

St Mary's CofE Primary School

"I can do <u>all</u> things"

Living Together, Learning Forever, Loving God's Creation

Friday 26th April 2024

Newsletter 13

Our core Christian Values: Compassion, Koinonia (Community), Courage, Creativity, Service, Truthfulness

Thank you 🕌



You have raised an incredible **£1,828.87** from your sponsored events at the end of last term. A massive well done to each and every one of you

Forest School Artwork

The children have created fabulous artwork which was displayed as part of last weekend's event - 'Climate Hub's Springtime Assembly at Bath Assembly Rooms, supported by the National Trust.' This Climate Hub event sees a collective of green organisations gathering together to share information and ideas about positive action for a sustainable future.

We received lots of positive comments from members of the public - well done to all the children who contributed.

For more information please check out : https://transitionbath.org/



House Points Winners



Week one of the Term 5 and Sapphire Team gained the most gems. This week Topaz Team gained the most but there is only 1 in it!

Attendance Winners



Congratulations to Lion Class for 98.7% attendance last week. This weeks champions with the highest % attendance are Eagle Class - well done

Christian Values Awards



We are proud to celebrate St Mary's Christian Values. The following children have been recognised:

Koinonia Joe B, Ronnie F, Charlie

W, Arthur P, All of Year 5

Service Evelyn M

Courage Zach F, Joe P

Compassion Teachers - nominated by

James B



Outside Achievements

Congratulations to the following children for their Outside Achievements:

Well done to **Joe** who raised £243 for Prostate Cancer UK by completing 384,407 steps over the month of March!

Noah, who received a Blue Peter Badge!



Headteacher's Award

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

DucklingsVinnie, PhoebeRabbitsDaisy, LucasBadgersEvelyn, JoeFoxesLouie, BobbyLionsMolly, Agnes

Eagles Jasmine, Stanley, Bobbi & Jude



Hedgehogs



Class News:

We have had a wonderful couple of weeks back at nursery. The children have been enjoying reading 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle which has led to lots of fun activities including apple painting, drawing, story maps, crafting and more. Some of the children enjoyed making a fruit salad with the fruit the Hungry Caterpillar eats in the story. They cut the fruit themselves talking about which part of the fruit we can eat and what foods we enjoy eating. The children then enjoyed eating the fruit salad they had made all by themselves, some of the children even enjoyed trying a new fruit for the first time. Lots of the children can now recite the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' off by heart and remember exactly what happens.

We are currently focusing on sprucing up our outside area and some resources have arrived which we have enjoyed playing with including some balance beams. We will share our progress with you as our garden improves and if you have any loose parts or plants at home you think we may enjoy please do speak to us!

Mrs Harrison & Miss James



Ducklings





Class News:

Wow, what a great start to the term, the children are enjoying their learning of our *new growth and life cycle topic*. We have got a delivery of soil coming soon which we can't wait to use to plant a range of new plants and seeds. We've been writing about plants this week. Labelling the different parts and writing about what plants need to grow. The children are becoming proficient at remembering finger spaces and full stops! We have enjoyed reading *"The Tiny Seed" by Eric Carle* and have shared lots of non-fiction texts about plants and flowers.

Our phonics lessons have also progressed this term. We are consolidating the sounds we have learnt so far and using this knowledge to write longer words, with 2 constants next to each other. Eg lift.

In Mathematics, we are counting to 20 and beyond. We have been ordering 2 digit teen numbers and have been using the bead strings and number lines to help us. We are beginning to add 2 quantities together and are remembering to use all of our practical resources to help us.

In PE, we have a new topic of *ball skills*. We have enjoyed being different insects, whilst rolling, stopping, intercepting and aiming the balls.

Mrs Gillard & Mrs Munro







What a great start to Term 5 it has been in Rabbit Class. With the weather warming up now, Rabbit Class has enjoyed doing more learning outside.

In English, we are going to be writing about the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Rabbit Class are really enjoying learning about this book so far. They have especially enjoyed role playing as Jack and getting to answer questions about the story.

In Maths, we have started our new unit on *place value to 100*. So far, we have been exploring counting, sequencing and partitioning numbers up to 100 so far.

In Art, we are creating 3D paper sculptures. We have learned different techniques to shape paper into 3D structures, such as, rolling, folding, curling, bending and twisting. We have been thinking carefully about the colours we are using to make our sculptures stand out.

