



St Mary's CofE Primary School

Living Together, Learning Forever, Loving God's Creation

Friday 23rd June 2023

Newsletter 18

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

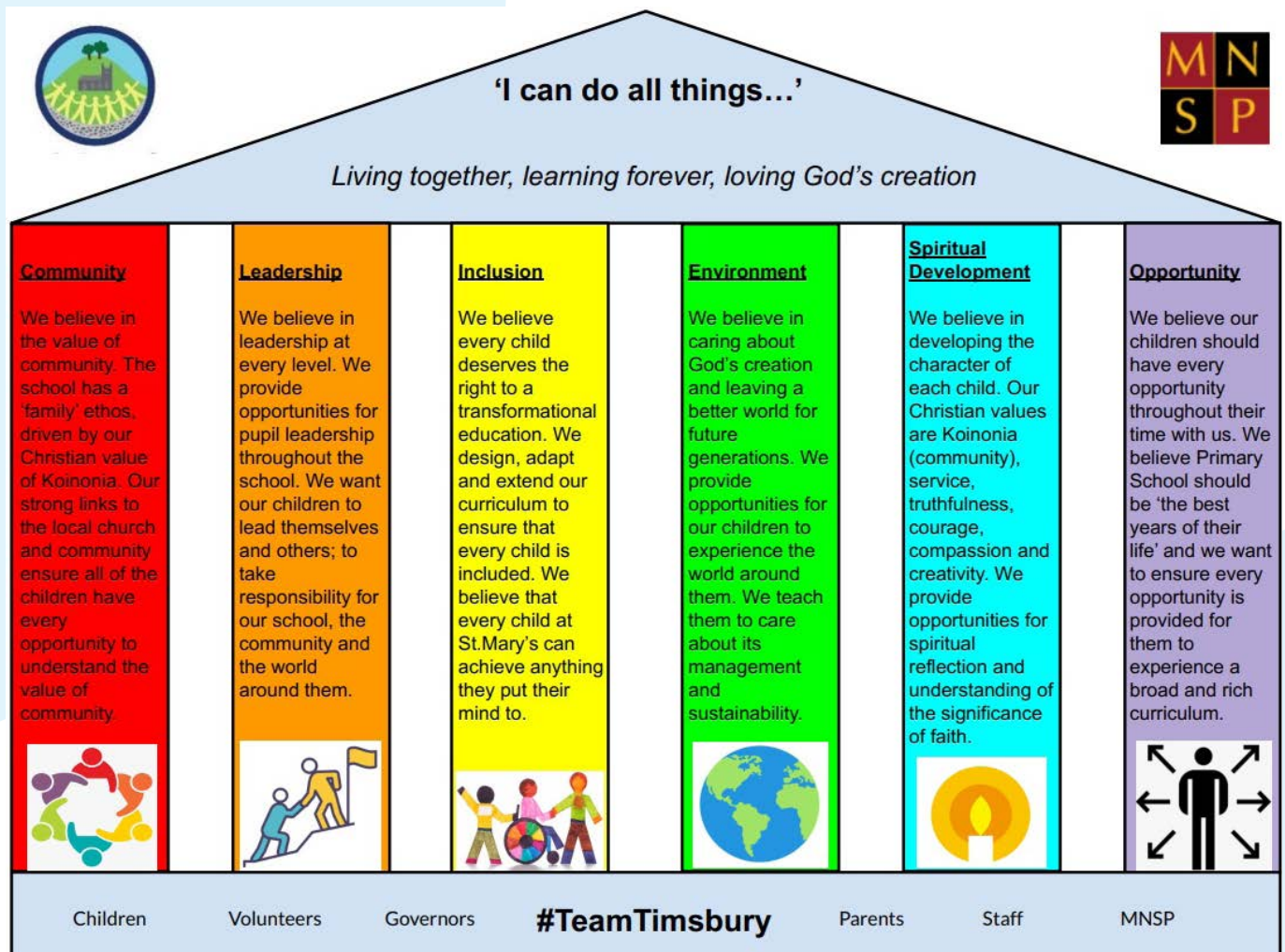
Headteacher's Message

We have a new and updated school vision, 'I can do all things'. This is based on the bible verse, 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me' (Phillipians 4:13). We want to keep building a positive environment for all children to grow and thrive in. In helping the children foster a growth mindset of 'I can do all things,' we have the 6 school pillars to support and build this in the children. The 6 pillars of St Mary's are: *community, leadership, inclusion, environment, spiritual development* and *opportunity*. These pillars are distinctive to St Mary's and they help define who we are and the areas we value most.

This week at school, the updated school vision was shared with parents. If you weren't able to attend and you'd like to talk about the school vision, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Attendance Winners

Congratulations to **Foxes** Class for having excellent attendance over the last two weeks



Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to the children who received a Headteacher Award.

Ducklings:	Lucas V, Albie S, Mila
Rabbits:	Oscar, Evelyn, Olivia
Badgers:	Oliver, Olivia, Martha
Foxes:	Sydney, Joe P, James B
Lions:	Edith, Jasmine, Noah, Matilda, Jack T, Felix M
Eagles:	Mia D, Evie M, Leah Mai



Hedgehogs



Class News:

What a sunny couple of weeks we've been having in Hedgehog's class! We have made the most of the dry weather by taking lots of trips to the big playground and to the field which the children love. During the warmer parts of the day we have enjoyed the shade and lots of water play which is always very popular (thank you for providing spare clothes, hats and sun cream as always!)

Whilst at the field we have been practising lots of new games ready for our Sports Day. The children have been working on their balance, coordination and football skills.

Our book this term is 'Handa's Surprise' which has proven to be very popular with the children. This story has brought up lots of discussions about different fruits the children enjoy, and learning about some more exotic fruits too.

