



# St Mary's CofE Primary School

*"I can do all things"*

*Living Together, Learning Forever, Loving God's Creation*

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Newsletter 14

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

## Autism Day

On Friday last week, the whole school wore blue to represent

Autism day. Autism day is about understanding and supporting people with Autism. Autism, or Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD), refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication.

We celebrate Autism day to raise awareness of Autism. The reason we wore blue for Autism day is to show support for Autistic people and their families so they don't feel alone. Across the world, Autism day is important because it increases the understanding of Autism.

By Pippi and Sienna



## House Points Winners

Well done to our **Emerald & Ruby** who are currently in joint place with equal points.

## Attendance Winners

Congratulations to **Badgers** for having 100% attendance the first week back!

The Attendance Champions for last week were **Foxes** who came very close to 100%.



## Outside Achievements

This newsletter we would like to celebrate the outside achievements of :

**Willow** for her Netball Trophy

**Harrison** for having the Best Smile of the Week at Darts Club

**Lottie** achieved Netball success

**Robin** took part in a performance of Madagascar & **Beatrice** achieved level 11 in Gymnastics!

Well done to all of you!



## Service

This term, our Christian Value is "Service," which is all about showing love for others through our actions. Just like Jesus showed us how to care for people by helping them, we too can make a difference in our school and community by offering our time and talents. Whether it's helping a friend, tidying our classroom, or thinking about ways we can support others, "Service" reminds us that even small acts of kindness can have a big impact and bring joy to those around us. Let's all think about how we can put "Service" into action.



# Headteacher's Award

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

<b>Ducklings</b>	Dylan
<b>Rabbits</b>	Vinny, Ophelia
<b>Badgers</b>	Juliette, Malachy
<b>Foxes</b>	Louie & Lottie, Merryn & Violet
<b>Lions</b>	Emily H, Sienna
<b>Eagles</b>	Edith & Jude



## Eco Team - Thank you!

The Eco Team would like to say a huge thank you to the St Mary's community for their generosity and support for our recent cake sale. We were able to raise enough money to buy some bee and butterfly friendly plants and have planted them in two new flower beds outside in the playground. We look forward to seeing what insect life we can entice into our new "Flower Cafe."



## Hedgehogs

### Class News:

Term 5 is already going so quickly in Hedgehogs! We have been having so much fun playing outside with water play, visiting the woodland area, exploring the big playground and enjoying storytime under the shade of the trees. Our preschoolers are very much ready for the extra challenge of the play equipment on the big playground so we have taken lots of trips there which everyone has really enjoyed. We have even visited the big field for PE. The preschoolers will soon be starting to visit Ducklings to familiarise themselves with their classroom, routine and all the new and exciting resources they have.

Our first focus book after Easter was 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle. This is a very popular book in Hedgehogs. We enjoyed making

our own butterflies with paints and talking about symmetry and patterns in butterfly wings and lots of other things around us too. Last week our focus book was 'I Want The Cake' by Simon Phillip and Lucia Gaggiotti. Lots of the pupils got to make their own Easter Cakes, mixing all the ingredients themselves and of course they enjoyed eating them too!

We really appreciate your help in keeping the pupils safe in the sun. On sunny days please keep applying sun cream on your child in the morning before they arrive and send them in with a sun hat and labelled sun cream if it needs reapplying after lunch. And let's hope the sun will stick around for the rest of the term!

Mrs Harrison & Miss James



# Ducklings



## Class News:

Well done Ducklings, what a fantastic term we are having! Our topic of *Growth and Life Cycles* has been wonderful so far.

In Literacy, the children have been reading the story of *'The Tiny Seed'* by Eric Carle. We have been exploring the signs of Spring, planting seeds, labelling parts of a plant and learning about life cycles. The children have loved visiting Forest School and explored their surroundings with enthusiasm.

This week we have introduced the book, *'One Odd Egg'* by Emily Gravett and have written explanations about which animal has hatched from the different kinds of eggs.

