



St Mary's CofE Primary School

"I can do all things"

Living Together, Learning Forever, Loving God's Creation

Friday 15th November 2024

Newsletter 05

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

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day, also known as Armistice Day, began as a way to show respect to the people who fought in the 1st World War. We showed our respect by having a moment of silent reflection at 11am during our assembly. We wore poppies on our jumpers and items were sold to raise money for the Poppy Appeal. 100% of that money goes towards funding the Royal British Legion's on-going work and supporting the Armed Forces Community, both those who are serving and also ex-serving personnel and their families. Some of our younger pupils created a display in the trees at the front of the school and we made a physical human poppy on the playground with us all holding coloured card. Our school has raised some money and we will update you as soon as we know the amount.

By Willow, Emily and Pippi.



Bible Presentations

Last week, Reverend Blewett presented children in years 2 and 6 with their own copy of the Bible. Our thanks go to 'Timsbury Churches Together' for sponsoring this. Sadly, Ruth Reeve from the charity Bibles for Children, was unable to attend the presentation. We would like to express our gratitude to the organisation for their contribution to St Mary's. We hope the children enjoy their Bibles and get much pleasure from them for years to come.



House Points Winners



Well done to our House Point Winners **Topaz** and **Sapphire** who are joint leaders.

Attendance Winners



Congratulations to **Rabbits** for having **98.3%** attendance last week. This week's champions are **Foxes** with **99.6%** attendance - well done.

INSET days

Please be aware, we have two INSET dates coming up soon:

****WEDNESDAY 27th NOVEMBER****

****MONDAY 6th JANUARY****

The school will be closed to children on these dates

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Headteacher's Award

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

Ducklings:	Tallulah, Lowen
Rabbits	Lilly, Ophelia
Badgers	Lucas, Harrison
Foxes	Florence, Alvin, Bobby & Corey
Lions	Arthur, Maggie
Eagles	Stanley, Spike



Outside Achievements



Ben and **Beatrix** were both celebrating achievements - Ben for Football and Beatrix for Gymnastics.

Thank you so much to **Rosie & Tommy**, who organised a fundraiser for gardening equipment for the school. What superstars - they raised £50!



Hedgehogs



Class News:

We have had a lovely two weeks back after half term in Nursery. Last week, the children enjoyed making some fireworks paintings using lots of different materials. We also enjoyed putting on our own fireworks 'display' with scarves and light-up balls in the dark sensory room! The children talked about all the different coloured fireworks and the sounds they make.

Some children got to decorate pebbles with poppy designs and then participate in a small Remembrance Ceremony. The children gathered around our Tree of Remembrance outside school with the Duckling and placed down the pebbles they had made whilst enjoying a short service.

This week our story has been 'The Worrysaurus' by Rachel Bright and Chris Chatterton. The children have really enjoyed this story about the little dinosaur who has lots of different worries but also has lots of tools to help him feel better when he is sad. The Hedgehogs have enjoyed learning about all our different emotions, how they feel in our body and how they may look on our faces. We have talked about things that make us sad, angry or worried and what makes us feel happy and calm again when we are ready.

We are looking forward to lots more fun over the next few weeks. As you know, we play in all weather, so please make sure your child has a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves when needed. Thank you!

Mrs Harrison & Miss James



Ducklings



Class News:

The children have come back to school this term with enthusiasm. We have enjoyed many creative activities, which helped us learn about the Hindu festival of light, **Diwali**. The children made clay Diva lamps and colourful Rangoli patterns. We discussed fireworks safety, and lots of the children told us about their experiences with fire and fireworks. The children made Bonfire Night Safety posters in Literacy, and so many use their phonic knowledge in their writing.

We have loved starting a woodwork project in class. The children painted wooden disks and concentrated hard to hammer in the centre pin to create beautiful poppies for our *Tree of Remembrance* this week. Many of the children used a hand drill to drill a hole for the thread. The children were sensible and discussed the need for safety goggles and safe woodworking procedures. If anyone has some offcuts of untreated pine (or any softwood) we would appreciate them for our project. The children gathered around the tree with their Hedgehog friends, where we held a service. We talked about

Remembrance Day and what it means to remember.

In Maths, we have been exploring different *2D shapes and patterns*.

We want to remind you that next week is our Maths parent workshop. We invite you to attend on Tuesday the 19th at 9 am to explore many of the number and shape games. As well as the apparatus that we use in Ducklings.

The children created a beautiful fireworks dance in PE and are continuing with their ball skills topic this term.

The children are beginning to learn many Christmas songs for the Nativity. We will be sending out words for your child to learn and character names. Please support your child by listening to them practise their lines for the play at home.

Many thanks.

Mrs Gillard & Mrs Munro



Rabbits



Class News:

It has been a great start to term 2 in Rabbits!