We hope the weather continues for the rest of the term so we can enjoy our end of term fun!

EYFS Team



Thank You!

We raised over **£350** when the *Travelling Book Fair* came to St Mary's last term!

Adding this to the money raised from previous book fairs, we had nearly **£600** to spend on books. This is going to enhance the reading offer we can provide at St Mary's and ensure the texts we are sharing with the children are current.



The book fair was so successful that we have arranged two more for the next academic year - keep your eyes peeled for dates and thank you for your support.

Christian Values Awards



The children recognised for demonstrating our Christian Values over the last two weeks are:

Compassion	Rachel, Lily M, Mog, Evelyn
Courage	Sienna (R)
Service	Phoebe, Olivia, Bella, Flo and Evie
Truthfulness	Zach T and Felix B, Liam
Creativity	Lucas V

Childhood Day

childhood
day

On the Friday 9th of June, we wore non-uniform for the NSPCC childhood day. It is a national day that is celebrated annually. Here are some things that we did on the day, why we were doing it and some information about the NSPCC.

They are the leading children's charity in the UK and have been a charity for over one hundred and thirty years. They even made 6.6 million children safer from abuse.

They specialise in child protection and are dedicated to protecting children today to prevent abuse tomorrow. NSPCC stands for National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. In England, a young person must be in part-time education or training until they are eighteen.

We talked to Mr. Thomson about the NSPCC. He said that we did the day to support the charity for the great work they have done with children against abuse. We also think that it is good for children to just be children because it is healthy for them to play. So that is why we had the whole afternoon on Friday the 9th of June to play out on the field or out on the playground. It was a lovely afternoon that we all enjoyed.

This is not a particularly rare thing that happens in the UK. The NSPCC would be ever so grateful for you to donate to the charity.

