

St Mary's CofE Primary School

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

Living Together, Learning Forever, Loving God's Creation

Friday 20th June 2025

Newsletter 16

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



Quad Kids

On Monday, 16th June 2025, Year 5/6 attended **Quad Kids**. We took part in several sporting events, including long jump, sprint, throwing and a long-distance run. We competed against two other schools in our category: Paulton Junior School and Longvernal.

Our first event was the sprint. We did pretty well and won a few races. The next event was the vortex throw, and we managed some impressive distances, thanks to all the training we did on the field with Mr. Thomson.

Our next stop was a break area where we could rest and recharge. Then we completed the 600m run. Phoebe came 2nd in the girls' race. In the boys' race, five of the top six finishers were from our school, with Jude in 1st place and Arthur P in 2nd.

A great day was had by all!

Written by Jude, Edith & Felix

House Points Winners

Huge congratulations to **Emerald** for leading the House Point race so far this term! And well done to **Sapphire** for racking up the most points on Sports Day!

Attendance Winners



A huge shout-out to the **Badgers**! They've clinched the title of Attendance Champions for the last two consecutive weeks, achieving an outstanding **99.3% attendance** in both. Fantastic effort, Badgers!

Poetry Slam

On Tuesday 17th June, Year 3 and 4 children attended a Poetry Slam held in Writhlington School Theatre. The children had all written their own poems and then performed these in front of an audience of parents, friends and other schools. Max said he thought "The event was good and that everyone spoke loudly and clearly," whilst Bear thought it was "Exciting to be up on a big stage performing in front of an audience." Everyone said they experienced some nerves beforehand, but the feeling once the performance was over and had gone so well was described by the teams

as "Brilliant!"

It was a great event and a huge well done to our Year 3 team of Dexter, Evelyn, Joe, Leo, Max, Merryn and our Year 4 team of Bear, Bella, Evie, Louie, Martha and Robin.





Headteacher's Award

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

Ducklings	Isabel, Tallulah
Rabbits	Ella, Arthur
Badgers	Harrison, Noah
Foxes	Dawson & Olivia, Dexter WG, Freddie
Lions	Arthur E, Hunter K
Eagles	Ruby, Felix





Outside Achievements

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

Esme, Evie & Florence Stars of the Day at Writhlington Sports Centre.

Corey & Theo's both had trophies for their football skills this season.

Well done to all of you!



What a wonderful and sunny final term of the year we are having!

We have had some very exciting visitors in our nursery garden- lots and lots of caterpillars. The children have loved observing the caterpillars enjoying eating their leaves and moving around. This has led to us

learning more about caterpillars, what they need to eat, how they grow and how they change into butterflies. We have also learnt how we need to be very careful with all insects and wildlife and the children keep reminding us we can look but not touch! We have also kept our eyes open for lots of other bugs that have visited us including woodlice, ladybirds, dragonflies and more. Our favourite insects have been given their own names such as Spotty the Ladybird!

In the garden we have also enjoyed watching our strawberries finally grow. We have been watering them and taking care of them for a while so it's very exciting to see them appear.

We have also enjoyed practicing lots of assault courses and races testing our gross motor skills. Then on **Sports Day** we loved visiting the big field to watch the older children competing. Some of us saw our big brothers, sisters and friends taking part and we loved cheering them on!

Let's hope the rest of the term is just as fun and sunny.

Mrs Harrison & Miss James







Loads of Games, Stalls, Yummy Food, Rainbow Raffle and lots more...

FRIDAY 11TH JULY 3.15 - 5pm Outside the front of the school Card payments will be limited, please remember to bring plenty of cash!



It will be taking place at the School Summer Fayre on Friday 11th July from 3.15-4.30pm. Please could you bring coloured donations for this year's Summer Rainbow Raffle into school from Friday 4th July class colours are:

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Non Uniform Day Friday 4th July

PLEASE BRING DONATIONS FOR THE SUMMER FAIR :

JOLLY JARS &

RAINBOW RAFFLE PRIZES

(EMPTY JARS ARE AVAILABLE TO PICK UP FROM THE FRONT GATE)

Ducklings





Class News:

Ducklings have had a wonderful start to Term 6. Our new topic is *Animals and their Habitats* and the children have enjoyed mapping out the story of 'The Three Little Pigs'. In Literacy, the children have written speech bubbles for what the wolf would say and have completed some detailed drawings. This week we have read 'Handa's Surprise' and have been summarising the story.

