



# St Mary's CofE Primary School

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

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Newsletter 04

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

## Remembrance

The children have been creating poppy art this week in preparation for our Remembrance day. The children have used both natural and recycled materials to display at the front of the school.



## House Points Winners

Well done to **Topaz** for being our House Points Winners this week!

## Attendance Winners

Congratulations to **Duckling** Class who achieved 100% attendance for the past two weeks. **Foxes** Class also achieved 100% attendance this week. Well done this is great to see!

## SPELLING COMPETITION

To encourage practice of spelling, we have signed up to a "National Spelling Competition". Between the **14th and 16th November**, we are playing against a number of local schools and hope that your child can help us win and maybe **qualify for the national finals!**

The competition is based on the use of an online app called "**Learning with Emile**". The app is free from the Google Play Store, Apple Store and Microsoft Store. There is also a web-based version that can be found at:

<https://web.emile-education.com/>

A letter was sent home this week and teachers should have sent home login details as well.

We really hope the children enjoy this opportunity and get behind the competition. It would be amazing if we could reach the national finals! Come on **Team Timsbury!**



## Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to the children who received a Headteacher Award in the past weeks.

<b>Ducklings:</b>	Violet, Jacob
<b>Rabbits:</b>	Lucas B, Rosalie
<b>Badgers:</b>	Olivia, Dexter
<b>Foxes</b>	Bobby, Evie
<b>Lions:</b>	Pippi, Tilly
<b>Eagles:</b>	Spike, Felix, Jenson, Annabel



## Outside Achievements



In Creative Writing Club, we have been experimenting with different forms of poetry to take part in a competition. **Elsie (Y6), Poppy (Y4), Tilly (Y4) and Evie (Y3)** have all sent off entries to the 'This Is Me - Poems That Dance' a national poetry competition for ages 7-11. All four children have received a bookmark and sticker for taking part, as well as having been selected to have their work published in an anthology.



## Open Day

We are excited to announce that our next Open Day' will be happening on **Friday 24th November** to welcome prospective parents into the school. St.Mary's has so much to be proud of and we are looking forward to opening our doors. Prospective parents can sign up to walk around the school at 9.30am. We're looking forward to the opportunity to show off our inclusive, outdoor focussed, community school. Please share this date with friends and family who might be looking for a school place for next September. We are looking forward to opening our doors.

## Rugby Discount!

Women's Rugby Discount - Saturday November 18th

Next month Bristol Bears Women take on Sale Sharks at Ashton Gate to kick-off the new league campaign.

We have been given an exclusive **50% discount** to this game. Use the code below to get tickets for just £5 for Adults and £2.50 for Under-12s. Discount code: **BGROUPS50**



## Music Tuition at St Mary's

We can offer Music lessons with an external provider.

Music lessons should be booked directly with the WEMA Service. Please contact visit <https://wema.org.uk/young-people-and-families/learn-to-play-a-musical-instrument/>

You will then be sent a link to an online application form. You can also call the West of England Music and Arts Service on 01454 863147.

For more information have a look at our website <https://www.stmarystimsbury.co.uk/parents-zone/music-tuition.htm>

# Hedgehogs



## Class News:

So far this term the children have had lots of interest in dinosaurs. We've had fun with many dinosaur related activities, some popular ones have included having a dinosaur tea party, making dinosaur painted footprints and using hammers to break small dinosaurs out of ice.

We've enjoyed dinosaur stories, learning their names and compared sizes and features. We've even done some dinosaur yoga.

Other activities have included learning a little bit about poppies and why we buy them at this time of year. We painted red poppy shapes on stones and laid them in a circle around the bottom of a tree in the school front garden. We sang a song to thank the soldiers while we laid our stones.

Our weekly trips to the woods have been fun, we were catching raindrops through the parachute shelter and added leaves to make potions. Many times over the last few weeks the children independently decided to play 'What's the time Mr. Wolf' and 'Hide and Seek'. We've also been discussing fireworks and made some bright sparkly pictures to go on our display board.

It's very exciting now to be practising our Nativity songs! Start listening out and you may begin to hear them being sung at home soon!