By Heidi (St Mary's News Team)

Parker in Peril

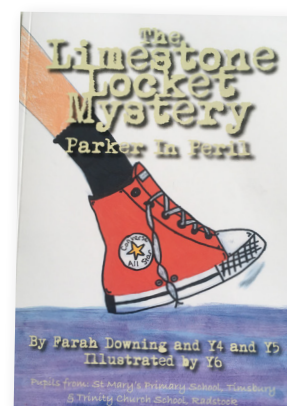
Buy your copies of the latest **Limestone Locket Adventure** story, written and illustrated by our wonderfully talented pupils from Y4, 5 and 6 at St Mary's Timsbury and Trinity Radstock with the help of teacher and writer Farah Downing. *Parker In Peril* is the second story in the series and promises to be every bit as fantastic as the first story *The case of the Ghostly Miner*. All proceeds from the sale of the book go towards publishing costs and future story projects. *Without your help and these sales we won't be able to continue this hugely worthwhile literacy project so please do buy a copy if you can.*

"When three friends discover Parker the dog is in trouble somewhere in the past, they know the only way to help is to use the magic of the limestone locket to travel back in time and save him – before it's too late!"

Copies priced at just £7.00.

Available to order through Parent Pay online (if you are a parent at one of the schools) or in cash at school - ask at the office or for Mrs Downing

(Limited copies - hurry!)



Final Reading Event

Badgers, Foxes and Lions had their third and final reading event this term. It had a wacky sports day theme and we even had a guest storyteller and professional photographer come along.

All children got to choose another book to take home and keep, that's three free books!

In the afternoon, Fiona Eadie came into school to inspire us with her tales from long ago. She taught us that we can all be storytellers and can enhance stories that we hear from others. The children were gripped and hung on her every word.

This has been a fantastic opportunity for the children of St Mary's and we are very grateful to the National Literacy Trust and the Young Readers Programme for this experience. Miss Guest has hinted heavily that we would love to participate again next year!



Ducklings



Class News:

What an amazing start to Term 6. We have flown to the moon and back again. We have learnt about the rotation of the Earth and learnt about the 8 planets in our solar system. We've learnt about if the planets are too hot or too cold, have too many storms or are just right!

We've had fun making shadows and learning about how the shadows change due to the sun's position in the sky.

The Ducklings have loved exploring Google Earth and looking at different areas of the world. When we think about it we know all sorts of different Countries.

There has been lots of practising in preparation for our first Sports Day and we know how to have fun and run in a lane!

Together we have demonstrated how we are great builders and have solved problems. We worked hard to make the water travel down the tubes and into the sandpit. We've designed and made rockets that blast off into space. Watch out for next week's design project.

Mrs Munro



Rabbits



Class News:

Rabbit Class has had a great start to Term 6!

We jumped straight into our new English text "*Jack and the Beanstalk*" which the class are really enjoying. We have role-played the story, learnt a song and created our own story maps.

In Maths, our topic is *measuring in different ways*, we've been estimating how long we think objects are then using non-standard units such as bricks, cubes and paper clips plus standard units including centimetres and metres.

As Scientists, we've been *studying plants*, we have learnt all about the different parts and their functions. We've been observing what happens if a plant doesn't get what it needs and we've also been on a wild plant hunt around the school.

In PSHE, the children have been learning about all the new things we can do as we grow up, focusing on babies - toddlers-children. We played a fun game of guess who with baby photos and have had visits from Dexter's dad and his brother as well as Evelyn's dad and her brother. We were able to see first hand how quickly younger children learn and ask lots of questions. Thank you to our grown ups for supporting us with this.

Finally, in PE we have been doing *athletics* and have eagerly prepared for Sports Day, we hope you can join us so we can show off our amazing skills.

Mrs Roberts

Badgers

Class News:



Badger Class have made a brilliant start to Term 6. We started the week with our **Young Readers Event** and the highlight was listening to a story teller tell us 2 amazing stories. The Badgers were absolutely entranced!

In Maths, we have been learning to *tell the time* to the quarter past and quarter to the hour and some of us have mastered telling the time to 5 minutes. We can all tell you when the key parts of the day are and the children are especially confident with telling you the time at lunchtime

In Science we are learning about *plants* and have planted cress seeds to explore what conditions plants need to grow. We are seeing if growing them indoors or outdoors makes a difference. The children have predicted that the outside cress will grow best. We will see what happens....