In Maths, we have been exploring positional language and the children had loved making their own treasure maps. We have explored repeated patterns and are getting really good at noticing the unit of repeat. We are consolidating our learning from this year and continue to improve our recognition of teen numbers and number bonds to 10.

Thank you to all that attended the parent clay modelling workshop.

So many creative animal models and lovely to share our home made peppermint creams with you all.

We are excited to have our own Ducklings raised bed and the children have been planting onions, beans, courgettes, strawberries and tomatoes. We can't wait to try them.

We enjoyed a very sporty week with a visit from Timsbury Tigers Football club. The children proudly received their medals and learned some new dribbling and shooting football skills. We had such a wonderful morning at **Sports Day**. The children have loved practising during PE sessions and showed fantastic team work during the morning. Well done Team Timsbury!





Rabbits

Mrs Gillard



Class News:

Rabbits have come into Term 6 ready to learn! I have been really impressed by their hard work and independence.

Over the past few weeks we have been focusing on phonics. We have been revising phase 4 and phase 5. Rabbits have been working incredibly hard to develop their phonetic knowledge and they have really enjoyed our daily phonics carousels with lots of fun phonics activities.

In Maths, we have started our new unit on *place value to 100*. We have been counting from to 100 in 1's and 10's, partitioning into tens and ones and exploring the number line. We have been using resources such as a 100 square, base ten and number lines to support our learning.

In Computing, our new unit is

programming. We have been using 'scratch' to help us create animations. So far, we have explored creating an algorithm using command blocks to make our sprite move. We are looking forward to learning how to change the character, background and the functions of different command blocks.

Finally, we all had a fantastic time at **Sports Day**. We had been practising in our PE lessons ready for **Sports Day** and their practise and determination helped them to earn lots of points for their houses. Rabbits loved all the **Sports Day** activities but most thought the water activity was their favourite. Thank you to everyone who was able to join us!

Keep up the good work Rabbits!

Miss Tolfree

Badgers **Class News:**



Badgers have come back with a bang! We have had such a brilliant first couple of weeks to Term 6. We have all been giving 100% in both our effort and our attendance, taking the trophy home for two weeks running.

In English, Badgers have enjoyed writing letters and a narrative based on 'The Day the Crayons Quit', they have all enjoyed writing their own versions of the story using various different stationary and coming up with some very imaginative ideas of why they would quit. Badgers have enjoyed refining their spelling, punctuation and grammar skills this term, especially in applying different sentence types in their work.

In Maths, we have been working incredibly hard on our arithmetic skills over the past week and everyone has made such outstanding progress in this area and should be so proud of themselves. Well done to all of you who practiced lots at home too! Our work on Reasoning style questions has also been really effective, and all children

are growing in their confidence explaining their understanding and mathematical thinking when tackling word and multi-step problems.

I am especially proud of how hard Badgers have worked on their SATS this week and all of their hard work leading up to this week. Everyone in Badgers should be immensely proud of everything they have achieved. You have all worked so hard!

With the lovely sunshine we have been enjoying over the last couple of weeks we have been working hard to get ourselves outdoors as much as possible. We have enjoyed our story out in the shade as much as possible and our NSPCC Move a Mile afternoon on the field. Sports Day was thoroughly enjoyed by all, Badgers all showed fantastic effort, sportsmanship and solidarity as a class.



Miss Heath

Foxes



Welcome to Term 6! As usual, it's been a busy and productive start to the term from our Foxes.

In English, we have been learning how to write poetry in preparation for the **Poetry** Slam event alongside lots of other schools in the Trust. The Foxes rose to the challenge brilliantly and wrote some fantastic poems. Some of the children preferred to write rhyming poems whilst others chose to focus on challenging vocabulary to suggest imagery. We then selected several poems and put them together to create our performance pieces and the children enjoyed performing these to the whole school.

