



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

Rock Stars and Robots Day

Last month, we relaunched the use of Times Tables Rock Stars and Numbots by holding a Rock Stars and Robots Day.

Rock Stars and Robots Day is an event that our school does most years. On the day, we dress up as rock stars and robots. The Ducklings in Reception also dressed up but as numbers because they do not go onto Numbots until later in the year.

Every class came into the hall to play Times Tables Rock Stars or Numbots. Ducklings Class played fun games that Year 6 had created, based on the numbers 1, 2 and 3, such as throwing different amounts of bean bags into hoops.

We also had a special guest come in! It was...FREDDIE MERCURY! (Really it was Mr Daniels dressed up!)

We interviewed him...

What did you like about this day?

I liked how much everyone enjoyed the experience and how everyone took the time to play the games in the hall and dress up.

Will you do it again?

Yes, it's a great way to promote enthusiasm for these online resources that help children to practise their key numbers skills.

Do you think it was a success?

Absolutely! Everybody really enjoyed it and hopefully we will now see even more people logging on at home and securing their knowledge of key number facts.

Reported by the St Mary's News Team

Esme, Heidi and Mia (Y6), Lily (Y5) and Willow (Y4)

Seesaw

Thank you for engaging so well with SeeSaw. We are really enjoying being able to share much more of what's happening in school with you. Please keep 'liking' and commenting on the posts; we want to work together to achieve the best outcomes for all of the children at St.Mary's. Please be aware that we do not expect staff to reply to messages from parents outside of 8am-6pm. Please also remember to contact the school office regarding messages to do with absence or changes to pick up arrangements, as we cannot guarantee that teachers will be able to read messages during the time that children are in school. Thank you for your understanding.



Seesaw



House Points Winners

Well done to **Topaz** for being our House Point winners this week.



Attendance Winners

Congratulations to **Lions** last week and **Foxes** this week for excellent attendance.



Headteacher's Award

Congratulations to the children who received a Headteacher Award.

Ducklings:	Rosie
Rabbits:	Kiereese
Badgers:	Dawson
Foxes:	James
Lions:	Zach
Eagles:	Daisy



Christian Values Awards

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

Service:	Eliza H
Courage:	Bobby E



Christian value Compassion

'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience,' (Colossians 3:12)

Compassion is...

- 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



Hedgehogs

Class News:

Hedgehogs have had lots of fun in the nursery!

They have been learning all about the number 3. We added it into our play by going on a walk looking for objects counting up to 3. We made shapes out of playdough adding to 3 and asked questions like, 'Can you make 3 balls or roll 3 snakes?'

Following on from our 'Dear Zoo' book we created a few tuff tray activities. These included, 'Can you free the animal from the trap?' This is a great fine motor skill activity and the children had lots of fun doing this. Using the playdough and zoo animals the children created lots of animal prints.

'My animal has two legs', 'Mine has 4', 'Look the elephant have really big feet!' were some of the observations recorded.

The Hedgehogs also made some lovely poppy pictures to commemorate Remembrance Day.

Mrs Sandall



Ducklings



Class News:

During the last fortnight Duckling Class have been learning all about owls alongside our class text 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. We began the week by going on an owl hunt and making some birds' nests of our own. The children loved finding some real nests up in the trees and closing their eyes to listen for the hoot of an owl too. We have had plenty of opportunities to get creative too. Painting owls, making puppets and retelling our story have been lots of fun.

The children were hugely respectful on Friday when we all stood for our 2 minutes silence for remembrance. We made red and purple poppies and talked about people who are important to us.

Well done Ducklings.

Mrs Winney



Rabbits



Class News:

Rabbit Class have been finishing their own firework poems. I have been very impressed with their independence and amazing use of onomatopoeic words!

In maths we've been making and breaking numbers within 10, splitting them between parts and wholes. We have led our own number inquiries which the children really enjoyed, they were able to find lots of number sentences for one number.

As scientists we've investigated our sense of smell, we had to make predictions and use what we already knew to work out what was in the mysterious pots. Some smells were lovely but lots of the class thought some of the pots smelt 'revolting'!

In PE we've been negotiating space and have worked on our hopping, skipping and jumping skills. In History we've started our learning about toys from the past, we kicked it off by describing our favourite toys. We've also spoken about Remembrance Day and created a whole class collage of poppies, which we proudly presented outside at the front the school.

Rabbit Class has been very busy this past fortnight, I wonder what we will get up to in the next two weeks?