Finally, we are learning all about moving robots in Computing. Year 1 are finding this topic very exciting and are having lots of fun using Beebots. We have been exploring how robots need commands to move.

Miss Tolfree



Badgers



Class News:

Term 5 has started with great enthusiasm in Badger Class. On the first day back I was astounded at how quietly the children came into school. They are well settled into their routines and got straight to work solving our morning Maths quadrant quiz!

We are loving Maths this term! We have started our new unit on *Fractions*. We are exploring halves, quarters and thirds, making them with concrete resources and finding fractions of amounts. The children have a good understanding that fractions are made of equal parts but are finding it a bit more challenging to remember that the denominator shows the total amount of parts and the numerator shows how many of these parts are shaded (when comparing to pictures). We will get there though and we're enjoying investigating along the way.

Our new writing unit is based on 'Emily Brown and the Thing'. We learnt lots about the importance of sleep in our 'hook' lesson and did a quiz to find out what

type of animals we are based on our sleep habits. I don't think you will be surprised to know that most children enjoy going to bed late!

Our class read at the moment is 'Oliver and the Seawigs'. The children are really enjoying this much more challenging book and are starting to get some of the more grown up humour. They find the sarcastic sea particularly funny.

In DT we are learning about balanced diets. This leads on well from our PSHE work last term on 'Healthy Me'. The children can remember the 5 main food groups and their understanding of what types of food are in each group is steadily improving too. They enjoyed designing a menu with 3 balanced meals this week and taking orders from the class as if we were in a restaurant.

Best wishes,

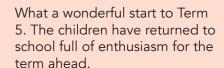
Mrs Newman







Class News:



In Maths, we have been learning about fractions. The children have become confident describing the denominator and numerator in fractions. They have been able to order fractions based on their knowledge.

During English lessons, we have finished 'The Firework-Maker's Daughter' by Phillip Pullman. We have been learning how to write descriptive sentences and persuasive techniques to persuade our readers to join us at the magnificent firework display near the end of the book. The children have been developing their vocabulary and have impressed me with their imagination.

In Science, we have been thinking about the parts of a flowering plant and what the job each one does. The children have been using key scientific vocabulary such as absorb and transport in their explanations.

We have been learning how to track a ball in our PE lessons and keep control of it by dribbling with our feet or our hands. The children have persevered and really challenged themselves - well done.

We have started our new unit of learning in Music by learning how to play the djembe with a flat hand to make a base sound. We enjoyed playing a game where we copied a rhythm and we all had a go at starting a new rhythm for everyone else to copy.

Mrs Hayward



Lions





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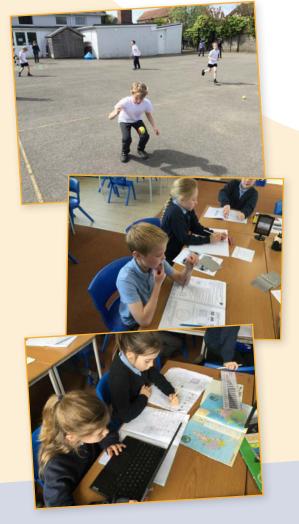
Lion Class have had a great start to the new term. We are enjoying being outside in PE, and our focus this term is on *ball skills*. We have had to think about sending and receiving the ball accurately as well as how we move around the space, looking for members of our team.

In English we have started our new text "Who Let The Gods Out." This book is full of complex language and the children are enjoying the challenge of using new vocabulary in their writing. In Science, we have been learning about our teeth as part of our Animals Including Humans topic, including making detailed observations of our own teeth. Do you know the names of all of the types of teeth we have? The Lions certainly do!

In Geography, we have put our research skills to the test by comparing two locations within the USA. The children worked really hard looking at a variety of different information sources in order to pull out some key facts about their chosen locations.

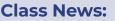
Finally, the children continue to impress me with their approach to learning their times tables, improving both their speed of recall and accuracy. Times tables are vitally important to so many areas of Maths and are a big focus in Year 4. Your support in helping your child learn their times tables is really appreciated.

Mrs Brown









Last week, the Year 5 Eagles had the fabulous opportunity to visit the Royal Bath and West Show Grounds for the **Field to Food Learning Day**.

They represented the school admirably, both on the coach and during the event. Their involvement and enthusiasm in the demonstrations and activities was superb!

During the day we participated in several activities aimed at spreading awareness and knowledge of the process which our food takes on its journey from the farm to our plates. The children had the opportunity to meet several farm animals, including sheep, pigs, and cows. Children learned about their life cycles and their lives on the farm, such as the food they eat and how it is made, and sheep shearing.