The Hedgehog Team



## Christian Value

Compassion is our whole school Christian Value this term. This week, the Worship Champions led a whole school assembly on compassion. They led the assembly expertly and should all be very proud of their achievement. This is how the Worship Champions defined compassion:

- C** costly caring
- O** offering help
- M** making a difference
- P** putting others first
- A** always listening
- S** sensitive to suffering
- S** service in action
- I** interested in others
- O** offering care and concern
- N** noticing a need

Worship Champions (left to right)- Bobbi, Alissa, Jack, Evelyn, Kiereece, Poppy, Tavie, Amelie, Evie and Tilly.





# Ducklings



## Class News:

Well done Ducklings for a fantastic start back to term 2! We are enjoying our new topic of 'Light and Dark' and have read lots of stories based on this theme this term already.

In Literacy we have read 'The owl who was afraid of the dark' by Jill Tomlinson and created labeled diagrams.

We have discussed firework safety and the children created their own posters ready for Bonfire night. Our topic this term for PE is dance. The children enjoyed being sparklers and bonfires and performed in Hedgehog's class.

In Maths, we continue to learn about numbers to 5. We looked at different ways to make 3 and continue to think about 1 more and 1 less than a given number. This week we are learning about 2D shapes and have been sorting and classifying triangles, circles and squares.

We look forward to showing you our Poppy stones that we have displayed in preparation for **Remembrance Day** this week.

Mrs Gillard & Mrs Munro



# Rabbits



## Class News:

What a great start to term 2 it has been. In Rabbits we have been really enjoying learning about our new topics English and History.

In English this term we are reading the story "Dogger" by Shirley Hughes. We have been really enjoying reading and writing about this book so far. Next week we will be writing our own stories based on this book.

In Maths, we have been learning all about subtraction. We have been learning about the subtraction symbol and practising writing subtraction number sentences. Rabbit Class have been using number lines, counters, ten frames and part whole models to help them find the answers.

In History, we have started our new topic of *how toys have changed over time*. We really enjoyed bringing in our own toys to share with the class and learning about which toys our parents and grandparents used to play with.

Finally, Rabbit Class have been making poppies for **Remembrance Day** by painting on wooden disks. We added a layer of glue over our paintings to make sure they can go outside for our poppy display. We are all really proud of the work we created.

Miss Tolfree

# Badgers

## Class News:



Over the last two weeks we have been really busy in Badger Class. We have started our new writing unit based on the text "*Traction Man*". There was some very complex vocabulary such as warfare, perspex, envelop and sub-aqua. The children are trying hard to use these words in their writing. We have also learnt how to use commas in a list. It's a very tricky skill so any help at home with writing shopping lists etc would be really helpful.

In Maths we are working hard on our addition and subtraction skills. Having a secure understanding of number bonds to 10 will help children in this unit so practice of this at home would also be really useful! We have been using techniques involving making 10 first to support us with our additions.

Our new Art focus is on *maps*. We drew our own map of an area special to us using a range of mediums (pastels, crayons, pencils). They didn't need to be accurate and the children could work creatively to produce some lovely abstract work.

Finally, we celebrated **Remembrance Day** on Friday which links to our History work. We have a greater understanding of what life was like for people on the frontline and at home and know the importance of showing respect to those who made big sacrifices for us.

Mrs Newman



# Foxes Class



## Class News:

In Fox Class, we have started our new text, "*The Scarab's Secret*" by Nick Would. We are enjoying this story and have been learning about how to punctuate speech in stories.

During Maths lessons, we have learned how to add using the column method. The children have really persevered with this and are proud of their learning.

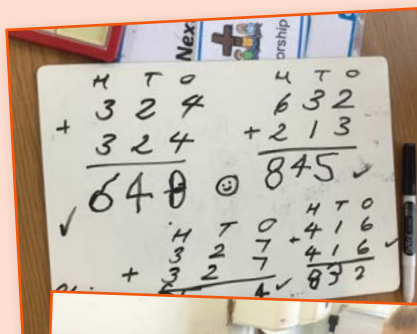
We have made a poppy display using old plastic bottles as our contribution to the whole school **Remembrance Day** display.

We have explored the features of the middle course of a river in Geography. The children have a great understanding of the word 'meander'.

During History, we have been investigating the different *Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt* and the influence they had on daily life.