Finally in PE we have been getting ready for Sports Day and really enjoying our *athletics*. There have been some wonderful demonstrations of sprinting and long jump with everyone enthusiastically taking part and encouraging each other. Great team work Badgers and well done for making such a positive start to Term 6!

Mrs. Brown



Foxes



Class News:

We've had a flying start to Term 6. Where have the first 3 weeks gone?

We have enjoyed our third and final **Young Readers Event** which was quite hot but everyone had lots of fun. We chose some super books to take home with us and loved our story telling session with Fiona Eadie. The Foxes asked some super questions which showed they were listening attentively to the stories.

In Art, we have begun our new unit of work on *sketching*. We firstly had to learn to see like an artist. This meant looking for *geometric* and *abstract* shapes before adding more detail.

We have been thoroughly enjoying the stories that we have been sharing this term, "*Leon and the place Between*" and "*The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*" Foxes know that they should never close the door if they climb into a wardrobe....it would be very foolish!!

We are continuing our work on *Rivers* and *Ancient Britain* in History and Geography this term. We learnt about the middle course of a river last week. Ask us about meanders and ox-bow lakes....

This week, we have completed our final assessments of the year. Miss Guest is really proud of the progress Foxes have made, not only academically but emotionally too. The children demonstrated resilience and courage when things got tough. The children also were much better at checking their work and using every minute wisely - well done!

Miss Guest and Mrs. Downing



Lions



Class News:

What a wonderful start to term 6.

We have been busy reading our new text, *The Explorer* by Katherine Rundell. We have considered how we would survive in the *Amazon Rainforest*. There are some interesting characters in the story and we have thought about Fred and how he is feeling.

During Maths lessons, the Year 4 children have been working hard practising their times tables and completing their assessments - well done. We have been applying our number skills to solve multi-step problems.

In Science, we had great fun exploring some *irreversible changes*. We completed the activities outside as some were rather messy! We have started to explore different mechanisms. This week we looked at *pulleys* in Science and in Forest School.

We had our third **Young Readers Event** where we completed lots of fun activities and chose another book to keep.

In P.E. lessons, we have been preparing for Sports Day and learning how to run by keeping pace with a friend.

In Geography, we have started to learn about **Global Trade** and understand the difference between imports and exports.

Well done Lions, we have packed a lot into the start of this term.

Mrs Hayward



Eagles



Class News:

Our Year 6 Eagles have been enjoying three of our traditional events which happen in this final term: Bikeability, our end-of-year performance and setting up businesses to raise money for our special activities on our last day at St Mary's.

Bikeability is the cycle training programme which equips children with the vital life skills of learning to cycle and gaining independence and a sense of wellbeing. Each of us gets a day and a half of training, some of which happens on the school playground and some which takes place in smaller groups on the roads around Timsbury. Look out for us if you are around and about the village over the next couple of weeks.

Our rehearsals for *The Island That Rocks* are going very well with everybody performing confidently and enthusiastically. We can't wait to put on a show for you all.

In our Business Studies sessions, we have set up our own companies and considered what we might be doing at the Summer Fayre. Each team will either be selling a product, running an activity or providing a service to create a profit which will go towards self-funding our bouncy castle, Domino's pizzas and ice-cream van on the last day of term. In the photo, you can see us taking on a task (building the tallest free-standing tower using only newspaper) to find out how effectively our teams can work together.

Mr Daniels



Meet The Hedgehogs



Who are they?

Recently, Preschool joined the school officially as our Hedgehogs and most of these children will in a few years come and join the school as Reception. The children in Hedgehogs range from 2-4 years old. There are 18 children at preschool currently and we decided to go and find out all about them so we spent a day with them talking to the parents, staff and joining in with the children's activities.

The Parents and Staff

We interviewed Miss Woodland (who works with Hedgehogs) and she said, *"I think it is a great environment and I really like working with younger children."*

We spoke to another staff member and they said that it is definitely important to get them ready for Reception. That is why they have alphabet games. We also talked to a parent of someone in Hedgehogs about why they picked this school and they told us that it is because it is close by. Also, because it is local, everyone knows everyone which is nice.