It has been so very exciting to have real life chicks hatching in an incubator in the classroom. Many thanks to Lisa Horler for planning the hatch. The children have been in awe, witnessing them hatching before their very eyes.

How lucky we are to have them this week!

In Maths, we have continued to explore 'how many now?', looking at how quantities change when you add and take away. We have loved creating with 2Ds shapes and the children are looking at rotation and using shapes for a purpose. They have created some wonderful pictures.

I have been planning our summer trip and we are hoping to hold some fundraising activities to keep costs down where possible. More information to follow.

**Sun Safety:** On sunny days please apply sun cream on your child in the morning before they arrive and send them in with a sun hat and labelled sun cream if it needs reapplying after lunch. Many thanks.

Here's to lots more sunny days this term!

Mrs Gillard



# Rabbits



## Class News:

It has been another fantastic few weeks in Rabbits. We have been making the most of the sunny weather by spending time learning outside.

In English this term, we have been exploring and writing about our new book *'Jack and the Beanstalk'*. To introduce us to our new text we explored clues that were left in our classroom by the giant. We have also spent some time becoming familiar with our new story and developing our comprehension skills. This week, we finished our innovative stories.

In Maths, we have finished our unit on multiplication and division and have now started our unit on *fractions*. So far, we have been learning to recognise and find half of objects, shapes and quantities.

In PE, we have had great fun learning cricket with a cricket coach. Rabbits are delighted to be on the field and in the sunshine for our PE lessons.

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

Miss Tolfree

# Badgers

## Class News:



Badgers have settled into the new term fantastically. So many of us have embraced getting back into routine, with lots of reading, Doodle Maths and practice sheets being completed at home. Well done especially to those of you who have read everyday so far this term!

In Maths, we have begun looking at *fractions*, building our understanding of a half, quarter, whole, and a unit fraction. Badgers are working beautifully, and I am so impressed with how well they are all challenging themselves to do their best and build their learning each lesson.

In English, we have been looking at a new book, "*Emily Brown and the Thing*". Badgers have enjoyed building their own character descriptions for the *thing* using expanded noun phrases, and subordinating conjunctions to create longer sentence structures in their writing. We are all looking

forward to planning and writing our own narrative to add to the story!

This term we are thinking a lot about how we can expand our SPAG knowledge. This week we have had a very special visitor come into our class and do some very important SPAG work with us. All of the Badgers were beautifully behaved, and our visitor commented several times on how well behaved and kind everyone in the class was. To celebrate this successful visit, Badgers embarked on a treasure hunt, scouring the playground and forest area for as many verbs, nouns and adjectives as they can find.

Badgers are so happy to have Forest School back on a Thursday afternoon, and had a brilliant time last week building their own nests. Badgers are also enjoying their cricket lessons on Tuesdays.

Miss Heath



# Foxes

## Class News:



It's been a super start to the new term in Foxes. The children have settled back into their learning brilliantly.

In Maths, we have been learning about *Mass and Capacity* and understanding the different units of measurement.

In History, we have learnt about the construction of *Hadrian's Wall*, why it was built and what life would have been like for the Romans soldiers who patrolled on it.

In PE, we are very much enjoying the cricket sessions in the sunshine and making use of the fantastic field we have available to us. The children have begun to work on their batting, catching and fielding skills and are also developing their

perseverance and teamwork.

In our Latin lessons, our Year 4 children are learning how to describe themselves in Latin. They used these skills to play a fun game of "Guess Who", identifying the characters by asking questions about hair and eye colour.

Finally, in Art, we are learning about tints and tones and how to mix colours so that they can be used to paint images that look 3D. We have had to think hard about where the light and dark show on an object in order to get the correct shade.

We are already looking forward to what the rest of Term 5 has in store for us!

Mrs Brown

# Lions

## Class News:



What a great start it has been to Term 5. It's one of the shorter terms but we are determined to pack a lot in!