In Music lessons, we have started to learn some Christmas songs, including starting to learn British Sign Language to "*Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer*".

Mrs Hayward





# Lions

## Class News:



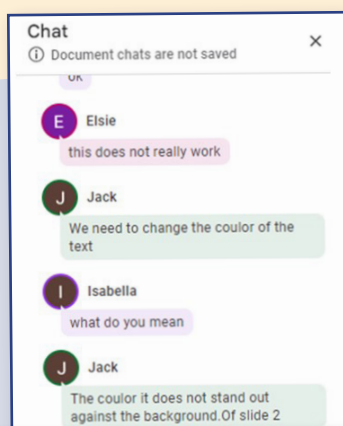
In Lions, we have started our new unit of English by reading the book "Varjak Paw". It is a tale full of mystery and intrigue and the children are really enjoying making predictions about what the main character is going to do next. We are also using inverted commas in our writing and the children have really worked hard on correctly punctuating speech in their writing.

In Art we have made a poppy wreath out of recycled plastic bottles to commemorate **Remembrance Day**. It looks really effective and the children worked very carefully on this important task.

Working as Scientists, we have begun to understand *States of Matter* by categorising materials as either liquids or solids. Some substances were tricky to categorise such as shaving foam and jelly, as they have properties of both. We found out that even scientists find some substances hard to fit into a category. The children asked a lot of interesting questions about what they would like to discover as we go through this topic.

Well done to a great start to Term 2 Lions!

Mrs Brown



# Eagles

## Class News:



In Eagles, we have been making poppies for **Remembrance Day** out of old plastic bottles. We worked as a class to cut the bottles down to size and paint them red and black. We are really pleased with how well these have turned out.

In PE, Eagles have been doing gymnastics, practising our forward, backwards and straddle rolls. We have been concentrating on how to properly engage our muscles to hold shapes with quality and control. We have listened carefully to our coaches who have helped us to develop more impressive gymnastic routines.

We have really enjoyed our current project in our Computing sessions where we have been working in groups on a collaborative task involving creating PowerPoint presentations about a country of our own choice. However, group members have been situated in different places meaning that we have not been able to talk directly to each other. Instead, we have had to make use of the Chat feature in Google Docs.

Finally, the Eyrie has been filled with the beautiful sound of ukuleles recently as our Eagles Ukulele Orchestra has begun to take shape. It's been really good fun!

Mr Daniels & Miss Heath



## Wraparound Care

Welcome back and we hope you had a lovely October Half Term, the children have been keeping us updated with all their news, last week was a little different as Pupil Progress Meetings took place in the hall which meant After School Club needed to relocate to the classrooms, the children adapted well and continued to be creative making cardboard mummies and apple print pumpkins and used the outdoor space to run around. We had some wonderful donations of dressing-up clothes also which the children loved. Breakfast Club was stocked up with a wonderful array of healthy food for the children which set their day off to a good start. We ended the last week making salt fireworks paintings and a bit of Christmas Karaoke!! So far this week we have painted potato print poppies, had great fun with the parachute in the hall and had a game of "What am I?" A lady in the village donated a large cardboard box which has given the children hours of fun hiding inside, decorating and ended up being a box monster!!! Unusual junk modelling donations are always welcome as the children are so creative with it.

Wraparound Team

## Amazon wishlist

If you would like to/are able to contribute towards our school reading spine, we would be ever so grateful. The book you purchase would be stamped to show that you have donated it to school. You could do this as a Birthday or Christmas gift to the school rather than sweet treats.

<https://amzn.eu/9IXEron>

This is not a requirement but would be an exceptionally generous donation and would support the children with their learning greatly.

Thank you!



## The Great Timsbury Bake Off!

### Calling all budding bakers!!

The School Council will be organising a **'Great Timsbury Bake Off'** to raise money for an outdoor reading room!

The competition will take place on Thursday 30th November and all pupils are invited to take part. More information will follow in the coming weeks but we wanted to give some advanced warning to dust off those aprons and wooden spoons and get practising as there will be some super prizes for winners! All entries will be sold after school to raise money for our reading lodge.