In Music, we have been getting into the carnival spirit and are enjoying learning about Samba rhythms and beats. The children have been outside in the sunshine creating their own samba beats using a variety of different percussion instruments.

In Science, we have been learning about the digestive system and conducted

a fantastic practical experiment to understand exactly what happens to our food when it goes down the oesophagus to the stomach. The class explored the whole of the process from input to output! The Foxes really enjoyed this experiment - ask them what they have learnt!

Finally, we have had some great PE lessons, preparing for **Sports Day** and we also enjoyed taking part in the Move a Mile day for the NSPCC. A mile was no problem for the Foxes and there has been a lot of good natured competitiveness in our athletics this term. Throwing the vortex has probably been the highlight so far and we have some extremely skilled athletes in our midst. The Foxes very much enjoyed our fantastic **Sports Day** which gave them a chance to take part in lots of different events and competitive races. Well done for good sportsmanship and a fantastic start to the new term Foxes!

Mrs Brown

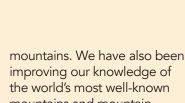




It's astonishing to think that we have reached the final term of this school year. What a brilliantly productive and successful time we have had since September and Term 6 has begun in similarly fine style.

We have begun our new text in English which is 'Rain Player' by David Wiesniewski. This story links with our learning in History where we are studying the Maya civilisation. We have been discussing the features of writing journal entries and will be creating Pik's diary for the time he decided to challenge the gods to a game of pok-a-tok.

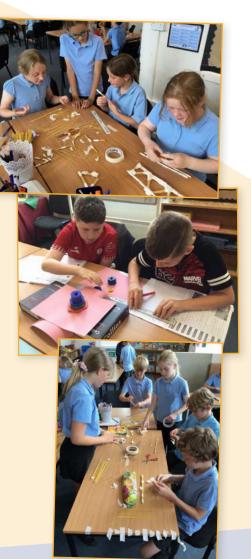
Our final topic in Geography is on *Mountains* and we have been learning about three different types of these physical features: fold mountains, volcanic mountains and plateau



the world's most well-known mountains and mountain ranges. We can now locate the Himalayas, the Andes and the Alps, and name the highest mountains in each of the countries in the United Kingdom.

It is a fun Design Technology unit this term as we are studying bridges in our work on *Structures*. We have learned about beam bridges, arch bridges and truss bridges and, as you can see in the photos, we made our own versions of each of these types of bridges and then tested them out to see which could support the most weight. We had a lot of fun making truss bridges out of spaghetti!

Mr Daniels





It's been an action-packed start to the term for Eagles! Now that SATs are over, we've turned our attention to writing, the Year 6 Production and our topic work. Everyone has returned with a sense of readiness, resilience and a shared determination to finish the year on a high.

In writing, Eagles have been working on play script writing—creating an additional scene for our *Alice the Musical* production. They are learning how to use the present tense for stage directions, as well as brackets and colons. So far, I've been thoroughly impressed by their weird and wonderful ideas and by how they've used both formal and informal language to bring their characters to life.

Our afternoons have been focused on getting the production up and running. Eagles have shown great dedication in learning their lines, singing whole-class songs and, in some cases, rehearsing individual solos. Their determination to develop their characters and add a personal twist is truly inspiring. You are in for a treat!

In Art, the class has been busy preparing props for the show. They are eager to make the stage look colourful

and engaging. Most of the props are hand-made by the children themselves, which makes the production feel even more special.

In PE, Eagles have been hard at work preparing for **Sports Day**. As a class, they are naturally competitive, which has led to some healthy rivalries during vortex throws, jumping events and races. Despite this, it's been wonderful to see just how supportive and encouraging they are toward one another—always cheering each other on and celebrating each other's successes. In addition, some of our class attended a cricket festival where they won both of their matches and represented the school beautifully.

Finally, we attended **Bath Abbey** for a Year 6 celebration. We were joined by 8 other schools who came together to celebrate the end of their primary years. It was a great afternoon and the children' s behaviour was exemplary.