We began by getting ready for our educational visit to **Bristol Civil and Family Justice Centre**. We were lucky enough to be given the opportunity to attend a National Justice Museum 'Court In Session' workshop which involved visiting an actual working court building (we all had to go through their strict airport-style security procedures on arrival) and taking part in a 'mock trial'. Our class were allocated roles (Judge, Clerk, Usher, Barrister, Solicitor, Witness or Juror) and then acted out a trial based on real-life events. Our 'mock trial' involved alleged cyberbullying, with the defendant being accused of harassment. It was a really exciting experience and an opportunity to take part in something a bit different. Sadly, there are no photos of this due to the strict rules regarding photography inside court buildings.

Another brilliant event that has taken place this term has been *Bikeability*. It has been great to hear the reports from our cycling instructors about the enthusiasm, positive behaviour and the impressive cycling techniques they have encountered. This has been a super chance for our pupils to

learn about road safety and become more familiar with how to navigate their way safely around the roads of Timsbury.

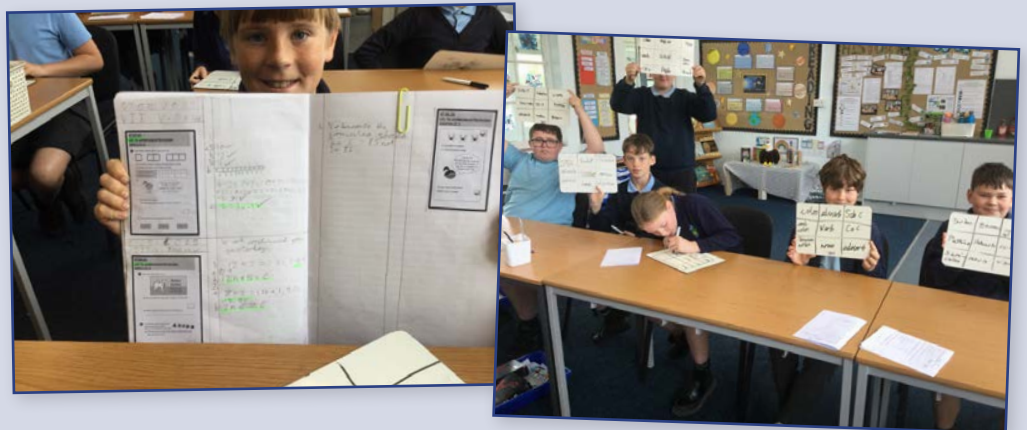
Our PE sessions in Term 5 have involved sessions working with a Bath Cricket Coach and also developing our map reading skills in weekly orienteering activities. It has been fun to locate the stations within the school grounds and then solve the puzzles we find there.

Fridays in Term 5 have become our 'Creativity Days' where our timetable includes English, Music and Art. Our English activities see us perform to an audience in our Readers' Theatre and also have the opportunity as authors to decide our own genres in Creative Writing. In Music, we have been learning about the origins of blues music and identifying some of the features of this genre. We have become familiar with chords often used in blues music and have begun playing the 12-bar blues on glockenspiels. Finally, our Art work this term is on the theme of *Architecture*. We have drawn houses from observation, interpreting the details to draw accurately, and also planned a print and used the monoprint technique to create an abstract piece.

Mr Daniels

# Eagles

## Class News:



It has been a busy few weeks for Eagles!

Although this term has been tough with SATs revision, I have to commend the sheer determination and resilience of our amazing Year 6 pupils. They have been driven to be the best learners they can be, and I am incredibly proud of them.

In Maths, we have completed the final areas of the curriculum, ending on some tricky topics such as algebra and geometry. Eagles have worked hard to solve problems involving expressions, substitution, translation and reflection. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow and their attitude towards reasoning questions improve—adopting an "I can do it" mindset and tackling every challenge with enthusiasm.

In PE, we were lucky to have a cricket coach come in

and work with us. Eagles are already keen cricketers, but these sessions have helped them develop new skills and techniques, which they have eagerly transferred into their free play at lunchtimes.

In English, we've been brushing up on all our SPaG skills, tackling the areas the children find most challenging. To keep lessons fun and light-hearted, we've played a variety of grammar and punctuation games to help secure their understanding of determiners, types of conjunctions and the passive voice.