In English, we are excited to have started learning about Shirley Hughes's story '*Dogger*'. We had a great time bringing in our favourite toys to link with the story. We have also been working on our comprehension skills by retrieving information from a text and orally rehearsing our story plans through role-play. We will be writing our own stories based on this book next week.

In Maths, we have just finished our unit on addition and subtraction with 10. We have been applying all of our learning from this unit to explore fact families and word

problems. We will be going on to learn about *place value up to 20* next.

In Geography, we learned about the local area. This week, we spent some time walking around Timsbury to explore its human and physical features. We then recorded this information on a checklist. We will use the information we collected to support our learning in our next geography lesson.

Finally, Rabbits have begun their Nativity practise ready for our performance in week 6. We have been practising using loud and clear voices. Please continue to help them learn their lines at home.

Miss Tolfree

Badgers

Class News:



We have had a fantastic start to Term 2 in Badgers!

In English, we are beginning to look at our new story, '*Traction Man*.' Badgers enjoyed using the everyday objects from the book to create their own imaginative stories before listening to the games played with Traction Man in the story.

In Computing, we have begun our *Photography* unit and taken pictures using iPads, discussing what makes a good photo.

In Art and Geography, we have been investigating different types of maps. In Geography, we went outside to explore different human and physical features around our school grounds. When we returned to class, we drew our own aerial view maps. In Art, we are creating messy maps of our walk to school using tissue paper to create a stained-glass window effect.

We have begun practising our Nativity, ready for our performances. Badgers are excited to learn their lines and to be a part of the production. Please ensure that all children practise at home so delivery is clear and confident. Narrators will have a card with their words during the performance; however, the more they can read these at home, the clearer and more fluent their performance will be.

Miss Heath



Foxes

Class News:



Term 2 has started brilliantly in Foxes! In Maths, we have been working on adding and subtracting four-digit numbers. This can be a tricky concept, but with lots of practice, the Foxes are getting the hang of it really well. In DT, we are going to be making *Mindful Timers* and have started this topic by evaluating the usefulness of a range of existing timers.

This week we were lucky enough to have a fantastic day at **The Roman Baths** which ties in really well with our History learning about The Romans. The children were able to become historians for the day as they learnt the difference between an original artefact and a replica. We also went beneath the streets of Bath to explore the vaults. We were able to dig up some treasures, identify objects and build some

structures that the Romans would have used. Most of us were brave and decided to try the famous spa waters. There were definitely mixed opinions about whether it tasted good or not. Finally, we learnt lots about how the Romans used the Baths and all of the personal grooming they did. Ask the Foxes to tell you about the meaning of the expression "The wrong end of the stick!"

Finally, in Geography we have enjoyed researching and learning about Emperor Penguins and how these remarkable creatures have adapted so that they are able to live in the harsh environment of Antarctica. Well done on a great start to the new term Foxes.

Mrs Brown

Lions



Class News:

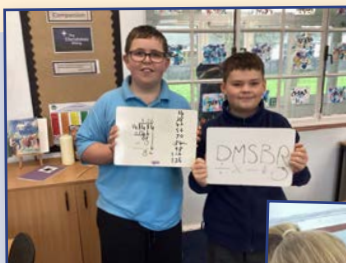
Our Year 5 Lions have made an amazing start to Term 2. It really feels as though we are up and running and everybody is showing excellent enthusiasm for learning and super behaviour. We are set up now to have a very happy and successful year.

We are enjoying our work in English which is all based around the story of 'The Man Who Walked Between The Towers' by Mordicai Gerstein. This is the story of Philippe Petit who walked on a tightrope between the towers of the World Trade Centre in New York. Obviously the children are too young to remember the tragic events of 2001 and it is strange to think of these towers not being there anymore. We will be writing discussion texts to debate whether he should have carried out this audacious challenge.

Our DT project is very exciting as we are making pop-up books. Over the coming weeks, we will be practising several mechanisms before planning, designing and then creating books with a Christmas theme. In the photos, you can see some of the sliders we made. There were some excellent mechanisms produced which worked really well and some very creative ideas ranging from Harry Potter grabbing the Golden Snitch to Phillippe Petit walking between the towers.

In PE, we have continued our work on balances and different methods of travelling. We discussed how we can work with a partner to carry out movements in synchronisation and canon formations.

Mr Daniels



Eagles

Class News:



We've had a brilliant start to Term 2 in Eagles!

In DT, we are going to be making *Christmas cushions*. We have started our unit by learning how to cross stitch and applique in order to decorate our cushions giving thought to the design and overall finish of the product. It involves lots of patience and fine motor skills but the children are enjoying the challenge and looking forward to having a usable product to bring home for Christmas.

In PE, we have started our fitness unit by completing some baseline assessments for stamina, speed, agility and balance, to name a few. We worked in pairs to time and encourage one another and we look forward to developing our skills over the coming weeks

and seeing if we can beat those baseline scores.