Mrs Roberts



Badgers

Class News:



This fortnight we have enjoyed continuing our History topic about World War 1 and Remembrance and we painted poppies on stones to commemorate Remembrance Day. We put them outside the school alongside poppy displays from the other classes and together, they looked really effective and showed that the whole school was thinking about the importance of Remembrance.

In Computing the children have had fun learning about how to take effective photos using digital media. We learnt about the difference between landscape and portrait and how to compose an effective photograph. We took selfies, action shots and photographs of different objects in and around the classroom. A lot of fun was had!

Finally, in PSHE we have worked together to create artistic designs of handprints as the theme of Anti Bullying Week has been "Reach Out". We talked about how we can support each other and what we should do if we ever saw incidents of bullying.

Another great couple of weeks Badger Class - well done!

Mrs Brown



Foxes

Class News:



The last two weeks have been full of lots of new learning experiences for the Foxes!

In Maths, we are working hard at securing our knowledge of how to add and subtract with exchanges. It's quite tricky but we're using resources to help us and showing real grit and determination!

In English, we have been focusing on how to punctuate direct speech and how to write compound sentences. We then wrote a wanted poster for the 'naughty palace guards' from our book '*The Scarab's Secret*'.

We have had a very arty couple of weeks where we have made wreaths for remembrance and began our art unit of creating Ancient Egyptian scrolls. We are really looking forward to seeing the finished products and shang them with you!

Our PE lessons will focus on gymnastics this term and we have got off to a super start looking at point and patch balances varying in difficulty. We have some very flexible members of Fox Class who amazed Miss Guest with some of the positions they could get into!

Miss Guest and Mrs Downing

Lions



Class News:

Last Friday, we visited Writhlington School and were entertained by a brass quintet. We learned lots about how the different brass instruments produce sound and change pitch and volume. We had great fun practising creating our own sounds.

During Science lessons, we investigated the inside of flowers and enjoyed learning the names of the different parts.

We have continued to learn more about rainforests. We thought about which animals live there and how they are adapted. We were fascinated to learn that pottoos camouflage themselves as tree trunks.

In History, we learned more about the Ancient Mayans and the gods they worshipped.

We have started to learn about how different languages have influenced the words which we use today.

Mrs Hayward



Eagles



Class News:

Our Year 6 Eagles have been involved in a wide variety of exciting activities and events over the last couple of weeks.

Firstly, it was great for some of our class to represent the whole school community at the Royal British Legion in Timsbury as Eleanor, Isaac, Jake, Lily, Mia and Shay attended the Remembrance Sunday commemorations and laid a wreath at the War Memorial. We have also created some Remembrance Art which is displayed at the front of the school. Please do go and have a look at our silhouette pictures which feature scenes inspired by our current World War 2 topic.

We also made a trip to the theatre at Writhlington School to enjoy a performance and workshop led by a brass ensemble, who spoke to us about their instruments and also played for us, encouraging us to accompany them in a variety of ways. It was a very interesting and entertaining experience and we learnt a lot about the French horn, trombone, trumpet and tuba.

In PE, we have been developing our gymnastic skills, working in pairs as a gymnast and a coach to help improve our ability to create shapes and perform rolls. The straddle roll was a new one for most of our class. Feel free to ask them to demonstrate it for you! Our coaches were on hand to watch closely, offer feedback and encourage their gymnasts to make improvements.

Mr Daniels



New Play Equipment- 'The Hanging Station'

The children have enjoyed playing on some brand new play equipment this term. We have been spending the last 6 months developing the play provision to ensure that the children have the best possible lunchtime experiences. Our new play equipment was designed especially for St. Mary's to allow for maximum 'hanging time'. Children are challenged to move across the traverse wall, before completing the first set of monkey bars. Finally, they have to complete the stirrup monkey bars without touching the bottom on their way around.

'I like the monkey bars because they stretch us,' (Tilly, year 3)

'I really like the new hanging station, because there are 2 sets of monkey bars,' (Joe, year 3)

'I like swinging on the side bars and I like the equipment because it's very high,' (Tavie, year 3)



SEND Coffee Morning

We will be hosting our next parents' coffee morning on **Thursday 24th November**. There will be a short presentation on common types of SEND, followed by a Q&A. All parents are welcome to join us to ask any questions about SEND, our approach at St. Mary's and specific time to talk to the SEND team. This will be an informal event around a cup of coffee and some cake with time to chat and mingle. It would be great to see lots of you at this event.