On Fridays, Eagles have loved the opportunity to head out into the forest area and help Mr Thomson with the 'Spring Tidy'. They've enjoyed learning how to use tools, and it's been a great chance to revisit some forest school skills.

Miss Woods

## Netball

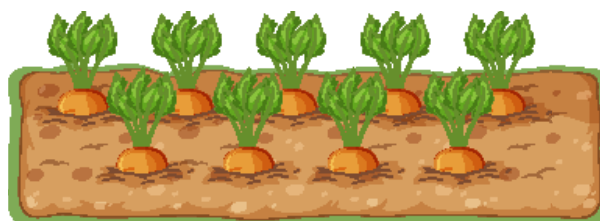
Congratulations to St Mary's Netball Team who won a hard fought match, 13-11 against Oldfield Park Juniors. A really impressive performance from the team means that they progress to the next round of the Bath & North East Somerset School Netball Tournament. A huge well done to: Jude, Matilda, Willow, Phoebe, Maggie, Pippi and Bear.



## UPDATE St. Mary's Vegetable Patch - THANK YOU!

Wow what a community we have in Timsbury - thank you so much for the generous donation of 16 railway sleepers, a ton of soil as well as lots of compost, seed and plant donations. This really does make a huge difference to the well being of the children, staff and the environment.

Thank you for your support in making our vegetable patch bigger and better!



## Easter Bonnet (PTA)

The PTA's Easter Bonnet competition was a resounding success, bringing a burst of creativity and springtime cheer to the school!

We were absolutely thrilled by the sheer imagination and effort that went into each and every bonnet. From towering floral displays to adorable fluffy chicks and even miniature Easter egg hunts perched atop hats, the entries truly showcased the wonderful talent within our school community.



## Nest Project

We're excited to share that we'll be supporting a wonderful local charity called **The Nest Project**. You may have already heard a little bit about this charity following on from an assembly where the children learnt all about this incredible organization, who work tirelessly to help families in BANES who are facing challenging times.

### What does The Nest Project do?

The Nest Project provides essential items and support to vulnerable families, helping them to create safe, stable, and nurturing environments for their children. They offer a lifeline to those who need it most, ensuring families have access to the basics that many of us take for granted. Their work includes providing clothing, bedding, baby equipment, and importantly for our current initiative, toiletries.

### How can you help?

We will be collecting donations of new and unused toiletry items to help The Nest Project continue their

vital work. These everyday essentials can make a huge difference to families struggling to make ends meet.

### The Nest Project is currently in need of the following items:

- Baby or children's shampoo
- Baby or children's body wash
- Children's toothpaste and toothbrushes (for children aged 0-5)
- Nappies (sizes 3 - 7)
- Nappy cream / Sudocrem
- Sensitive baby wipes

Thank you to all of you that have contributed to this wonderful cause. Our basket in the Reception lobby is looking good.

## Village Day

### Timsbury Village Day 2025 – Parents vs Pupils Football Match

We're excited to support this year's **Timsbury Village Day** with a fun **Parents vs Pupils Football Match!**

### Saturday 14th June

- **Kick-off is planned for 1:30 PM**
- Depending on numbers, we may run separate matches for **Key Stage 1 (KS1)** and **Key Stage 2 (KS2)** pupils.

The children are already very excited about the chance to take on their parents—so don't miss out!

**Sign up now** to get involved in the fun and friendly competition in support of **Timsbury Village Day 2025**.

[GoogleForm](#)



## Book Fayre: Wednesday 7th – Tuesday 14th May

We're excited to announce that our school Book Fair will be running straight after school from **Wednesday 7th to Tuesday 14th May!** It's a fantastic opportunity for pupils and parents to browse a wide range of books and pick up some great reads. Every purchase helps to earn free books for our school, so come along, support the event, and inspire a love of reading! We look forward to seeing you there.

## A note about safeguarding...

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

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



# Wraparound Care



Wraparound Care at St Mary's is a friendly, welcoming place where pupils can unwind, play, and hang out with their friends before and after school. It's all about fun, creativity, and making connections, helping every child feel good and grow.

