



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

Journalism Club

World Autism Awareness Day

World Autism Awareness Day 2024 was on the 2nd April but, since that was in the Easter holidays, here at St Mary's we think it is an important thing to know about so we celebrated it on the 26th of April instead. The whole school came in blue clothes to celebrate autism. You can read on to find out more about autism.

What Is Autism?

Autism is a developmental disability caused by differences in the brain. One in one hundred people have autism. Autistic people sometimes see the world differently to non-autistic people. Autism can affect their senses such as hearing and sight; they may have sensory/fidget toys to help them calm down when they feel angry or sad. Some autistic people flap their hands; this is called stimming. They may be quiet or repeat things. Some are non-verbal which means they can't speak.

But Why Do We Celebrate World Autism Day?

We celebrate World Autism Day to raise awareness for those with autism and to make sure they live a full and meaningful life just like those who do not have autism. We need to help children and families so they

can attain the help and support they need in order to look after their children or themselves. The reason why we celebrate with blue is because the colour is associated with calmness and acceptance!

Interviews

Here you can read about first-hand experience quotes of some of the autistic people in our school.

One pupil said: *"It can sometimes be annoying because sometimes I do things and I can't stop doing them. I have some challenges because I try really hard not to get angry. I go to my room and sit with my teddies and when I'm not angry I go downstairs. I like being autistic because I kind of like being different because it means I am unique."*

Another pupil of our school said: *"Sometimes it can be hard because my vision and my hearing can sometimes make things too loud. I just like being me. Really, just being different is the best bit of autism."*

Those were some lovely quotes!

We think it is always important to celebrate differences and remember that people who have autism or are different to us should be treated the same way as everyone else, no matter what!

Ben Carey, Lily Mann, Mog Hill and Elsie Thomson

Year Six Eagles and journalists

House Points Winners



Sapphire were in the lead at the end of the last week but this week, they've been pipped to the post, it's level points for both **Emerald & Ruby**.

Attendance Winners



Congratulations to **Fox** Class for having 100% attendance last week. This week's champions are **Badger** Class with a 100% attendance - well done

Christian Values Awards



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

Service	Pippi D, Casper RR, Eddie S
Courage	Tavie-Ann B
Compassion	Indigo M, Juliette C

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.



Headteacher's Award

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

- Ducklings** Ophelia, Ella
- Rabbits** Rosalie, Ben
- Badgers** Alvin, Olivia
- Foxes** Theo, Rafe
- Lions** John, Eddie
- Eagles** Craig & Joanna, Finley & Ben



Hedgehogs



Class News:

The past two weeks have flown by in Hedgehogs! We have had lots of fun planting in our garden, we have helped the teachers plant some trees and some strawberry plants. We have enjoyed learning about how plants grow and what we need to do to look after them. We have also been lucky enough to meet the newborn chicks that have begun hatching in Duckling Class. We saw the incubator and asked lots of great questions about what the eggs need to hatch into chicks. We can not wait to see them grow!

In Hedgehogs we have been reading *'I Really Want the Cake'* by Simon Philip and Lucia Gaggiotti. This has been a popular book and brought up lots of discussions about cakes we like to bake and eat and cakes we have had for our birthday! Some of the Hedgehogs even got to make their own cupcakes. They weighed out the ingredients, poured and mixed it all themselves.

The children going up to school in September have been reading lots of books about school and asking lots of questions. The children heading to Ducklings have got to visit over the last couple of weeks and have had a great time.

The sun finally seems to be making an appearance which is lovely and hopefully means we can spend even more time outside. Please can we remind you to apply suncream before your child attends, bring in named suncream to reapply in the afternoon and named sun hats - thank you!

Mrs Harrison & Miss James



Ducklings



Class News:

We have been busy growing in Ducklings! We have planted potatoes, sunflower seeds and strawberries and are watering them regularly. We have been keeping a close eye on our class caterpillars and they are getting very big now. Soon they will be in their cocoons.

This week we have installed an incubator into the classroom. We have chicken eggs that have been hatching and the children have been so excited to witness the process. Thank you so much to Rosie's mum for bringing in the equipment and eggs. We are so lucky. They're very fluffy!

In PE, the children have continued to develop their throwing and catching skills and love the challenge of a team game. We have been butterflies, ladybirds and caterpillars and are getting much better at focusing and aiming the balls and bean bags.

Well done Ducklings for their class assembly this week. It was so lovely to share with you all the work that we have been doing in class and it was fantastic to see so many parents and carers attending. We are so proud of the class. They practised and remembered stories, poems and songs and entertained the whole school which was fabulous.