Why did they join the school?

They have a few reasons why they joined. One of the reasons is that when they will start in Reception (Ducklings) they will know the school slightly and know how everything works. We asked Mrs Parsons what she thought about why they joined the school and she told us that it is good because it was a bit silly having them as part of the building and not the school. We also asked Mr Thomson and he said, *"It's good because we get younger children used to the school standards and it is also good for children with siblings."*

What does it look like in there?

The Hedgehogs have a main room, a sensory room and a nice outside area with lots of play equipment. The main room is where they do most of the activities and songs. They also have a kitchen that is a part of the main room. It is a nice big open area as well. They also have snacks there before lunch and after. Their sensory room is like their Thrive area; it is basically like the Lodge that we have in the main school building. They can go in there to sleep or calm down or to play with certain toys. The toys have different textures and when you look through certain toys, everything is a different colour. They can also go in there for speech development to get better at pronouncing words. They also have a role play room where they play with shops and other things. The outside area has bikes and equipment they can play with including a sand pit.

A Day at Hedgehogs

On Monday 15th May, we went into the Hedgehog's classroom and we talked to them and learned their daily routine. We saw their approach to learning and discovered what they liked to do. The Hedgehogs use sensory experiences and play to help them learn. They use games to help with future learning, like their alphabet puzzle. When they go outside, they like playing football and going on their bikes and trikes.

In the morning, they have a social time where they can play

and have fun with the other children. They can go outside at any time they want and can come back in at any time. The teachers say they want the children to have time in the morning to play and have fun together. They have snack time in the morning too. They have lots of equipment including a pirate ship to play on and also a water play station.

After break, they have Circle Time and the children pick a few songs to sing, for example Round and Round the Garden and the Grand Old Duke of York. They often sing a song that goes like this: "Hello *child's name*! How are you? Hello *child's name*! It's nice to see you too!" They repeat it as many times as they need to get round all the children. Then they have a listening skills time where they have to run on the spot, turn around and touch their toes. They might also do some phonics or maths games. They also do counting skills where they go round the circle and start at one, then the second child says, "Two," the third says, "Three," etc...

At 11:45, they get ready for lunch. Some people go home before lunch and get their bags and coats at this time. The rest go to the hall so they have time to go to lunch before all the other classes in the school come in. Before lunch, if they have some spare time they read a story that a different Hedgehog picks each day, for example SuperWorm.

We hope now that you know a bit about the Hedgehogs, you might consider sending your child to St Mary's. If you want to know more, you can find information on the school website or contact the School Office.

By

The St Mary's News Team.

Esme, Mia, Heidi, Jake, Willow, Lily, Elsie, Mog.



Careers Morning - Friday 7th July

Please let us know if you would be willing to join us for the morning in school to share about your career and inspire the children. We are hoping that parents or extended family from a wide range of careers will be able to come along. We are hoping to offer a range of practical workshops to inspire the children about a range of careers.

Thank you to those that have already signed up.



Sports Day

Please come and join us for this year's Sports Day on **Monday 26th June**.

Your child should arrive in school wearing their PE kit, this should include a t- shirt of their house colour (plain if possible). If your child does not have a suitably coloured t-shirt - then their usual plain white PE t-shirt will be fine.

As the weather forecast is looking good - your child should be wearing suncream, a hat and bring a water bottle.

It will take place between 10am and 1pm.

Gates open at 09:45, please come to the hall to sign in before joining us on the field.

At midday, we will be having a picnic lunch on the field. You are welcome to stay and join us.

FSM & UFSM children will have the option to select a packed lunch on Monday. This will then be provided by our catering provision. No hot meals will be available on Monday, any meals already booked will have been cancelled and where appropriate refunded.

The PTA will be selling refreshments during this time.