Outdoor play is a big part of the club, with plenty of chances to run around, explore, and enjoy games like football, basketball, and cricket. These activities aren't just great for staying active—they also help pupils build teamwork, confidence, and communication skills.

Inside, there's loads to do! Construction toys spark creativity as pupils build towers, bridges, and whatever else they dream up. Small world play and arts and crafts let them get creative with drawing, painting, and storytelling. Board games and puzzles are always a hit, offering a fun way to practice patience, strategy, and problem-solving while hanging out with friends.

The club is all about bringing pupils together from different year groups, helping them make new friends and feel part of a bigger community. Whether they're working on a project, playing a game, or just chatting.

What really makes Wraparound Care special is its warm, welcoming vibe. The staff make sure every child feels safe, valued, and free to be themselves. Whether they're bursting with energy or prefer a quiet space, there's always something for everyone.

## Quotes from the pupils

*"The adults are really kind. They always listen and help if someone is sad or needs something".*

*"I really like going to Wraparound Care at St Mary's because it's fun and we get to do loads of cool stuff before and after school. It's a nice place where I can chill out, play with my friends"*



## PSHE - Sex and Relationship Education

We warmly invite you to an important meeting focused on **Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) education**, including relationships and **Sex and Relationship Education (RSE)**, at our primary school.

This meeting is a valuable opportunity for you to:

- Gain a deeper understanding of our comprehensive PSHE curriculum, which encompasses topics such as emotional literacy, resilience, healthy relationships, responsible citizenship, and physical health.
- Specifically learn about how we deliver Relationships and Sex Education in an age-appropriate and sensitive manner, in line with national guidance. We will outline the content covered in each year group and the resources we use.
- Understand the key skills and knowledge we aim to develop in our pupils within the context of RSE, fostering their understanding of healthy relationships, respect, and their own bodies.

- Hear about our approach to discussing potentially sensitive topics with your children, ensuring a safe and supportive learning environment.
- Provide you with the opportunity to view the resources we use for RSE.
- Address any questions or concerns you may have regarding our PSHE and RSE provision.
- Work in partnership with the school to support your child's holistic development in these important areas.

The meeting will be held on:

- Date: 22/05/25
- Time: 3.30pm - 4pm
- Location: The Lodge

We believe that open communication and a strong partnership between home and school are crucial for your child's well-being and understanding of these important aspects of life. Your input and understanding of our PSHE and RSE curriculum are highly valued.

# Dates for your Calendar 2024/2025 - Term 5/6

Date	Event
07.05.25 - 14.05.25	Books Fayre
09.05.25	Non - Uniform Day: Bring something for the NEST project
09.05.25	<i>Spring Tidy - Forest School 1:30pm - 3:30pm</i>
12.05.25	SATS Week - Breakfast available from 8:30am
13.05.25	Badgers Parent Workshop 9:00am
16.05.25	Rabbits Parent Workshop 9:00am
19.05.25	Lions Parent Workshop 9:00am
20.05.25	Foxes Parent Workshop 2:00pm
20.05.25	Year 3 Maths Event at Somervale School
20.05.25	Online Safety Webinar for Parents and Carers 7:00pm (Teams Meeting)
21.05.25	Ducklings Parent Workshop 9:00am
22.05.25	Eagles Parent Workshop 9:00am
22.05.25	Sex Education Meeting with Parents 3:30pm - 4:30pm
23.05.25	END OF TERM 5
02.06.25	START OF TERM 6
06.06.25	NSPCC Childhood Day - move a mile
12.06.25	Year 6 Trip to Bath Abbey
12.06.25	Ducklings Parent Workshop 9:00am
13.06.25	Eagles Parent Workshop 9:00am
14.06.25	Village Day (Saturday)
18.06.25	Sports Day
19.06.25	PTA Disco
23.06.25	Year 5 Trip to Wells Cathedral
26.06.25 - 27.06.25	Year 3 & 4 Trip to Folly Farm
27.06.25	Badgers Parent Workshop 9:00am-10:00am
30.06.25	Lions Parent Workshop 2:00pm - 3:00pm
1.07.25	Rabbits Parent Workshop 9:00am - 10:00am
03.07.25	Shuffle up Day
04.07.25	Non Uniform Day (bring something for the Summer Fayre)
07.07.25	Foxes Parent Workshop
09.07.25	Year 6 Performance 6pm (Parents/Carers)
10.07.25	Year 6 Performance 2pm (Parents/Carers)
10.07.25	Reception and Year 1 Trip to Longleat
11.07.25	Summer Fayre
11.07.25	Non Uniform Day (rainbow day)
14.07.25	Volunteers Brunch with Year 6
16.07.25	Party in Pavilion (Reading)
17.07.25	Leavers Service in the church
16.07.25	Party in Pavilion (Reading)
17.07.25	Leavers Service in the church