It's been a fantastic start to the term, and although we have a busy road ahead, we're determined to make these final weeks of primary school truly memorable. Miss Woods

Parents vs Pupils Football Match – Timsbury Village Day

As part of the **Timsbury Village Day** celebrations on Saturday 14th June, we enjoyed three unforgettable parents vs pupils football matches — each filled with energy, excitement, and a lot of rain!

The action kicked off with a tense clash between the Year 4/5/6 pupils and the parents. The parents struck early to take the lead, but the pupils fought back valiantly to secure a 1-1 draw.

Unfortunately for the parents, the tide turned from there. In the second match, Year 3 delivered a dominant performance, claiming a 3-1 victory. The game was cut short by a downpour of biblical proportions — and truthfully, the rain may have spared the parents from an even heavier defeat!

After a brief rain delay, the final game saw a very soggy but determined KS1 team outclass the parents in every department. The pupils cruised to another 3-1 win, with the parents once again fortunate to escape with only a two-goal loss.

A huge well done to all the pupils for their impressive teamwork and spirit — and a big thank you to all the parents who took part and gave it their all. Win or lose, it was a fantastic afternoon of fun and community!

Year 6 Enterprise Project – Support Our Young Entrepreneurs!

Our Year 6 pupils have been busy developing their own business ideas as part of an exciting enterprise project to raise money for their end-of-year treat. From creative crafts to tasty treats, they'll be selling their fantastic creations at the end of the school day from 3:15 to 3:30pm on Monday 30th June and Wednesday 2nd July.

The children have worked incredibly hard to show teamwork and creativity throughout this project. If you can, please come along and support them every purchase helps make their end-of-year celebration extra special!

NSPCC Move A Mile Day

NSPCC Move a Mile Day is a fundraising event where people are encouraged to move a mile to raise money for the NSPCC and help keep children safe. You are allowed to run, skip, dance or walk a mile. At St Mary's School, every class went to run around their school field to complete a mile of running. We always enjoy the opportunity to do some extra exercise and all had a lot of fun.

By Sienna and Pippi

Timsbury Gardening Club

We had some fabulous entries in this year's **Timsbury** Flower Show poster competition! Last Friday, club President Mr. Graham Nicholls joined our Celebration Assembly to announce the winners. A huge well done to Willow M in Eagles for creating the winning poster, and congratulations to our talented finalists: Jude, Joanna, and Evie!







FOREST SCHOOL

Rabbits and Badgers continue to enjoy weekly Forest school session. We enjoy the freedom of exploring the wood and being creative in your play. We have learnt a lot about hedgehogs this week and enjoyed creating hedgehogs out of clay in the wood. We had to think hard to decide where to place our new hedgehog house.



Wraparound Care

Breakfast and Afterschool Club has been such a wonderful part of the school day—both before and after! Mornings have started with a healthy breakfast including delicious melon, early cricket practice, and climbing on the monkey bars before lessons begin. We've also built giant domino rallies as a team, made Lego flowers, and had plenty of laughs completing a very funny Minions jigsaw with friends. So many great memories made.

Mrs Hawkins, Mrs Purnell, Mr Smart, Miss Lay & Miss Thatcher





Music

We were very fortunate to have a visit from Meg, a woodwind teacher this week. She played all sorts of woodwind instruments to us and showed us how they sounded. She played the recorder, the flute, the clarinet and the saxophone. It was great to hear the differences of the instruments and the children were very engaged and interested in the assembly. Please see the attached flyers if you are interested in one to one or small group instrumental lessons. Please feel free to speak to me or send me an email for further information.

Mrs Munro



Netball Team

The netball team's impressive season came to a close last week with a defeat against an extremely strong Pensford team. This means that St Mary's netballers finished their season with an impressive semi final place in the **Bath & North East Somerset Schools tournament** and a plate win for the girls in the **Downside Cup**.

Huge congratulations to all the children who have taken part in our netball matches this year - onwards and upwards next year!

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.

