

Headteacher's Message

It's hard to believe we are at the end of Term 4 already - with only two terms to go this academic year. As always, it has been a busy one, with Parent Workshops and various sporting events all taking place. Thank you for your continued support with all the activities and events that your children take part in - we look forward to seeing more of you during Terms 5 and 6.

I'd like to say well done to the children who took part in two particular events: the Mid-Somerset Festival and Dance Umbrella. Both required children to take part and perform publicly, although in very different ways! This takes courage, which is a quality we value and encourage at St Mary's, but is not always easy to find.

As you will have seen from Alun Williams' letter sent out yesterday, we are focusing more and more on attendance in our schools. This is not just a Trust issue, but nationwide. We cannot emphasise enough the importance of children attending school every day to get the most out of their education - nor the impact that absences can have on attainment and their confidence in class. We will therefore be implementing our attendance procedures more thoroughly in the future. If your child is not well, please check the guidance on whether they should still attend school <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>. If we can help support your child's attendance in school, please don't hesitate to contact me.

All that remains is for me to wish you all a relaxing Easter break. I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 15th April.

Best wishes

Mrs Parsons

Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to all the children who received a Headteacher Award - keep up the great work!

Ducklings	Donald
Rabbits	Malachy
Badgers	Lottie G
Foxes	Theo H
Lions	Charlie W
Eagles	Noah L, Ben Mc



House Points Winners

Well done to our House Point Winners this term **Sapphire**, who got to come into school in non uniform on Wednesday. Who will win next term?

Attendance Winners

Congratulations **Badgers** for having the highest attendance last week. This weeks champions are, **Badgers & Eagles** all with a 100% attendance - well done

Christian Values Awards

We are proud to celebrate St Mary's Christian Values. During Term 4, the following children have been recognised:

Compassion	Shay BD
Courage	Violet F
Truthfulness	Rachel T
Service	Freddie WJ



Outside Achievements



Netball:

Well done to the St Mary's netball team who took part in an inter schools tournament hosted at Downside School. The girls worked incredibly well as a team and showed off their impressive attacking and defending skills.

Well done to **Ava, Jasmine, Willow, Annabel, Matilda, Phoebe** and **Lily**.



WhatsApp



WhatsApp says the minimum age of use is 16, however many younger children still use this app.

There are various safety risks associated with WhatsApp, such as:

- Bullying, particularly in group chats.
- Risk of exposure to age-inappropriate material
- Threat to safety due to location sharing settings
- Spam and hoax messages
- Group chats with unknown people.



We do not recommend the use of WhatsApp for any Primary School child (due to the age restrictions and outlined risks).



Hedgehogs



Class News:

We have been fully immersed in Easter and Spring activities the last two weeks in Hedgehogs. We have been enjoying lots of crafts including making chicks by cutting out shapes and attaching string and other decorations- this helped us practise our fine motor skills and was also lots of fun! We have enjoyed baking Easter cakes, weighing out the ingredients and learning the recipe all by ourselves. We have also practised our number recognition and counting with an Easter egg hunt in the garden.

We have had some special visitors in Hedgehogs this week - lots of little tadpoles! We have learnt how to look after the tadpoles and enjoyed learning about the life cycle of different animals. The children are all very excited to see the tadpoles grow and turn into frogs.

The children have all had a fantastic term in Hedgehogs and we hope you can all enjoy a lovely Easter break together-hopefully in the sunshine.

Mrs Harrison & Miss James



Ducklings



Class News:

What a wonderful Term we have had in Ducklings Class!

We have been very creative in Reception and have painted lots of different still life pictures of Spring blossom and flowers. We have explored mixing different colours together to create lighter and darker shades.

We have continued with our topic about People who help us. We enjoyed a special trip to Timsbury Library on Wednesday. The children had lots of questions to ask and were very well behaved.

In Mathematics we have been reviewing our learning to date and have explored odd and even numbers in more detail. We loved creating our own odd and even alien pictures and worked out ways to tell the difference.

It was so lovely to see so many parents this week. We are so proud of all of the accomplishments that the children have made and loved sharing their learning with you all.

We have worked hard to create Easter cards, using mixed media and our very best handwriting. We hope you like them. Have an enjoyable Easter holiday. We look forward to seeing you all in the Summer term.

Mrs Gillard & Mrs Munro



Rabbits



Class News:

It has been a great term in Rabbits. We have been very busy with all our learning this term.