Over the last two weeks, we have been learning the formal method for *long division* in Math. It is a difficult concept, but we love a challenge in Eagles! We have worked in pairs to support one another and are slowly grasping the process. We are looking forward to starting our unit on *Fractions* next week!

We are lucky to have Mrs Roberts teaching us Computing, Science, Geography and History this term. She has been incredibly impressed with our attitude towards learning and impeccable behaviour and is looking forward to working with us in the coming weeks.

Mrs Newman

Great Timsbury Bake Off

After last year's HUGE success, The Great Timsbury Bake Off will be returning this term - so dust off those rolling pins and whisks and get the creative juices flowing!

We will be having a children's competition and, new for this year, an adult's competition! The School Council organises and promotes this event.

All entries need to be brought into school on the morning of **Thursday 28th November**. They need to be clearly labelled and ready for judging! There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and all cakes will be sold after school in the hall to raise funds for the school.

Ready, Set.....Bake!!

We can't wait to see what you create!!



The Great Timsbury Bake-Off!



Prizes

1st, 2nd and 3rd

Date: Thursday 28th November

Entries to be brought into school in the morning.

3:10 pm – Cake sale in the hall

Hedgehogs Nursery

@ St Mary's Primary School



We have sessions available for 2
& 3 yr olds
from January 2025



Hedgehogs Interest Form 24/25

Hedgehogs Interest Form 25/26



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 Newman or Mrs Purnell.

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

Dates for your Calendar 2024/2025 - Term 2

Date	Event
19.11.24	Ducklings Parent Workshop 9 am
19.11.24	Boys Yr 5 & Yr 6 Football Tournament Norton Hill School
22.11.24	Rabbits Year 1 Parent Workshop 2.15 pm
22.11.24	Odd Socks Day - Odd Socks Day Anti- Bullying
26.11.24	Badgers Yr 2 Parent Workshop 9 am
27.11.24	**INSET DAY**- school closed
28.11.24	Great Timsbury Bake Off
29.11.24	Cake Sale - School Council
03.12.24	Lions Yr 5 Parent Workshop 9 am
05.12.24	Foxes Yr 3 & Year 4 Parent Workshop 9 am
06.12.24	School & Nursery Open Morning for prospective new parents & children
TBC	Eagles Yr 6 Parent Workshop with Mrs Newman & Mrs Woods
06.12.24	Non-Uniform Day for Christmas Fayre Donations
10.12.24	Book Fayre available after school until the 16th December
11.12.24	Key Stage One - Rabbits & Badgers Nativity- EVENING 5:30PM
12.12.24	Key Stage One - Rabbits & Badgers Nativity- AFTERNOON- 2:00PM
13.12.24	Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children
13.12.24	Christmas Fayre (after school)
17.12.24	EYFS - Hedgehogs & Ducklings Nativity- MORNING- 9:30AM
18.12.24	EYFS - Hedgehogs & Ducklings Nativity AFTERNOON- 2:00PM
18.12.24	Whole School Christmas Jumper Lunch
19.12.24	Christingle Service at Church
20.12.24	Last day of term 2
06.01.25	**INSET DAY**- school closed
07.01.25	Start of term 3

Are you a kinship carer?

A kinship carer is someone who is raising a relative's or friend's child.

Come along to our group for kinship carers



A chance to meet, listen, share and support one another.

Bath Kinship Group

When: 10:30am-12:30pm

Second Wednesday each month.

Term time and 18+only

Where: Manvers Street Baptist Church Cafe

Manvers Street

Bath

BA1 1JW

All kinship
carers and
special
guardians are
welcome

Call Jayne: 07518 291759

Email: jayne.howard@kinship.org.uk



**Part of the Kinship
Group Network**

Bringing kinship carers together



**compass.kinship.org.uk
kinship.org.uk**

Kinship is the working name for Grandparents Plus, which is a company limited by guarantee registered in England and Wales under number 4454103 and registered as a charity under number 1093975



Wild Ones 0-5's Toddler Group

Greyfield Wood & Roundhouse

Fridays from 8th November
10am - 11.45am

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£8 / £5 (sibling goes free)
FREE TASTER

www.ecowild.org.uk/book-now

Craft Fire Song Fun Friends Nature Connection



EcoWild
You are Nature



TIMSBURY FESTIVE VILLAGE MARKET



COME AND JOIN US FOR OVER TWENTY FIVE STALLS OF
FABULOUS LOCAL FOOD, BEAUTIFUL CRAFTS AND GORGEOUS GIFTS

Jewellery, paintings,
cards & prints, books,
textiles, woodcrafts,
dried flowers,
craft beers,
coffees, meat
cheese, jams
& preserves,
bread &
cakes.....



