



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

Sports Day 2025 – A Fantastic Day in the Sun!



Our annual Sports Day was a huge success, filled with energy, smiles, and school spirit—even under the warm summer sun!

Students took part in a wide variety of exciting activities, including the **Obstacle Course, Golden Mile, Football Shooting, Vortex Throw, Sprints, Relays**, and the always popular **"Try It" Station**. Every pupil gave their best effort and it was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and teamwork across all year groups.

A special thank you goes to all the parents and family who came to **cheer the children on** and stayed to enjoy **lunch** with us—it was lovely to have such strong family support throughout the day. The **Parent Races** were a definite highlight!

We are also incredibly grateful to our **volunteers** and the **PTA** for their fantastic help and for keeping everyone refreshed at the **refreshments stall**. From setup to cheering to clear-up, it was a **real team effort**.

And finally... a huge **congratulations to Sapphire House**, who were our overall winners on the day!

House Points Winners



Congratulations to **Emerald** for retaining the lead ! Not long now until Term 6 winners will be announced...

Attendance Winners

Well done **Badgers** they've retained the title of Attendance Champions again last week & this week with 100% & 98.5%!!

WOW fantastic effort, **Badgers**.



Headteacher's Award

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

Ducklings	Rubie B, Rubie B
Rabbits	Alex, Joey
Badgers	Charlie, Amelie
Foxes	Luca, Oliver (& Folly Farm)
Lions	Zach, John
Eagles	Felix, Matilda



Outside Achievements



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

Emily, Tilly & Maggie who received their Gold Badge from Brownies

Molly for being Gymnast of the Day at Writhlington

Also Harrison was given a certificate for his Dart skills, Louie & Eddie received a medal and a trophy for their gymnastic skills.

Well done to all of you!



Hedgehogs

Class News:

We have had a fun filled two weeks in Hedgehogs! Last week our focus book was *'The Snail and the Whale'* by Julia Donaldson. Lots of the children recognised this story and it led to lots of discussions on whales and under water creatures. Some of the children said they didn't know what a whale sounded like and so we found some recordings of real life whales and listened to how they make noises as we imagined what they might be saying to each other. Some of the children drew some lovely whale drawings. This week's book focus has been *'Rainbow Fish to the Rescue'* by Marcus Pfister which has taught us lots about sharing with and looking after our friends. The children spoke about different people in their lives who have been kind to them.

The older children have enjoyed lots of visits to Duckling's class and loved their stay and play session with their carers. In Hedgehogs we had some new children who will be starting with us in September visit us which the current Hedgehog's found very exciting as they showed them our lovely nursery area and resources.

The last few days have been very warm and we have made sure all children have been wearing suncream, hats, drinking lots of water and staying in the shade. We have enjoyed stories, yoga, water play and relaxation when we have needed to cool down!

We are looking forward to our last two weeks and we have lots of fun planned.

Mrs Harrison & Miss James



Ducklings



Class News:

We have had a wonderful 2 weeks in Ducklings.

In Literacy we have enjoyed tasting the fruits from the 'Handa's Surprise' story and have written some very tasty recipes!

This week we have been considering plastic pollution and how we can keep our seas free of plastic. We have read the story, 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley'. In Maths we have been problem solving by measuring and making our own individual kites from an old plastic bag. We really enjoyed flying them in the shade on a hot day. Just like in the story.

We loved visiting Rabbits classroom this week, where we will be moving to in September. We have been talking about transitioning to our new class and preparing for our next steps. We have also written a letter to our new teachers to let them know some interesting facts about ourselves.

Mrs Gillard



Rabbits



Class News:

Another two weeks have whizzed by in Rabbits and there is so much to share.

In Maths, we have just finished our unit on place value to 100. We are now moving on to learning about position and direction and money. So far, we have been exploring describing turns and position using vocabulary such as half, full, quarter and left and right.

Over the last two weeks in English, we have been writing an innovative story based on 'The Queen's Hat'. We have enjoyed linking our writing to our Geography topic all about the United Kingdom.

We really enjoyed having our parents joining us for our Geography fieldwork workshop this Tuesday. It was great to see so many parents and to share our learning. We created some super observational drawings of our local area.

Finally, we all had a really great day on shuffle up day. Rabbits loved meeting their new teacher and enjoyed lots of fun activities throughout the day.

Miss Tolfree

Badgers

Class News:



What an amazing couple of weeks! Badgers have all been working as fantastically as ever, taking on every lesson with enthusiasm. With our SATS all concluded, Badgers have been enjoying getting stuck into as much fun in the wider curriculum as we can. We have been especially enjoying opening each day in our 'count down to year 3' calendar and completing our daily tasks to build kindness and teamwork.

Thank you to everyone who came and helped out on **Sports Day**, your presence was definitely appreciated on the day, particularly by the children in Badgers.

Badgers all had a fantastic time on our trip this week to the **SS Great Britain** and should all be very proud of how well they conducted themselves out of school. We enjoyed an interesting workshop about Brunel, where we travelled back in time to witness the launch of the SS Great Britain, dressing up as proper Victorian ladies and gentlemen. We were even lucky enough to catch a glimpse of Prince Albert (played by Spencer). Badgers enjoyed exploring the museums and the belly of the ship. A particular highlight for them was scrubbing the deck!