Summer Uniform Reminder

Summer uniform is as follows:

- Smart tailored Navy blue, grey or black shorts, not PE or sports shorts
- Blue and white checked/stripey dresses
- White/black socks (not patterned)
- White/black shoes (toes must be enclosed)

'Team Timsbury' Hoodies

We have an updated school vision:

I can do all things'

This was discussed at a parent meeting this week in school.

As part of the meeting, we launched a new hoodie for children to wear in PE and Forest School lessons. We wanted to make you all aware that this product is now available. This can be purchased from our normal supplier, Macpac:

<https://www.mapac.com/education/parents/uniform/stmarystimsburyBA2/?c=459>



SUMMER FAYRE

Save the date!

This year's Summer Fayre is taking place on **Friday 14th July from 2pm**.

We will be asking for donations such as jolly jars (a hugely popular stall) and other items soon. There will be a non-uniform on Friday 7th July - instead of a money donation, we will be asking for donations for the Summer Fayre.

Dates for your Calendar 2022/23 - Term 6

Date	Event	Notes
26th June	Sports Day	9am-12pm
27th June	SS Great Britain	Yr 2 Badgers
30th June	PTA Summer Disco 5pm - 6pm	EYFS & KS1 (A parent/ carer would need to stay with Hedgehogs & Ducklings children please)
30th June	PTA Summer Disco 6pm - 7pm	KS2
5th July	Year 1 Class Worship	9am
6th July	Shuffle Up day	Whole School
7th July	Non Uniform Day (PTA - donations for Summer Fayre)	Whole School
7th July	July Big Help afternoon - Gardening	1pm start. All are welcome.
7th July	Careers Morning	Whole School
12th July	Year 6 evening performance	6pm
13th July	Year 6 afternoon performance	2pm
14th July	Summer Fayre from 2pm	Whole School
21st July	Leavers service at St.Mary's Church 9.30 am	Year 6
21st July	END of TERM 6	Whole School

St Mary's Sports Day



Monday 26th June

10 am - 1 pm

Reception to Year 6

Spectators welcome.

Gates will open from 9.45 am.

**Please come to the school hall to sign in first
and then make your way to the Pavillion
Field.**

Events 10 am - 12 pm

**Bring a Picnic and stay for lunch from
12 pm to 1pm on the field!**

Reminders :

**Suncream, sunhats, water bottles
& house colour t-shirt.**





Hedgehog's Sports Day



Wednesday 5th July
10.30 am - 11.30 am
Hedgehog's

Spectators welcome.

Gates will open from 10.15 am.
Please come to the school hall to sign in
first and then make your way to the
Pavillion Field.

Events 10.30 am - 11.30 am

Reminders :

Suncream, sunhats, water bottles



EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Bath Central Library

Storytime Session

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 27 June

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 28 June

Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In

Mon - Sat During opening hours

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 27 June
10.30 - 11.00am

Storytime & Craft

Thursday 11.00 - 11.30am 29 June

Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme

Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 26 June

Storytime Sessions

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 28 June

Tessa Bide Creative Writing Competition

27 May - 8 July. Collect an entry form from Keynsham, Bath, Midsomer Norton and the Mobile library.

Or find out more and download an entry form from our blog - bathneslibraries.wordpress.com

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

Mon - Sat, Bath, Keynsham, & Midsomer Norton Libraries.
Book a Session via Eventbrite

w/c
26 June

Recycle an Ex Library Book Competition

11 Feb - 22 July

Collect an entry form from Keynsham, Bath or Midsomer Norton library

*For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.

Visit bathneslibraries.wordpress.com



Our children's writer in residence Tessa Bide has started a story for you. Can you finish it?

Who has left a message? Who is at the door? You decide!

Win a one to one story session with Tessa where she will read you her latest work, and also help with your writing. There will be prizes for runners up too.

Hand your entry in at Keynsham, Midsomer Norton, Bath Central or on the Mobile Library.