## TIMSBURY VILLAGE DAY

**SATURDAY 14TH  
JUNE 2025**

There are many activities booked in already, are you going to be there?

- St Marys Primary School are performing.
- Canine Craze are running a Dog Show.
- We have over 30 stalls booked in from around the area.
- Guides & brownies are running activities.
- WI Teas & Coffees and amazing cakes.
- Bouncy Castle all day to wear out the kids!

If you interested in running an event, promoting your club or selling your merchandise please email:  
[events@conygretrust.org.uk](mailto:events@conygretrust.org.uk)



## TIMSBURY CLASSIC ★ Car Show ★



Cafe serving bacon rolls 9:30am  
9:00 - 11am

Bar open from 11am

BBQ from 12:00

Free admission

**Sunday  
18th  
May**

Mangotsfield Primary English Hub

## Building Strong Foundations Webinar with Kirsty Godfrey (Ofsted)

Senior His Majesty's Inspector, Schools and Early Education

In this session Kirsty Godfrey, will explore the features of a high-quality English curriculum, highlighting the findings from Ofsted's 'Strong Foundations in the First Years of School' report (October 2024). The session will focus on what research says about helping all pupils to secure foundational knowledge in English that will give them the best start to their education and the greatest chance of future success. There will also be a brief overview of the related proposals for Ofsted's renewed inspection framework from the autumn term of 2025.



Aimed: School Leaders



Cost: FREE  
Time: 3:45pm – 5:00pm  
Date: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
Location: Online

Sign up for your FREE place [here](#)

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# FAMILY FUNDAY

FLOURISH AT FARLEIGH ROAD

Come along for a BBQ, games, live music and a dog show to celebrate May Bank Holiday. A FREE fun-filled day for all ages!

MONDAY 26TH MAY | 10AM – 3PM

Norton St Philip, Bath, BA2 7NG

[www.flourish-group.co.uk/whats-on](http://www.flourish-group.co.uk/whats-on)

## JUNIOR ICE HOCKEY OPEN EVENING

COME ALONG TO SEE WHAT BRISTOLS NEWEST & FASTEST JUNIOR SPORT IS ALL ABOUT !

PLANET ICE BRISTOL - TUESDAY 13TH MAY @ 6 PM

BRISTOL'S VERY OWN JUNIOR ICE HOCKEY ACADEMY WILL SOON BE OPENING ITS DOORS TO NEW PLAYERS IN PREPARATION FOR NEXT SEASON. WE'RE HOLDING AN OPENING EVENING SO YOU CAN SEE WHAT'S INVOLVED AND TO MEET THE PLAYERS, MANAGERS & COACHES

[INFO@BRISTOLICEHOCKEYACADEMY.CO.UK](mailto:INFO@BRISTOLICEHOCKEYACADEMY.CO.UK)

## make mine MANGA

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Make Mine Manga, a touring exhibition telling the story of the Japanese comics that are a pop culture phenomenon in the UK, is HERE!

To find out more scan the QR code.

FREE Exhibition exploring the origins of manga in Japan, the creative techniques behind the art and discover the wonder of Manga-Anime.

📅 10 May to 17 June 2025

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