We also had the opportunity to learn about the more computerised aspect of farming, with children having the opportunity to explore a brand new self-driven tractor, interact with computer programming, and build their own solar panelled circuits.

To end our day, we learnt about the dairy and ice cream industry, and even tried some very special 80% dairy ice cream from Purbeck!

Mr Daniels & Miss Heath



Top tips for staying safe online



YOUR ONLINE POSTS ARE PERMANENT

What you share online will remain accessible forever. Always think before you post!



UPDATE YOUR PRIVACY SETTINGS

To make sure you are always keeping your personal information safe, take a look at the privacy options your sites have and make the most of the protection they offer.



REMEMBER, STRANGER DANGER!

Never meet up with anyone who you only know online, and only accept requests from people you know.

Gift from Jeremy -Holistic Massage Therapist

Holistic massage is as much about helping the mind as it is the body, so it was a pleasure to be able to donate a bundle of Mental Health and Wellbeing books to The Lodge for the children of St Mary's Primary School to access at a time when this is needed. I hope the children can enjoy these books and they help them to learn positive ways to support their own, and others wellbeing.

Jeremy Dymond Holistic Massage Therapist www.jeremydymond.co.uk Telephone 0796 7048801



Christian Value

Our new Christian Value is 'Creativity'. The Bible opens with an account of how God created the Universe and all the things within it. We have been handed the responsibility for looking after this planet – something that most would agree that we could do a better job at.

In collective worship, pupils will explore this theme in some of the following ways:

- The Christian account of creation from Genesis chapters 1-2
- Explore theories of creation and stories of creation from other beliefs and religions.
- Make links to environmental issues and the importance of our role as stewards of the planet.
- Celebrating Earth Day 2024- 'Planet vs Plastics'
- Centre a discussion on the question: what does it mean to be creative? Are only artists creative?

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.

Book Fair

We are excited to announce that we will be having a **Travelling Book Fair** visiting St Mary's from **Wednesday 8th May - Tuesday 14th May**

The Book Fair will take place between 3:15 pm and 4:00 pm after school on Wednesday 8th, Thursday 9th, Friday 10th, Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th May.

All of the books are on a 3 for 2 offer (cheapest book free). There will be a great range of titles and there is something for everyone so please come along and support the school. Each book sold raises money for the school which we can then invest in more books!

Please remember that we are a cash free school so all transactions will be via card payments.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Activities Clubs

We still have plenty of spaces available on our Activities Clubs both Lunchtime and Afterschool. You can now book using the new pay module set up on Parentpay under CLUBS, you can book one week or term at a time. It's slightly different, you access clubs and the days you want to attend, you can then add it to your basket and pay in one go. Please contact the office if you would like us to talk you through it or pop by and see us.

If your child attends our Long After School Club until 6pm, they can attend an activity club afterschool free of charge, please use the PP Free of Charge option when booking. All Pupil Premium children receive clubs free of charge, if your circumstances have changed and you think you may now be eligible to claim Free School Meal allowance, please see the posters towards the back of the newsletter or pop into the school office. Here's a reminder of the clubs on offer.

School Clubs Term 5 & 6

Club	Provider	Timing	Dates	Year Groups	Cost
Reception & KS1 Multi Sports	PH sports	3:15-4.15pm	Monday 22.04.24 - 08.07.24	R, 1 and 2	£2 x 10 weeks = £20
Science	Miss Tolfree	3:15-4.15pm	Monday 22.04.24 - 08.07.24	3, 4, 5, 6	£1 x 10 weeks = £10
KS1 and KS2 Girls Football	PH sports	3.15-4.15pm	Tuesday 23.04.24 - 09.07.24	1,2,3 4, 5 & 6	£2 x 11 weeks = £22
KS2 Boys Football	PH sports	3.15-4.15pm	Wednesday 24.04.24 - 10.07.24	3, 4, 5 & 6	£2 x 11 weeks = £22
Creative Writing	Miss Heath	3.15 - 4pm	Thursday 25.04.24 - 11.07.24	3, 4, 5, 6	£1 x 11 weeks = £11
Lego	Mrs Hayward	12.30-1pm	Monday Lunch 22.04.24 - 08.07.24	1,2,3,4,5 & 6	50p x 10 weeks = £5
Eco Club	Mrs Brown	12.30-1pm	Monday Lunch 22.04.24 - 08.07.24	R, 1,2,3,4,5 & 6	50p x 10 weeks = £5
Colouring Club	Mrs Newman	12:30 - 1pm	Wednesday LUNCH 24.04.24 - 10.07.24	R, 1 and 2	50p x 11 weeks = £5.50
Ukulele (T5) and Samba (T6) Club	Mrs Munro and Mrs Gillard	12:30-1pm	Tuesday LUNCH 24.04.24 - 10.07.24	5 and 6	50p x 11 weeks = £5.50
Gardening Club	Mr Thomson and Mrs Purnell	12:30-1pm	Thursday LUNCH 25.04.24 - 11.07.24	R, 1,2,3,4,5 & 6	50p x 11 weeks = £5.50
Journalism	Mr Daniels	12.30-1pm	Friday LUNCH 26.04.24 - 12.07.24	3, 4, 5 & 6	50p x 11 weeks = £5.50

