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Weekly Update for everybody

Dear Parents

We hope you are all well and that you are keeping safe. More and more of us across the area are having the vaccine and the rapid roll out fills us all with hope for a return to full opening with all of the children back in school. The Prime Minister has intimated that this could happen from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. At the moment we don't have any official news though.

Most of the teachers who were hit with COVID19 are now back in school and we are so grateful to be feeling better – almost most of us have the 'usual' longer term effects and lingering symptoms. It's so good to be back! Thank you for your emails expressing prayers and good wishes for us. These were much appreciated! Remember that if you are unwell in any way to take extra care as this new variant is extremely virulent and spreads very easily. We know that more of you have seen it spread across your homes – stay safe everyone!

Some news on upcoming events:

Spring Term parents' evenings are currently in the diary for the week of the 22/3 and we anticipate that these will be via a virtual platform like Zoom this time around. We are working through the set up procedures at the moment but we are aiming to keep them to the normal 10 minute slots.

World Book Day is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March and this year will be a virtual event for most children. Those in school can come in in costumes (don't bring the book in this time though) and those at home can wear the costume of their favourite character too.

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And a plea on numbers! Numbers of children in school are still very high – still much, much higher than other schools with an average of 124 children (30%) in each day this week. Of course the more children we have in the greater the risk – please think really carefully before sending your child in or asking for a place for them. It's been a couple of weeks since we've had cases here but the virus is still very active in schools all around us and we shouldn't be complacent or drop our guard.

We know that the last 12 months have been extremely challenging and there have been concerns over children's education and progress (and their mental health). Last term we shared our school comparison data from the PiXL assessments we carried out and we are now sharing data on how our children compare with c6000 children across the country in schools that (like us) use a data crunching programme called 'Target Tracker'. Target Tracker helps us record where children are at (in relation to Are Related Expectations) and helps us measure progress from previous starting points. The charts on the following pages show that in the autumn term (2020) our children, despite disrupted schooling, still did very well in comparison with this national sample. We believe this is a testament to the hard work you continue to put in with the Learning at home and to our focus (which continues) on the core knowledge children need to be at Age related and to be ready to access the following years learning. Thank you teachers and TAs and thank you parents! Keep it up!

Stay safe everyone and take care!

St Mary: Pray for us!

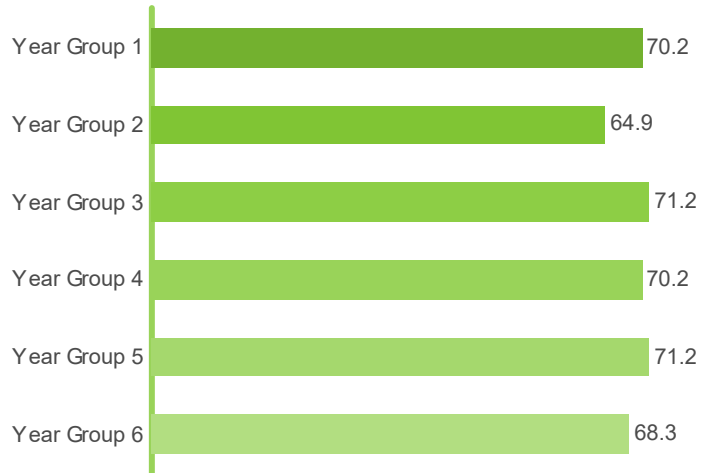
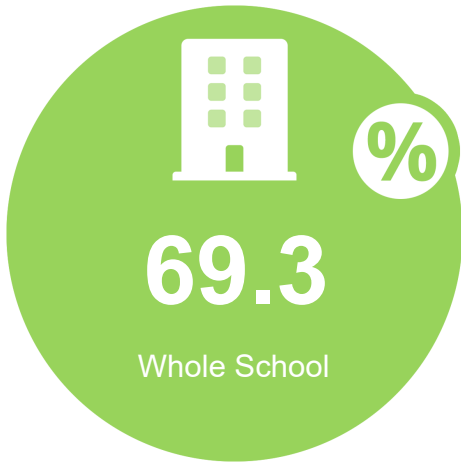
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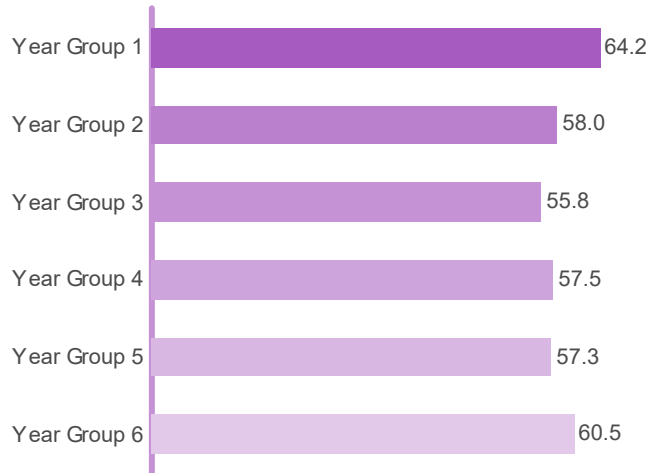
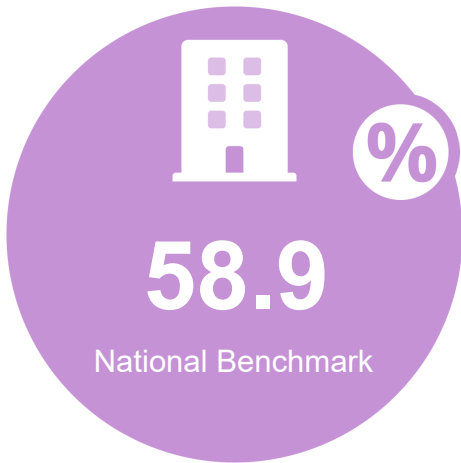
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# COMBINED READING, WRITING AND MATHEMATICS

## Your School - Year Group Age-Related Expectation Analysis



## Juniper National Benchmark - Year Group Age-Related Expectation Analysis



Your school is above the national dataset when analysing Combined Reading , Writing And Mathematics.