Or, email your entry to
Library_Events@bathnes.gov.uk

**Open to ages
11 and under**

Entries must be submitted by
Midnight on Saturday 8 July 2023

For more competition details including guidelines visit:

<https://bit.ly/ChildrensCreativeWritingCompetition>



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PTA NEWS

We've got a busy few weeks now until the end of the summer term.

The PTA will be providing refreshments to buy at the beginning and the end of Sports Day next Monday (26th June), so don't forget to bring cash.

The Summer School Disco is taking place next Friday (30th June) in the school hall - see poster for details.

Plans are well under way for this year's Summer Fayre on Friday 14th July, with lots of fun and exciting things being prepared. We look forward to seeing you all there!

If anyone would like to donate a raffle prize then please contact me using the details below.

We will be running the ever popular Jolly Jars stall and will have jars available to collect from the school gates every day next week to help everyone get involved. (You take a jar, fill it with goodies like sweets, toys (cars, animals etc), stationary (erasers, crayons, chalks etc) and then wrap in newspaper or gift wrap so that the contents are a surprise!

The PTA work hard to raise much needed funds to support the school in all sorts of different ways and we were recently pleased to be able to provide loads of lovely new books for the updated school library.

We also have a clothing bank in the car park at Conygre Hall if you're having a clear out of clothes, shoes and accessories over the summer.

If you'd like to get involved with fundraising or have any suggestions for future events that you and your children would like us to organise, please do get in touch!



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ARE YOU READY TO GET YOUR
DANCING SHOES ON?

St Mary's School Summer Disco

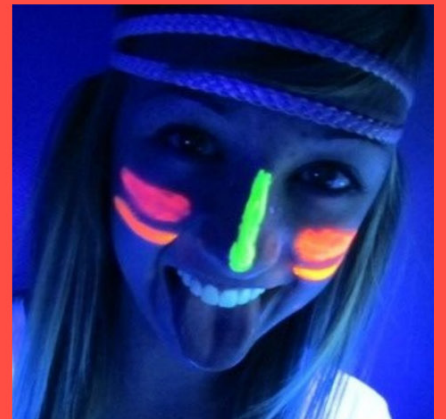
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FACE PAINTS!

FRIDAY 30TH JUNE 2023
IN THE SCHOOL HALL

KS1 & EYFS: 5-6PM

KS2: 6-7PM

ENTRY: £3 PER CHILD VIA PARENTPAY



ALL CHILDREN WILL ALSO GET A
FREDDO CHOCOLATE/HARIBO SWEETS
AND A DRINK OF SQUASH



Volunteers Brunch

03.07.2023 10:30am

Please come and join us. Year 6 will be hosting a volunteers brunch to thank you for the time you have given to the school this year.

WRITHLINGTON SCHOOL

AND SIXTH FORM

OPEN EVENT

YEARS 5 - 12 WELCOME

THURSDAY 6TH JULY

6:00PM - 8:00PM



 - [Writhlington School](#)

 - [@WrithlingtonSch](#)

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**CREATING
OPPORTUNITY.
INSPIRING
ACHIEVEMENT.**

Visit our open event for a chance to explore the many opportunities that Writhlington School has to offer.

Peruse the campus, get involved in fun activities and meet the staff and students that make Writhlington an exceptional place to learn.

I'm not sure I have the words to adequately express our sincerest gratitude for your support, help, candidness and trust throughout Harry's time at Writhlington.

- Year 11 Parent 2022

'Everyone is friendly, this has made what I thought was going to be very scary the best thing ever'

- Year 7 Student September 21

'It is obvious that Writhlington really does care about each individual student and that staff go above and beyond to support them.'

- Year 7 Parent 2021

'Great school. Our son is so happy here and has made many friends, he is thriving'

- Parent Survey 2022

'It's nice to see that in these really tough times that nothing is going unnoticed at school and thanks once again'

- Year 10 Parent 2021

'The support that my daughter has been given has surpassed all expectations'

- Parent Survey 2022

'The atmosphere in lessons is calm and purposeful'

- Ofsted 2021