Miss Heath



Foxes

Class News:



We've had a great couple of weeks in Foxes. Sports Day was a lot of fun and there was a great competitive spirit in all of the events.

In Maths, we have been learning about shape, looking at different types of angles and we have also enjoyed reading and plotting coordinates on a map or chart.

In History, we are continuing our learning about the Ancient Greeks and have learnt about what Athens was like. We know that the people would have visited the agora to buy their food and that money was kept in the Parthenon. The children have been interested to see the ancient historical ruins that you can still visit in Athens today.

The absolute highlight of our term so far has been our wonderful trip to **Folly Farm**. The children spent two days doing a variety of different activities such as pond dipping, fire lighting, making clay pots, bug hunting and making dens for dormice. The weather was kind to us and the food was fantastic - the cooked breakfast was a particular highlight for many of the children. It was wonderful to see the Foxes working together as a team and enjoying each others' company in all of the activities, the Folly Farm staff were incredibly impressed with them! Well done for a wonderful trip Foxes, you are all superstars!

Mrs Brown



Lions

Class News:



Year 5 go to Wells Cathedral

This term, the Year Five pupils went to Wells Cathedral on a school trip to learn more about Anglo-Saxons.

They were given a guided tour of the Cathedral, saw the famous clock chime at 12pm and also went to visit the Chained Library, which is one of the oldest libraries in the country. They particularly found it interesting to look at some books which were over 200 years old and were written in Latin.

Some of the other activities they did were sketching interesting things that inspired them inside the ancient building and enjoying the large grassy area at the front of the Cathedral for a run around at lunchtime. As their day at the Cathedral was coming to an end, they made their own small, leather-bound books on key chains (mini replicas of the ones they had seen earlier in the day when they visited the Library) which they were able to keep as souvenirs.

Aidan, one of the Year Five pupils, said, *"I loved visiting Wells Cathedral because I learnt a lot more about Anglo-Saxons and I would love to go there again."*

The staff at Wells Cathedral were delighted with their behaviour and excellent listening during the visit. Hopefully the Year 5 pupils now know even more about the Anglo-Saxons.

By Arthur P, Charlie W and Pippi



Eagles

Class News:



It has been all systems go in Eagles over the past few weeks! Although we've stepped away from our usual timetable, the classroom has been buzzing with energy and enthusiasm as we prepare to round off a fantastic year.

The children have been working incredibly hard to learn lines, songs and stage directions. We can't wait to showcase their talents in what promises to be a brilliant performance. In addition to learning lines, we've been hard at work making the scenery just as fantastic. From colourful backdrops to tiny details, the class has taken full ownership of prop-making for the production. It's been a joy to see everyone's artistic side shine through.

Our young entrepreneurs have been busy planning, designing and running their own business ideas. They've worked so hard to bring these ideas to life and raise funds to make our Year 6 celebrations extra special — including their brilliant efforts outside of school at the Year 6 Car Wash. Fantastic work!

With secondary school on the horizon, we've also taken time to prepare for the exciting changes ahead. Pupils have taken part in a transition workshop to reflect on their time at primary school and prepare for their next steps.

It's been a whirlwind of teamwork, laughter and learning — and we still have more to come!

Miss Woods



ST MARY'S SCHOOL PTA

RAINBOW RAFFLE

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:

Hedgehogs	~	Any colour
Ducklings	~	Red
Rabbits	~	Orange
Badgers	~	Yellow
Foxes	~	Green
Lions	~	Blue
Eagles	~	Purple



Summer Fayre - Are you a BBQ expert?

The PTA are looking for a volunteer/parent/ grandparent/ guardian/ etc. who could bring their own BBQ, equipment and cook the food at our **Summer Fair on Friday 11th July from 3.15** for around an hour (setting up from 1pm onwards).

We will provide all the food for you to cook and will have a volunteer on hand to serve and take cash etc.

If you think you could help, please get in touch with Stef Mills on **07790778453** by the **end of Monday 7th July**.

JOLLY JAR & RAINBOW RAFFLE DONATIONS - please take any items to the school office who are happy to collect them until the morning of the Fayre!

Thank you!




St Mary's School

SUMMER Fair

**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!**

HOW TO MAKE A JOLLY JAR

**COLLECT SMALL TOYS, CRAFT ITEMS,
STICKERS, SWEETS AND OTHER ITEMS
THAT WILL BE A DELIGHTFUL SURPRISE**

**FILL YOUR JAR WITH THE TREATS
AND POP THE LID ON THE JAR**

**WRAP THE JAR IN WRAPPING
PAPER/NEWSPAPER**

**BRING INTO SCHOOL FROM FRIDAY
4TH JULY READY FOR THE SUMMER
FAIR**



Yr 6 Performance

With less than a week to go until the Year 6 production of *Alice the Musical*, the children have been working incredibly hard to deliver a memorable performance that marks the end of their primary school journey. From the scenery to the singing, and every moment on stage, the entire show has been created by the children and promises to be a fantastic experience.