...wine, oils, chilli sauces,
natural beauty products,
wellbeing massages,
handmade
children's clothes,
vintage wares
and much
more.

Saturday 30th November 10am - 2pm
Conygre Hall - free entry

www.growtimsbury.org.uk for more info   @growtimsbury

Festive Village Market
run by Grow Timsbury
CIC no. 10709916

MOTUS DANCE ACADEMY

Motus Dance Accademy is Coming to Timsbury!

Motus will be hosting workshops in hip hop and street dance for school years 7-11 at Timsbury YMCA on Tuesdays 5-7pm .

First term £2 a session

All abilities welcome.

For more information please contact Jane@luxyouthproject.co.uk



LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES w/c 18 November

Bath Central Library

Board Game Saturdays

Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 23 November

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

Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In

Mon - Sat During opening hours

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 20 November

Storytime

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 19 November

Victoria Art Gallery: Toddler Thursdays at the Library

Drop in, suitable for parents & carers with children aged 0-5 years.

Toddler Spanish Class

Suitable for ages 0-4.

Booking required. www.todoelmundo.co.uk

Centenary Storytime

Join us to celebrate our favourite stories from the 2010s -The Day the Crayons Quit and Julian is a Mermaid.

10.30 - 11.00am 19 November

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00am 19 November
10.30 - 11.00am

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Board Game Saturdays

Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 23 November

Storytime

Thursday 10.30 - 11am 21 November

Lace Making Group

Thursday 2.00 - 4pm 21 November

Keynsham Library Exhibition

Monday 14 October Onwards

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Midsomer Norton Library

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Monday 11.00 - 11.30am 18 November

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Christmas Holidays - Inspired Camps Radstock

30th, 31st December & - 2nd, 3rd January

- St Benedict's Primary School
- Active Camps (Multi-sports)

Medals for all

Presentation ceremony on the final day

£20 Per day

10% Whole week discount

15% sibling discount

Inspired Schools
 01278 550945
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inspiredschools.co.uk/parents

<https://inspiredschools.schoolipal.co.uk/>

Happy Healthy Holidays FREE Places

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

Bookable on 18th November
Register for our community now





Dear Parents/ Carers,

This Holiday, give your child the gift of tech and creativity with our Festive Tech Camp! 🧑‍🔬🚀

Join us for a fun-filled holiday experience where kids can get stuck into the following activities:

- 🌲 3D Festive Creations 🌲
Use 3D pens to craft unique, eye-catching Christmas decorations and make your holiday decor come alive.
- ☀️ Magical Minecraft ☀️
Dive into Minecraft engineering, building structures, creating redstone gadgets, and turning ideas into reality.
- 🤖 Rocking Robots 🤖
Explore coding to design and program amazing robots of your own creation.
- 🧑‍🔬 Fantastical Virtual Reality 🧑‍🔬
Step into VR explore immersive, imaginative worlds of your own making.
- ✨ Christmas Circuits ✨
Design circuits that light up your world, blending creativity with electronics.
- 📺 Light-Up Cards 📺
Craft magical, illuminated greeting cards that bring joy with every flicker.

Our camp offers a unique blend of learning and fun, led by experienced instructors in a supportive environment. At NTE, we understand Christmas can be a busy period for parents, therefore this is the perfect opportunity for your child to explore their passion for technology and develop valuable skills, whilst offering you with convenient childcare in the holiday season.

Join us at: Batheaston School BA1 7EP

Date: 30th & 31st December, 2nd & 3rd January

Time: 9am - 4pm

Ages: 5-11 years

Just £39.99 for a whole day of camp or use XMAS10 for 10% off before 30/11/2024! 🕒 ⚡

Click Here to Book Now:

<https://www.nextthing.education/product/batheaston-school-christmas-camp/>

If your child is eligible for FSM we have a limited number of fully funded spaces available as part of the local council's Holiday, Activities and Food Programme! This means that your child is able to attend camp for FREE.

Bookings will go live soon. HAF attendees are entitled to 4 days of 4 hours per day (select either a morning OR an afternoon session each day) totalling 16 hours this winter. Please book via the **Holiday Activities** bookings link which will be sent to you direct from the Council and search for our camp.

If you have any questions, or need support with your booking, please contact us on 01442 873150 or email info@nextthing.education.

Spaces are limited, so book now to avoid disappointment at www.nextthing.education 🕒 ⚡

Warmest holiday wishes,
Next Thing Education Camps Ltd

CHRISTMAS MARKET



**FRIDAY
22nd
NOVEMBER**

6pm - 8pm

**free
entry**



A large collection of Stalls,
Hot Chocolate, Mince Pies,
Mulled Wine, Raffle plus
Musical entertainment too.

Conygre Hall, North Road, Timsbury BA2 0EU

**Raising funds for:
St Mary's Primary School, Timsbury, PTA charity**