 'bear witness' in their everyday lives and how we must show kindness and compassion to others. Teachers have also spoke with children this week about how words and actions can reflect Jesus' teachings, helping us to be positive role models and show kindness within our school community especially by showing the expected behaviours both inside and outside of the classroom and that any kind of rough play or rudeness towards children or staff is unacceptable.

We would greatly appreciate your support in reinforcing these messages at home and we hope you take the opportunity to take a few moments to speak about this with your child. Thank you.



## National Story Telling Week



As we mentioned last week, this year is the National Year of reading and the week beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> February is National Story telling week and we are looking forward to celebrating the joy of stories and reading with our children. To make this week extra meaningful we would love to invite parents, if possible, to volunteer some of their time to come in to school and listen to children read as well as share stories together. Your involvement helps show children how important and enjoyable reading is and it is always a pleasure for them to read to a wider audience. If you are able to support us, even for a short time we would be very grateful. Next week you will be sent a form that has more information and the day that your child's year group will be holding these sessions. The timings will be 2.30pm-3.00pm and 3.00pm-3.30pm. If you could volunteer the whole hour that would be wonderful! Please do look out for the letter on Monday. Thank you.

### Premises staff

As we mentioned earlier this week, we are pleased to welcome Mr Hutchens to our premises team alongside Mr Ferreira. Mr Hutchens will be with us on Monday, Wednesday and Friday so please do say hello when you see him 😊

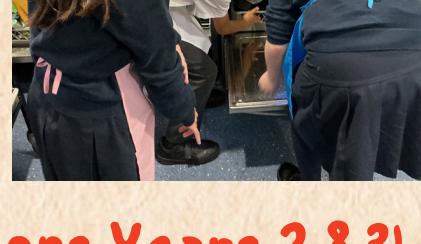
### Year 2 Sharing Assembly - Friday 30th January

A reminder that next Friday Year 2 will be having their class assembly. It starts at 9.15am and parents are invited to head round to the office once you have dropped your child off, if you are able to stay. After you will be invited up to the classroom to see more of what your child has been learning.



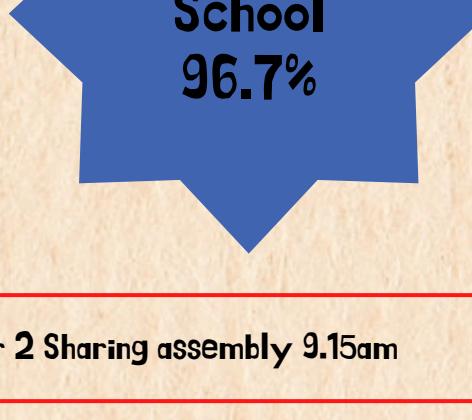
### Cooking class bake cup cakes!

Lots of fun was had in our new extra curricular cooking club this week. The children had fun making cup cakes and learning the importance of clearing up afterwards!



## Weekly Attendance Figures - Congratulations Years 2 & 3!

Reception Class	92.5%
Year 1	98.1%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	98.8%
Year 4	94.2%
Year 5	96.4%
Year 6	96.9%



### Upcoming Dates...

Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 2 Sharing assembly 9.15am
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> February	National Story Telling Week
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 Thames Barrier Trip
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Assessment Week
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 Imperial War Museum Trip
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