In English, we have finished writing our innovated stories based on the book *'Man on the Moon'*. Rabbit Class were very creative with their ideas for their stories. I was really impressed with how independently they are all writing.

In Maths, we have been continuing our learning on fractions. We really enjoyed having our parents come to join us for our parent workshop last week all about finding half of an object or shape.

Rabbits have also been learning all about being healthy in PSHE. We have been learning about how we can make healthy lifestyle choices, which household objects are safe for us to use and how to cross a road safely.

Finally, we really enjoyed celebrating **Downs Syndrome Awareness Day** by wearing odd socks and by planting seeds. We had fun learning all about down syndrome and that those with down syndrome are unique and special just like we are.

Have a wonderful Easter break everyone!

Miss Tolfree



Badgers



Class News:

This term seems to have flown by but there are still lots of successes to celebrate in Badgers.

We have really enjoyed our History unit on *The Great Fire of London* which culminated in our class assembly last week. Thank you to everyone who came, we hope you enjoyed it and learnt some new facts!

We used our learning in PSHE to help us make some healthy snacks in our parent workshop. Most children were really brave and tried new foods or variations of snacks they have had before. The fruit kebabs were the biggest hit followed by the savoury scones scattered with dried apricots and grapes.

Our Art unit on sculpture and clay finished with us designing and making our own clay tiles to look like houses. It was great to hear the children using the correct terminology to describe how they were going to turn

their design into a reality.

'I could smooth the clay if I make a mistake' - Evelyn

'I will attach it using the score and slip method' - Dexter M

'I am going to push into the clay to make a mark' - Leo

We think you will agree that they look great!

Finally, we have written our own stories based on *'The Bear and The Piano'*. The children enjoyed using a dice to decide who their main character would be and what they would find in the woods. They have tried really hard to use the past progressive verb form and to use the more challenging vocabulary provided.

Well done on a super term Badgers, see you in Term 5!

Mrs Newman



Foxes



Class News:

What a wonderful Term 5 it has been in Foxes Class.

We have thoroughly enjoyed learning all about the three different Stone Ages and we are looking forward to learning about how Britons continued to develop new ideas.

We enjoyed learning about the different features of castles. Using this knowledge, we designed and built our castles - we worked in a small group. We were able to explain all the features of our castle to the rest of the class. Each castle was unique and we enjoyed making them out of cardboard.

In Maths, we had fun measuring perimeters of shapes. We have been improving the speed of our recall for the 3x and 4x tables. Well done Foxes Class - your hard work is showing.

In English, we have enjoyed reading the *'Firework Maker's Daughter'* by Philip Pullman. We were inspired by this story to write a narrative based in Asia. The children came up with some wonderful ideas and are beginning to use subordinating conjunctions in their writing (although, because, when, if, and as).

Foxes Class have been busy learning lines and preparing for the Easter Service. They did a fantastic job and I am very proud of them all.

Have a well-earned rest over the Easter holidays.

Mrs Hayward

Lions



Class News:

Wow - where has that term gone?

In Science, we have enjoyed using Microbits as digital thermometers to investigate the difference in temperature for different surfaces in our playground. This nicely linked together a scientific experiment with gathering statistics. The children then turned their data into graphs and analysed the results.

In DT we made sling shot cars. The children had to think carefully about how to make a mechanism with moving parts, how to create a net for the body of their car and how to design it so that it was as aero dynamic as possible. There were some fabulous eye-catching designs and the attention to detail on show was extremely impressive.

We finished our History topic about the Romans with a great parent and carers workshop where we made Roman shields, thinking about the emblems to put on them so that they truly reflected the shields the Romans would have used 2,000 years ago.

Finally, an absolute highlight of the term was seeing the children perform in **Dance Umbrella** on stage at The Forum. Every single one of the class performed the dance confidently and the whole performance was a joy to watch. They certainly received a huge round of applause at the end!

Well done Lions, you've been absolute superstars this term! Have a well deserved rest over Easter.

Mrs Brown



Eagles



Class News:

Year 5 Mini Police have had a fantastic two weeks spreading awareness about the dangers of parking on the yellow zigzag lines in front of the school. The children's enthusiasm has been absolutely brilliant, well done to all of you for making it to school early each day to do this. The support from parents and members of the public has been overwhelming. Well done Mini Police!

In Art, we have been exploring abstract and expressive forms of art through the lens of the Mayans. We have been experimenting with using different tools to paint with besides a paintbrush, such as leaves, sticks, pipe cleaners and pipettes. The children have also been investigating different ways of expressing their own personalities through symbolic images and Mayan 'Wayob'.