## PLAY EQUIPMENT EXPANDED

The children have enjoyed playing on some new and extended play equipment this term. Last year, we added new play equipment designed especially for St.Mary's to allow for maximum 'hanging time'. The children have enjoyed it so much that we have added to it by doubling the size of the equipment. Children are now challenged to complete 2 sets of monkey bars, a traverse wall, a rope walk and 2 sets of hanging stirrups in order to complete the challenge!

*'I like the hanging equipment because we can just be free and we can all play together.'* (Maggie, year 4)

*'I like the hanging station because I like hanging like a monkey,'* (Rachel, year 4)

*'I like the hanging station because it's really fun and I can hang with my friends,'* (Sydney, year 4)

*'I like the hanging station because we get a lot of free time here and I like it. I think everyone likes swinging and climbing on it all.'* (Joe B, year 4)



## Dates for your Calendar 2023/24 - Term 2 onwards

Date	Event	Notes
16.11.23	School/Nursery Tour for prospective parents	9.30am
17.11.23	Children in Need Day - children to wear spots	
20.11.23	Anti-Bullying week	
23.11.23	Year 3/4 football match vs LONGVERNAL	3.30pm
24.11.23	Open Morning Odd Socks Day - Anti-bullying	9.30am
28.11.23	Parents invited to find out about ETRA charity	2.30 pm
30.11.23	Cake Sale	
05.12.23	Singing at Conygre Hall	Year 3 & 4
6.12.23	KS1 Nativity (Year 1 & Year 2)	Time TBC - Morning
7.12.23	KS1 Nativity (Year 1 & Year 2)	Time TBC - Afternoon
8.12.23	Open Morning Christmas Jumper Day - Save The Children Christmas Fayre	9.30am
12.12.23	EYFS Nativity (Nursery & Reception )	Time TBC - Morning
13.12.23	EYFS Nativity (Nursery & Reception )	Time TBC - Afternoon
14.12.23	PTA Christmas Disco	
18.12.23	Christingle Service at the Church	



### Benefits of School Milk

Both whole and semi-skimmed milk contain essential vitamins and minerals that support a wide range of functions in the body, including:



**Vitamin B12**  
to aid energy  
release



**Protein**  
for muscle repair  
and growth



**Vitamin B12**  
to boost the  
immune system



**Calcium**  
for strong  
bones & teeth



**Phosphorus**  
to strengthen  
bones



**Potassium**  
to regulate  
blood pressure



**Iodine**  
to support your  
metabolism





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## **Our School Milk Scheme**

Dear Parent or Guardian,

School Milk Services Ltd has been working in partnership with your Local Education Authority since 2001 to deliver fresh milk to schools across the South West.

We provide fresh milk to your school which is free of charge for children under the age of 5, funded by the Department of Health under the Nursery Milk Scheme. Once children reach the age of 5, this funding is withdrawn.

We offer a milk service for children over the age of 5. Each child that is registered will receive a 189ml portion of semi-skimmed milk at the morning break period. The cost of this service is less than £2 per week\* and you can pay in either one, two or four instalments across the school year.

### **Registering**

- You can register your child before or after their 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday by visiting our website at [www.schoolmilkservices.co.uk](http://www.schoolmilkservices.co.uk) or scanning the QR code on the right:
  - If you are registering before your child's 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday, you can either choose to make a payment at the time of registering, or you can ask for a reminder to be sent 4 weeks before your child's birthday.
  - If you are registering after your child's 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday, payment will be requested immediately.



Register by Thursday at 12:00 for your child's milk to start on the following Monday.

If you have any questions regarding the milk service, please contact us via email at: [sales@schoolmilkservices.co.uk](mailto:sales@schoolmilkservices.co.uk) or telephone at 01934 510950.

