



## Year 5 take on the Daily Mile

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This term, Year 5 have been taking part in The Daily Mile.

Teachers and children have been aiming to complete the Daily Mile at least three times a week for fifteen minutes each time. They have all done fantastically well.

This is what some of the Year 5's thought about The Daily Mile:

*Jacob (Hawks)* "I am really happy about The Daily Mile. It is fun to push yourself as hard as you can."

*Ryan (Falcons)* "The Daily Mile is great."

*Amelia (Hawks)* "good for your blood to be pumping... even

though you get cramps and stiches it's still good."

*Holly (Hawks)* "If you ever have a stitch when you are doing The Daily Mile, you can slowdown sometimes and forget about it and it goes away."

*Lola (Falcons)* "some people say that they did a high amount of laps and other people have done a little amount of laps... so I tell people to persevere and keep going."

*Beau (Falcons)* "I think The Daily Mile is amazing; it gets you fit and healthy."



## Year 3 and 4 Handball

On Thursday 10th October a team of children from year 4 took part in a Handball tournament at Highworth School. They competed against other Ashford schools.

The first match felt like a warm-up. We played four matches in total. We gradually got better as a team until we eventually won our first game. We nearly won match three but had to wait until match four to win.

Adrianna was the best in goal. Hassan got closest to the goal and scored the most. Well done to the whole team who were:  
 Adrianna, Finley, Oli, Hassan, Olivia and Gracie.



Report by Adrianna and Finley (Year 4)

## Aldi Sticker Chart

When Aldi announced in September that they were giving schools the opportunity to get some free sports equipment and enter a prize draw for £20,000, staff and children jumped at the chance.

We began collecting Aldi stickers and with Ella (Year 6) and Madeline's (year 5) help the wall sticker chart began to fill up.

After finally completing all the spaces on the chart we sent our chart off to Aldi to enter the prize draw. We now look forward to receiving our free sports equipment.

Watch this space!

*Ella and Stefania helping to stick on the last sticker*



## Year 3 and 4 X-Country

The Year 3 and 4 x-country event was a great success this year. Sixteen St Mary's children took part including our only Year 3 competitor, a very brave Ellie.

On a surprisingly sunny evening in October the children took it in turns to do their races across the fields and up and over the hills of Godinton Estate.

With perseverance and smiles on their faces they completed the 1500m course coming in a range of positions but all showing courage and determination. The parents and teachers present, were extremely proud of what the whole team pulled off on the day.

Special mention to Gracie who brought home a silver medal. A massive well done to the rest of the team: Owen, Jasper, Josh, Austin, Jayden, Finley, Daniel, Archie, Gracie, Charlee, Isla, Peyton, Adeline, Freya, Bella and Ellie.



## Year 5 and 6 X-Country

On Tuesday 24th September and Tuesday 8th October, Evie, Molly, Sumaiya, Madeline, Emily, Finley, Ronal, Joseph, Jude, Max, Luvin, Charlie, Leo, Oliver, and Freddie took part in the Year 5 and 6 x-country event at Godinton House.

Everyone tried their hardest. One of our Year 5 team mates (Oliver) got a bronze medal in the event. Year 5 boy, Leo, had the fastest time on the second event and came 18th out of 60 runners.

Emily had the fastest time, for the Year 5 girls which was 5:50 minutes and came 8th place out of 54 runners. Year 6 boy, Charlie, came 13th with a time of 5:04 minutes and there were 54 runners. Year 6 girl, Evie ran her race in 5:43 minutes and came 9th place out of 36 runners.

We all felt proud of ourselves for what we had done but also relieved.

***Report by: Evie, Finley and Joseph***



## Year 5/6 Sportshall Athletics

On Thursday 14th November 2019 a group of Year 5 and 6 were taken to The Stour Centre to compete in the athletic competition. Although we did not get a medal we did well and had some good highlights.

Firstly, Jack and Divine did the 1x 1 lap relay finishing first; Charlie, Drew, Max and Oliver came second in the obstacle relay and the girls 4x1 relay team including, Evie, Jess, Molly and Emily came first.



Well done to the Year 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics squad: Evie, Niwasum, Jess, Lily, Molly, Emily, Lola, Scarlett, Kiran, Freddie D, Jack, Oliver P, Max, Leo, Divine, Charlie, Freddie C and Drew.

*Report by: Jack, Kiran and Charlie*

## Year 1 and 2 Infant Agility

The first Year 2 Infant Agility tournament was held on Tuesday 26th November at Highworth in their brand new sports hall.

For some of the Year 2's it was their first ever sports competition for St Mary's. They were fantastic!

Eloise, Grace, Riley, Enya, Lily, Josiah, Havana, Joseph, Poppy and Cooper had to complete 6 activities including: long jump, speed bounce, javelin, jumper, chest-push and target throw.

The teams most successful station was the jumper where the children were timed. They had to run over the obstacle, go around the cone and run back through the obstacle.

Well done to the whole team and we look forward to seeing you at many more competitions in the future.



## Term 3 Sports Clubs

Year 3/4 Hockey: Mondays

Year 5/6 Tag Rugby: Tuesdays

Year 3 Football: Wednesdays

Year 5/6 Football: Thursdays

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## Year 5 Dodgeball

On Thursday 28th November, Zion, Scarlett, Lola, Stefania, Jack S and Samir went to Highworth for a Dodgeball tournament.

The team played: St Teresa's 2, Brook, Ashford Oakes 2, Smeeth and Wittersham 2 as well as several friendly games: it was a non-competitive event.. It was great fun!

Samir was the top catcher and caught 7 balls. We won against Wittersham and Brook. Everyone was a good sports-person and tried their best.

**Report by : Divine, Zion and Scarlett**



## Year 5 go to Highworth for PE

Year 5 had a great opportunity to have a PE lesson at Highworth School this term that was run by the Highworth Sports Leaders.

After a 10 minute walk over to the school Year 5 were taken through a warm-up followed by some fun and physical activities. You can see from the photos that they had a great time and were definitely challenged by the leaders at Highworth.