We finished our hockey sessions in PE with a mini tournament, where we were able to demonstrate our progress by thinking about all of the key skills we have been working on this term, including finding space, block tackling and reversing the stick so that we are only ever using the flat side.

Mr Daniels & Miss Heath



A note about Safeguarding...

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, please contact the school to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Thomson, or our Deputy Safeguarding Leads, Mrs Parsons, Mrs Newman or Mrs Purnell.

The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.

During the school holidays if you have a concern about a child, please contact BANES Social Work Services

You can raise your concerns in any of the following ways:

- Call our Children's Social Work Services on 01225 39 61 11 or 01225 47 79 29 (weekdays, 8.30am to 5pm, except Fridays when we're closed from 4.30pm)
- Drop into the [Keynsham One Stop Shop](#) and ask for the duty children's social worker
- Discuss your concerns with someone who works with children and families: Health visitor, Social worker, School nurse, Teacher

Out of office hours

- If you think a child is in immediate danger please BANES Emergency Duty Team on 01454 61 51 65

Tell us immediately about any of the following and open the relevant option for details on how to report your concern:

- A child is suffering significant harm
- You want to protect a child from abuse or serious neglect
- You feel the child requires urgent or short-term care (acute services)

Or you can contact the NSPCC

[NSPCC Contact Us](#)

Head lice

It's that time of year again when we have more cases of headlice in school. Please check your child's hair and treat them if necessary! Your careful attention to this ongoing problem would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

The most effective way to treat head lice is to wash the hair and then apply a conditioner and comb with a fine toothed comb. If lice are present they will become attached to the comb. It is important the hair is checked regularly to prevent any re-infestation

Please see Fact Sheet

Wraparound Clubs

The children at Wraparound Club have a lot of fun activities to keep them busy! Building dens, playing sports, expressing their creativity through painting, sticking, drawing, and engaging in imaginative play, these are all great ways for the children to learn, grow, and have fun. We also have the outdoor space to explore, especially during the lighter evenings.

Mrs Hawkins, Mrs Purnell and Miss Thatcher



Dates for your Calendar 2023/24 - Term 5 onwards

Date	Event	Notes
15.04.24	First day of Term 5	
17.04.24	Year 5 Trip - Field to Food, Bath & West Showground	
26.04.24	Wear Blue for Autism Day	
30.04.24	Bikeability Year 5 Group 1 - Day 1	
01.05.24	Bikeability Year 5 Group 1 - Day 2	
02.05.24	Class Photos and Year 6 Individual Photos	
06.05.24	Bank Holiday	
07.05.24	Year 5 Trip - Mini Police Wilfred Fuller Visit	
08.05.24	Book Fair Week Until Wednesday 15 May	
08.05.24	Ducklings Class Assembly	9.00 am
08.05.24	Badgers Parent Workshop	9.30 am
08.05.24	Bikeability Year 5 Group 2 - Day 1	
09.05.24	Bikeability Year 5 Group 2 - Day 2	
13.05.24	KEY STAGE 2 SATS WEEK	
20.05.24	Bikeability Year 6 Group 1 - Day 1	
20.05.24	Sex Education Meeting with Parents	3.30 pm
21.05.24	Bikeability Year 6 Group 1 - Day 2	
21.05.24	Lions Parent Workshop	9.00 am
21.05.24	Foxes Parent Workshop	2.00 pm
22.05.24	Bikeability Year 6 Group 2 - Day 1	
22.05.24	Eagles Parent Workshop	9.00 am
23.05.24	Bikeability Year 6 Group 2 - Day 2	
24.05.24	Poetry Day	
24.05.24	Rabbits Parent Workshop	9.00 am
24.05.24	Last Day of Term 5	

TIMSBURY LIBRARY EASTER LEGO CLUB

50P PER CHILD



Saturday
6th April
10am-11:30
am

Now with more stalls
for 2024

TIMSBURY VILLAGE MARKET

9.30-11.30am

Saturday 27th April on the Conygre field



Delicious,
high quality
local
produce

Seasonal vegetables

Eggs & honey

Meat, cheese & savouries

Garden plants

Jams & chutneys

Bread & cakes

Coffee, chai & hot chocolate

Sustainable cut flowers

Natural beauty & crafts

Coffee
Van
&
pop-up
cafe

... and the last Saturday each month until November 30th

the Village Market is organised by Grow Timsbury CIC no.10709916 www.growtimsbury.org.uk



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