Dates for your Calendar 2023/24 - Term 5 onwards

Date	Event	Notes
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
26.06.24	Sports Day	AM

Wraparound Clubs

Term 5 has begun really well. Our children have been enjoying their healthy breakfast and outside exercise, thanks to the lighter mornings, which sets them up for the day ahead.

It has been a pleasure to see all the children from across the school coming together as one team, both in Breakfast Club and After School Club. A warm welcome to all the new faces who have signed up and settled in so well.

Mrs Hawkins, Mrs Purnell and Miss Thatcher







ECO Wild

Booking is now open for our May Half Term Holiday Adventure Club -.

We will also be confirming our Summer dates soon.

May Half Term

- Wednesday 29th May & Thursday 30th May
- 10am 3pm
- The Roundhouse, Greyfield Wood, High Littleton
- £35 per child per day / £25 per sibling per day

A fun-filled Holiday Club in the woods! Expect den building, nature art & crafts, stories and imaginative play, tasty snacks on the fire, exploring the Greyfield waterfall, relaxing in the hammock, treasure hunts and plenty of games.

Run by EcoWild's experienced outdoor practitioners with Forest School, Craft and Outdoor First Aid training, and current DBS.

Book a place at <u>www.ecowild.org.uk/book-now</u> or email Emma at <u>hello@ecowild.org.uk</u> with any questions.



Inserted on behalf of NEXT THING EDUCATION CAMPS

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We have exciting news for you this May Half Term, your child is invited to embark on an unforgettable journey at our Tech Camps.

We will be hosting a variety of tech filled activities at **St Martin's Garden Primary School, BA2 2UN** on the **28th – 31st May at 9 am to 4 pm** each day for children aged 5 to 11 years old.

Our mission is simple: **to inspire, engage, and empower** the next generation of innovators. We aim to spark curiosity and foster creativity using cutting-edge technology. Here's a glimpse of what awaits:

- **LEGO ENGINEERING** Create and build frames with axles and crankshafts that allow you to explore and learn about different functions like spinning or turning back and forth.
- VIRTUAL REALTIY # With the magic of VR, you can explore breath-taking virtual worlds, design your own adventures, and unleash your imagination like never before.
- 3D CREATIONS Unlock your inner Tech Artist and create mesmerising three-dimensional creations, letting your imagination soar!
- LASER TAG ** Step into the action-packed world of laser tag! Engage in thrilling battles and team up with friends in the ultimate test of skill and strategy.
- **CIRCUITRY AND ELECTRONICS** Learn about electronics with circuit cubes and test your building skills with endless projects possibilities!

Different activities each day, to find your camp specific activities please check out our website!

All staff are DBS Checked and qualified to run the greatest sessions in the safest environment. For more information check out our flyer attach or visit our website simply visit: https://www.nextthing.education/product/st-martins-garden-primary-school-may-camp/

Here's what our parents thought about our Easter Tech Camp – "Lovely staff. Very friendly and helpful. Son had an amazing time at tech camp. Would highly recommend." We look forward to seeing you at camp!

Sincerely,

Next Thing Education Camps Ltd.





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3rd November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

We have now received the term dates from all 4 Local Authorities we work closely with (Somerset, BANES, North Somerset and Wiltshire) for the academic year 2023-24. Unfortunately, all 4 Local Authorities have slightly different term dates for 2023-24 and therefore I have done my best to try and ensure that we have a sensible set of dates across all the Trust schools which will hopefully work well for all concerned.