We're excited to invite parents/ carers to this special production on **Wednesday 9th July at 6:00pm** and **Thursday 10th July at 2:00pm**. Don't forget to book your tickets using the link below:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-marys-school



Leaver's Church Service

Mark your calendars! Our **Year 6 Leavers Assembly** will be held at **St. Mary's Church on Thursday July 17th at 9:15am**. We warmly invite everyone to join us in celebrating their journey and wishing them the very best as they embark on their exciting new educational milestones. We will leave school at 8:55am after registration, if any parents want to walk to the church with us they are welcome to.

Volunteers' Thank You Brunch!

If you've generously given your time to St. Mary's Primary School this year—whether assisting with school trips, tidying Forest School, reading with the children, serving as a Governor, or helping at a PTA event—we'd love to show our appreciation!

We're hosting a special **Volunteers' Brunch**, where some of our Year 6 children will be delighted to serve you a variety of tasty snacks.

Please contact Miss Govey in the school office to confirm your attendance if you haven't already done so. We look forward to celebrating with you!

- **Where- The Lodge**
- **When - Wednesday 16th July**
- **Time - 11am**

Music Lessons

Available from September 2025 - please contact Jody for more information!



Jody Prewett

School Music Teacher

Dear Parent/Carer,

From September 2025, I am pleased to confirm that I have spaces available for guitar, piano and drum kit lessons which take place at School during the day. If your child is interested in learning an instrument next term, please send an email to jodyprewett@gmail.com. Music lessons have a wide range of benefits including:

- Fostering creative and critical thinking
- Offering an outlet for expression
- Encouraging social and emotional development

About Me:

I have 15 years of experience working in Schools as a workshop leader and instrumental teacher. I am fully DBS checked, hold a safeguarding in School's certificate and am also an experienced performing musician. My music lessons focus on the joy of performance and positive interaction of music-making, aiming to help pupils find their individual voice.

Please get in touch if you'd like to get started next term and I will be happy to discuss pricing and further details about the lessons.

Yours Faithfully,
Jody Prewett

Dates for your Calendar 2024/2025 - Term 6

Date	Event
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)
14.07.25	Eagles Hollywood Bowl Trip
15.07.25	Hedgehog Leavers Event 2pm
16.07.25	Party in Pavilion (Reading)
16.07.25	Volunteers Brunch with Eagles 11am
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

Office Reminders - ParentPay

We will be finalising our ParentPay ledger over the next week or so, please can we ask parents to check their accounts and pay any outstanding monies owed? We will follow up on any unpaid sums in the last week of the term.

If you have any problems or need help to access your account please contact the school office.

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 & Mrs Purnell.

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

Language for Life

Family Q&A Session

Do you have questions about the WellComm toolkit, your child's speech and language development or around ways you can support your child's language development at home?

Please get in touch and book a space to ask any questions and chat with our Speech and Language Therapists and our Early Years Service team.



09/07/25 - 12.30-1.30pm



Virtual Session on Teams



LANGUAGE FOR LIFE
MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER

This optional online 'question and answer' session is for the parents and carers of children who attend an early years setting taking part in the Language for Life programme.

To book a place, please email us by 08/07/2025
Email - languageforlife@bathnes.gov.uk

Summer Holiday Camps

Midsomer Norton



28th July - 15th August

- St Benedicts
 - Football
 - Multi-Sports



Presentation ceremony on the final day



£20 Per day
10% Whole week discount
15% Sibling discount

Inspired Schools
01278 550945
hello@inspiredschools.co.uk
inspiredschools.co.uk/parents

<https://inspiredschools.ipalbookings.com>



For paid places

Limited free places available for children on benefit related free school meals

Happy Healthy Holidays FREE Places

- Register for our community now
- Booking goes live at 10.00am on Monday 23rd June



LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c
7 July

Bath Central Library

Lego Lab - Family Fun Drop In

Mon - Sat During opening hours

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

Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Art in the Library - Bath Open Studios "Letters"

A compelling exhibition by local artists on the theme of letters Until 1 Aug

Board Game Saturdays

Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 12 July

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 9 July

Storytime

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 8 July

Summer Reading Challenge

We challenge you to borrow and read 6 library books over the Summer holidays. Any children aged 4-11 can take part, you just need to be a member of the library. You can read books, listen to books, use our apps to access digital books and audiobooks. Ask a member of staff for more details.

5 July - 13 September

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

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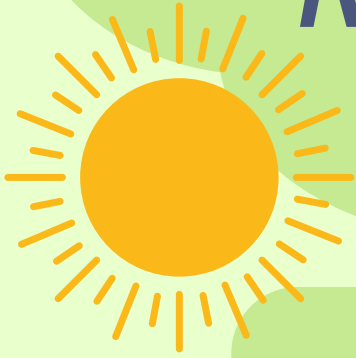
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Summer Holiday Adventure Club

Greyfield Wood



Mon 21st July - Fri 25th July
Mon 28th July - Fri 1st August
10am - 3pm
5-11 year olds

Block Booking & Sibling discount available

Craft Fire Games Fun Friends Nature Connection