Mrs Gillard & Mrs Munro



Rabbits



Class News:

It has been another fantastic two weeks in Rabbit Class. We have been making the most of the sunshine and doing lots of our learning outside.

In Science, we have been learning *all about plants*. We have been learning about the different types of plants and the parts of a plant. We really enjoyed going on a tree hunt around the school to identify deciduous and evergreen trees.

In English, we have just finished our innovated stories based on the book *'Jack and the Beanstalk'*. We are now moving on to writing instructions on how to grow a plant. We started this new unit of writing by following instructions to plant our own seeds.

In Maths, we have been learning about *2-D and 3-D shapes*. We have been identifying, labelling and sorting 2-D and 3-D shapes.

Finally in History, we have been learning about Mary Anning and her discovery of fossils. So far we have had a go at being palaeontologists by digging for fossils in sand. We have also explored who Mary Anning was by creating a fact file.

Miss Tolfree

Badgers



Class News:

Thank you to everyone who came to our parent workshop this week. It was great to show you our understanding of fractions! We hope you enjoyed our range of challenges on offer.

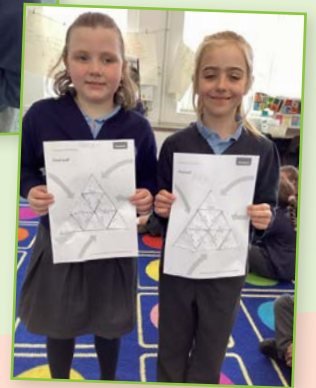
We are really enjoying the opportunities the warmer weather is bringing us this week. We have taken our PE lessons outside this term and we have been developing our athletics techniques including jumping for height and distance and running for speed. The children's improving balance and agility is certainly helping them.

In Geography, we have begun our topic on *Australia*. The children have asked some great questions that they would like to explore during our unit such as 'What different landmarks are there?' and 'What is the climate like?'

In History, we have been learning about the different types of jobs for people working in the Victorian mines. We were shocked that children as young as 5 were sent to work and can't imagine the children in Duckling Class being given such difficult and dangerous work. At first, Badgers liked the idea of not going to school during the Victorian era but quickly changed their minds when they worked out what the alternative was!!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Newman



Foxes



Class News:

What a lovely couple of weeks.

In Fox Class, we have started our new text, "*The Iron Man by Ted Hughes*". The children have been learning to express time and place using conjunctions and used them effectively in their writing.

In Maths, we have continued our learning about fractions. The children enjoyed looking at equivalent fractions using the Maths resources. They have also learned how to add and subtract fractions which have the same denominator - well done. The children have continued to make progress learning multiplication and division facts.

In PE, we have been learning how to send and receive the ball, making sure that we stay in control. We practised with our hands, remembering how to be ready to catch the ball, and with our feet where we thought carefully about which part of our foot to kick the ball with.

In Art, we created artwork inspired by the artist *Maud Purdy*. First, we made rubbings using wax crayons and different textured items from the classroom. Next, we tore the rubbings carefully into different shapes and finally, we arranged the shapes to create beautiful flower inspired artwork. The children were really proud of their artwork.

Mrs Hayward

Lions



Class News:

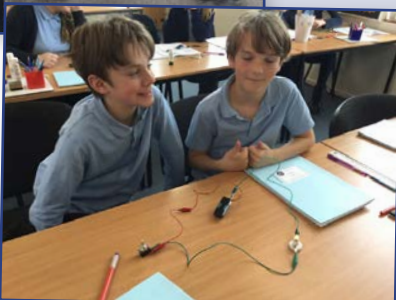
It's been so nice to have some sunshine this last week or so! The Lions have been really enjoying their PE lessons outside and are developing their ball skills, practising how to accurately dribble and control the ball as they move around the space, using both their hands and feet.

In Science, we have continued to learn about the digestive system. We put our research skills to the test and learnt about the key functions of the organs in our body. It was important to use the correct scientific vocabulary.

In English, the children have really impressed us with their amazing narratives based on a myth or legend. The complex vocabulary and grammar choices that the children have used has been incredible and the class have really enjoyed the chance to get creative, writing about a mythical creature or God that comes to earth.

Finally, we are enjoying Art this term, learning about how to use tint and shade to make an object appear to be 3D in a painting. We definitely have some budding artists in the class! Another great couple of weeks Lions, well done.

Mrs Brown



Eagles



Class News:

It's been another productive couple of weeks in the Eyrie, especially for our Y6 Eagles who have been putting final preparations in place ahead of next week's end of Key Stage 2 tests. They have all worked so hard and we are very proud of them all. They will undoubtedly give it everything they've got and produce their best possible efforts.

In other news, we have enjoyed a range of activities in our other lessons recently.