*\*subject to change*

Kind regards,

**School Milk Services Ltd**



# Christmas Market

Get your gifts and decorations while supporting St. Mary's School PTA  
Plus  
Music, Mulled Wine and Mince Pies  
&  
Slosh Sleigh Festive Raffle

**NOVEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**FROM 6PM TO 8PM**  
Conygre Hall, North Road, Timsbury

Any enquiries to Stef Mills on 07790778453  
or [stefmills@aol.com](mailto:stefmills@aol.com)

## LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c  
13 Nov

### Bath Central Library

**Nursery Rhyme Week: Special Storytime**  
Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 14 Nov

**Nursery Rhyme Week: Special Baby Bounce and Rhyme**  
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 15 Nov

**Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In**  
Mon - Sat During opening hours

**Knit Two, Share One - knitting & Crochet group for any age/ability**  
Thursday 10.00 - 12.00pm 16 Nov

**Norland Nannies Community Sewing Bee - For any age/ability, drop in**  
Friday 10.00 - 2.00pm 17 Nov

**Board Game Saturdays**  
Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 18 Nov

**Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs**  
Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via the blog.  
Visit [bathneslibraries.wordpress.com](http://bathneslibraries.wordpress.com)

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# Cook it

## FREE five week cookery course for parents/carers and children

Join an in person or virtual group course to discover how to make easy, healthy, budget friendly recipes.

- Free recipe booklet and links to our NEW video recipes
- Support with meal planning and budgeting
- Encouraging children to eat balanced meals
- Ingredients and equipment provided or funded up to £30 for virtual courses
- For families with children aged 5-17

**Range of dates available:**

Contact the Community Wellbeing Hub to find out more:

**T: 0300 247 0050**

**E: [BATHNES.thehub@hcrhcaregroup.com](mailto:BATHNES.thehub@hcrhcaregroup.com)**

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# NORTON RADSTOCK SWIMMING CLUB



## Become A Member

Our swimming club has existed in Midsomer Norton for over sixty years, located at the Dragonfly Sports Centre in Midsomer Norton. We are a small friendly club which operates independently of the centre, run by a team of committed volunteers and a level 3 Head Coach. Our catchment area is Midsomer Norton, Radstock and the surrounding villages. We are an inclusive club; all enquiries are welcome!

We love to welcome new members. If your swimmer has achieved level 6 or above in the *Learn to Swim* programme and would like to take the next steps to increase their skills and confidence, then sign them up for a trial. We will help to develop their love of swimming with the opportunity to compete in the future if they wish.

**We look forward to hearing from you soon!**

To request a trial for potential new swimmers  
please go to:

[www.nrsc.org.uk/register-for-trial/](http://www.nrsc.org.uk/register-for-trial/)





We are partnering with Glenburnie Butege School in Uganda. We are hoping to help provide support to them and build a long term relationship , as well as gain an understanding of life in a culturally different area than Bath.

The Global team decided that they wanted to find out more about their planet, to be able to support local charity events as well as supporting others who are less fortunate than ourselves.

**Come and find out more when Alan, a trustee, comes to speak to us at 2.30 pm on 28th November.**

This project has lifted hundreds of children out of poverty over the last 30 years. Given them an education, a start in life, enabling them to go on to help others to build more dreams for Uganda.

ETRA UK is run by volunteers who live in the city of Bath, UK. We support the work originally founded by Victoria Lwanga Lukwago who once had a dream to build a school in Uganda within her local community. The Glenburnie Butega School was built in 1993 through her motivation and with support from Rev. Alan Bain and St Philip and St James' Church and Monkton Pre-Prep School in Bath. Generous friends from around the country and abroad continue to support the school.

In addition to the school there is now also a nursery school, a farm, a sick bay and a guesthouse. We actively update our supporters about the children in Uganda and what has been happening





## **Events & Activities - Here's what is happening in your Libraries this Week.**

### **w/c 13 November**

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

#### **Bath Central Library**

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

Mon – Sat, book a session via Eventbrite

#### **Keynsham Library**

##### **Nursery Rhyme Week: Special Baby Bounce & Rhyme**

Tuesday 14 November from 9.30 – 10.00 & 10.30 – 11.00am

##### **Nursery Rhyme Week: Special Storytime**

Thursday 16 November from 11.00 – 11.30am

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Saturday 18 November from 12.30 – 4.00pm

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**Midsomer Norton Library**

**Baby Bounce & Rhyme**

Monday 13 November from 11.00 – 11.30am

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**Sensory Space booking** - <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/our-sensory-spaces-2227259?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

**Mobile Library**

The Mobile Library may stop near you! Pop in for a visit, return your books, collect a reservation and choose something new to read. You can do all this and more with your B&NES or LibrariesWest library card.

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