The term dates agreed for 2023-24 are as follows:

Term 1

Friday 1st September 2023 Friday 20th October 2023

Term 2

Monday 30th October 2023 Tuesday 19th December 2023

Term 3

Tuesday 2nd January 2024 Friday 9th February 2024

Staff INSET days are as follows:

Inset day 1

Friday 1st September 2023

Inset day 2

Monday 4th September 2023

Inset day 3

Monday 30th October 2023

Inset day 4

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Inset day 5

Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Best regards

Alun Williams

CEO

Term 4

Monday 19th February 2024 Thursday 28th March 2024

Term 5

Monday 15th April 2024 Friday 24th May 2024

Term 6

Monday 3rd June 2024 Friday 19th July 2024

National Bank Holidays:

Monday 25th December 2023 Tuesday 26th December 2023 Monday 1st January 2024 Friday 29th March 2024 Monday 1st April 2024 Monday 6th May 2024 Monday 27th May 2024

Monday 26th August 2024































































Celebrate International Harry Potter vay

Join us at Timsbury Library for Papercraft activities



Thursday 2nd May 3-4:30pm

Bookmark making Colouring sheets Sorting Hat Fortune Tellers

PTA NEWS

We've had some new families join the school over the past few months and so I thought it would be good to remind everyone who St. Mary's Primary School Parent & Teacher Association are.

We are a group of volunteers who help to raise funds which support the school with extra curricular activities and items around the school.

We have previously provided the defibrillator that is inside the front entrance, we've supplied books for the library, have contributed to the new reading lodge which will be constructed at the back of the school, we've helped out with transport for school trips and we've organised school discos to help the children make lots of lovely memories, we bring Father Christmas to school each December to gift a book to each child, amongst many other things.

We are always looking for more volunteers to help us organise and run events and we're always looking for ideas for new events which would interest the families and children of St Mary's. If you think you might like to help us on a regular or occasional basis or if you have ideas for events that you know would be enjoyed, then we'd love to hear from you. You can contact Stef Mills (PTA Chair) at stefmills@aol.com or 07790778453 or speak to me at the school gates (I'm the one with purple hair!).

We're planning some fun events for the rest of the year and will let you know more about those soon. In the meantime, there are a couple of ways you can help:

- We have a clothing bin in the car park at Conygre Hall. If you are having a spring clean, you can bag up clothes, shoes, bags & belts etc. and place them in the bin and this is a really simple way to help us raise extra money.
- We also have an Easy Fundraising page, so if you are shopping online, download the Easy Fundraising app and select St Mary's Primary School Timsbury as your chosen charity then do your shopping via the links within the app and a percentage will automatically be sent to us without costing you any extra! It really is easy fundraising!

Bath & North East Somerset Counci Improving People's Lives

Benefit Related Free School Meals All School Years

If you receive any of the benefits listed below, and your child attends a Bath and North East Somerset academy or maintained school, please register for benefit related free school meals.

Registration could attract Pupil Premium funding for your child's school, £1480 per Primary pupil and £1050 per Secondary pupil.

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (WITHOUT Working Tax Credit) and have and annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190
- Working Tax Credit Run-on which is only paid for 4 weeks after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under PartV1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Apply online at https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

Email the team at freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk

Or call 01225 394317 – please leave a message if you reach our answerphone and we will return your call.



Free School Meals (Benefit Related) in Bath & North East Somerset

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Did you know you may qualify your Primary School for £1,480 worth of Pupil Premium Funding if you are entitled to benefit related free school meals?

If you think you may be entitled, please ask for further information at school reception, check online at www.bathnes.gov.uk and search free school meals to see eligible benefits.

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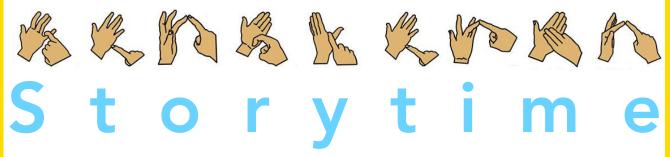
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Bath and North East Somerset Libraries



Join us for a special signed storytimes and crafts in our libraries to celebrate Deaf Awareness Week.

Bath Central Library
Tuesday 7 May, 10.30am - 11.00am

Midsomer Norton Library Wednesday 8 May, 10.30am - 11.00am

Keynsham Library
Thursday 9 May, 11.00am - 11.30am









Bath & North East Somerset Council Deaf Awareness Week 6 - 12 May