In Science, we are currently carrying out fair tests as part of our topic of *Electricity* to investigate different brands of batteries and find out which ones last the longest.

Our PE lessons have also been fun this term as we are creating routines in Dance which have a 70s Disco theme. We have also enjoyed

developing our cooperative skills in our Outdoor and Adventurous Activities sessions where we have been given challenges involving working as a team and using critical thinking to determine the best approach.

This week in our History topic of the Georgians, we were finding out about Jane Austen and all of her links with Bath. Did you know that her novels *Persuasion* and *Northanger Abbey* are both set in our local city?

Finally, thank you to these Eagles who germinated their broad bean plants at home over the Easter holidays. Super gardening skills! These have now been planted out in the school vegetable beds.

Mr Daniels & Miss Heath

Top tips for staying safe online



7 THINK BEFORE YOU SEND

Don't share with anyone online something that you wouldn't want them to share with others. It's far too easy to lose control of something once it has been sent.



8 WORRIED? REPORT IT

If you see something that worries you, report it to the site AND to a trusted adult. This way you will keep yourself safe, and prevent harm to others.



9 TIME'S UP!

The internet provides a great platform for catching up with friends, but staying online for long amounts of time has been found to have a negative impact on other areas of life. Know when to switch off and take a break.

Eco Council News!

After leading the school in an assembly to celebrate **Earth Day** earlier this term, the Eco Council are turning their focus to our school grounds. They would like to turn one of the raised beds in the Key Stage 1 playground into a haven for bees and butterflies. If anyone has any bee or butterfly friendly plants that are going spare, the Eco Team would be really grateful for them as they try to increase biodiversity within our school environment.

Many thanks

Mrs Brown & The Eco Team.

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!

Outside Achievements



A mention to all the **Year 5** children who took part in their Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability Course. It is always a popular couple of days and we are incredibly proud of our children when the instructors feedback with such positivity - excellent manners, good listening skills and determination were just some of the praise we received. Well Done Year 5. Year 6's turn next!

Well done to **Ben** who joined the Beavers - what great adventures you will have!

End of the Football Season and lots of smiling faces and what an array of trophies. Tap trophies too, what a talented and sporty team.



Dates for your Calendar - Term 5 2024

Date	Event	Notes
13.05.24	KEY STAGE 2 SATS WEEK	
20.05.24	Bikeability Year 6 Group 1 - Day 1	
21.05.24	Bikeability Year 6 Group 1 - Day 2	
21.05.24	Parent Workshop Lions	9.00 am
21.05.24	Parent Workshop Foxes	2.00 pm
21.05.24	Sex Education Meeting with Parents - all welcome	3.30 pm
22.05.24	Parent Workshop Eagles	
22.05.24	Bikeability Year 6 Group 2 - Day 1	
23.05.24	Bikeability Year 6 Group 2 - Day 2	
24.05.24	Parent Workshop Rabbits	9.00 am
24.05.24	Last day of Term 5	
03.06.24	First day of Term 6	
12-13.06.24	Folly Farm Residential	Lions Yr 4
26.06.24	Sport's Day - weather permitting	Whole School
03.07.24	Back up Sport's Day	
04.07.24	Shuffle up day	
05.07.24	Non Uniform Day - bring a donation for the school fayre!	
12.07.24	Summer School Fayre	Time TBC
17.07.24	Hedgehogs Leaver Event	Time TBC
19.07.24	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly at St Mary's Church	9.30 am



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Where are we?



Accessible with lots of FREE parking available, we are only 17 minute drive from Bath, accessible from Bristol airport and not far from Haycombe Crematorium.

The types of events we run includes

- children parties
- weddings
- wakes
- birthday celebrations
- music events
- choirs
- festive events
- craft & gardening fayre
- barn dances/folk singing
- theatre productions
- sporting events

Phone 07904-987970 and speak to our Hall Manager

How can we help you?

- Catering Options
- Fully licenced bar & a music licence
- Support with event planning
- 4 different sized rooms to choose from
- Years of experience
- accommodation list available on request

LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c
13 May

Bath Central Library

Centenary Storytime - 1950s Cat in the Hat & Paddington

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 14 May

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 15 May

Knit Two, Share One - knitting & Crochet group for any age/ability

Thursday 10.00 - 12.00pm 16 May

Norland Nannies Community Sewing Bee

Friday 10.00 - 12.00pm 17 May

Board Game Saturdays

Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 18 May

Art in the Library: Design a Future Library Competition Exhibition

Mon - Sat during opening hours 1 - 31 May

Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs

Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In

Mon - Sat During opening hours

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via the blog.
Visit baneslibraries.co.uk/events



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Midsomer Norton Library

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