Dates for your Calendar 2024/2025 - Term 6

Date	Event
23.06.25	Lions Trip to Wells Cathedral
26 - 27.06.25	Foxes Trip to Folly Farm
27.06.25	Badgers Parent Workshop 9:00am - 10:00am
27.06.25	Volunteer Afternoon - Forest School Tidy: 1.30pm - 3.15pm <u>https://forms.gle/ekyPw1tnTJwF6YRH6</u>
30.06.25	Lions Parent Workshop 2:00pm - 3:00pm
30.06.25	Eagles fundraising stalls 3:15-3.30pm
01.07.25	Rabbits Parent Workshop 9:00am - 10:00am
01.07.25	Badgers Trip SS Great Britain
02.07.25	Eagles fundraising stalls 3:15-3.30pm
03.07.25	Shuffle up Day
04.07.25	Non Uniform Day (bring something for the Summer Fayre)
07.07.25	Foxes Assembly & Parent Workshop 9am
09.07.25	Eagles Performance 6pm (Parents/Carers)
10.07.25	Eagles Performance 2pm (Parents/Carers)
10.07.25	Ducklings & Rabbits Trip to Longleat
11.07.25	Summer Fayre
11.07.25	Non Uniform Day (Rainbow Day - Equalities)
15.07.25	Volunteers Brunch with Eagles
15.07.25	Hedgehog Leavers Event 2pm
16.07.25	Party in Pavilion (Reading)
17.07.25	Leavers Service in the church 9.15am
18.07.25	LAST DAY OF TERM 6
21.07.25	Inset Day
22.07.25	Inset day







1-1 AND GROUP TUITION

(INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL)

Instrumental lessons at school are provided by teachers from West of England Music & Arts (WEMA).

If your child would like to learn a musical instrument or to sing, sign up can be made here: Learn To Play-WEMA

WHAT DOES IT COST?

30 minutes individual x 10 lessons £227.50 20 minutes individual x 10 lessons £149.00 30 minutes group x 10 lessons £77.95 per student 30 minutes paired x 10 lessons £112.00 per student

Inquire within school about possible remissions if your child receives Free School Meals. Tick the box on the WEMA sign-up page if eligible. WEMA will then contact you to discuss final arrangements.

INSTRUMENT HIRE

Instruments are not provided by the school and students are expected to have their own instrument for lessons. However, there is a wide range of instruments that can be hired from the music hub. These are free to hire for students on Free School Meals. You should contact WEMA directly by adding hire to your application or emailing: music@wema.org.uk







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FIND OUT MORE

Bristol Avon Rivers Trust Free sessions for schools



Bristol Avon Rivers Trust are offering fully funded river sessions to a limited number of schools near the Cam Brook and Wellow Brook. Children will experience engaging classroom sessions, river trips, fascinating assemblies, and will help install beautiful rain planters to make their school more river friendly. The programme will be delivered between June 2025 and October 2025.

Classroom sessions

We offer classroom based sessions from 1-2 hours with a range of interactive activities, including:

invertebrate ID (live creatures collected from a local river)
map activity: find river features on an OS map

- build a river-friendly house from Lego
- build a model water supply and test it

Outdoor river sessions

We offer field trips to local rivers and streams. The content of these sessions is flexible and can include:

- river dipping
- sketch mapping
- outdoor art mini raft building and racing

School assemblies

Our knowledgeable staff will talk about some of the issues our rivers face and what communities can do to help.

- Looking after your river Saving water
- Slowing the flow





Our Music Centres bring together young musicians to perform in ensembles and groups, build skills, and have fun!

- Improve musical ability Inclusive and welcoming
- Take part in concerts Make friends

MUS



Sessions run on Saturday mornings and weekday evenings during term time. Open to all - from beginners to advanced players.

Ensembles include chamber groups, orchestras, bands, choirs, and rock & pop groups.

Centres in: Little Stoke, Bath, Backwell, Keynsham, and Yate.

For more details go to: wema.org.uk/wema-music-centres



A free themed story and craft session aimed at age six and under - siblings welcome

10:30-11:30 in Timsbury Library -YMCA building BA2 OJH

Saturday 10th May / 7th June / 5th July

You are invited to an

At Wild Acres Alternative Prov vision An open afternoon at the farm. Experience an AP session for your self. Join us for a farm tour, meet the animals and take part in some natural crafts. Enjoy afternoon tea and find out more about what we offer.

Wednesday 25th June

3.30 - 5.30pm

"It's the highlight of the week!"

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