Dates for your Calendar 2022/23 - Term 2

Date	Event	Notes
Thursday 24th November	SEND parents Coffee Morning	
Saturday 3rd December	PTA Christmas Fayre 10am - 2pm	
Thursday 8th December	Christmas Jumper Day	Whole School
Friday 9th December	St. Mary's Open Day	Whole School
Tuesday 13th December	Ducklings and Rabbits Nativity 1 (more information to follow)	
Wednesday 14th December	Ducklings and Rabbits Nativity 2 (more information to follow)	
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas Lunch Day	
Thursday 15th December	Christingles and Carols @ the Church 9:30am	Whole School
Friday 16th December	End of Term 2	
Saturday 17th December	PTA Panto 2pm	
Wednesday 4th January	BACK TO SCHOOL - TERM 3	

Office News:

School Meal Menus - As it becomes increasingly difficult to source some food items it may be necessary to make changes to the menus, often at short notice. When you are booking meals for your child please review the week ahead to ensure that there are no gaps in your child's meal choices and let the office know if you need to amend your booking.

Christmas Lunch will be served on **Wednesday 14th December**, please book via Parentpay.

Outside Achievements



Freddy (Eagles) is a member of the Theatre Royal Theatre School and has this week undertaken a performance to the public at the Egg Theatre in Bath with his peers. A big well done from us all at St. Mary's for being so brave and performing.

Superstar **Bea** received "Gymnast of the day" well done Bea.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is a time to remember the courageous soldiers who fought and died for us. It takes place on the 11th of November and we have a two-minute silence at 11:00. There is also a time to remember on the following Sunday at the Royal British Legion where people lay wreaths at the War Memorial.

On Remembrance Sunday, some of the Year 6 Class volunteered to attend the ceremony and lay a wreath on behalf of everybody in our school community.

There was a minute's silence at 11:00am and then some people from the local community laid wreaths and remembered the soldiers from Timsbury and Camerton who died for us. After the Timsbury Brownies laid their wreath, our school laid ours and a man from the Royal British Legion gave a speech.

After that, there was a service in the church which everyone was welcome to attend.

Lest we forget.



HARVEST

To celebrate Harvest this year, we all went to St Mary's Church for a service that was led by Year 4/5. We sang lots of songs and had a lovely time. When we got there, Mrs Parsons started off like any other worship and then the Year 4/5 class began. We sang *Caulflowers Fluffy* and Lion Class told a little story. Then we sang another song called *Autumn Days*. After a bit, we all sang *Harvest Samba* and, halfway through the song, they all held up paper cut-out fruit. After that, Reverend Blewett did a little play at the end before we all walked back to school.

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The Breakfast Champions Club



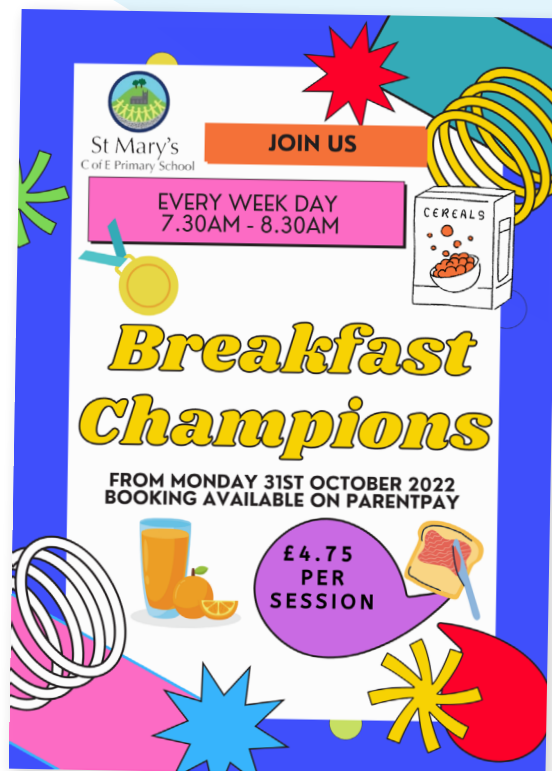
We are excited to announce the launch of our 'Breakfast Champions Club'.

This will be available from Monday the 31st of October, from 7.30am to 8.30am. You will be able to pre book your sessions on Parentpay. We will be offering breakfast club to children from Reception to Year 6. Children will need to arrive at school between 7.30am - 8am via the pedestrian gate. Codes will be issued to open this entrance. Parents will need to bring children to the main reception door, where a member of the *Breakfast Champion Team* will be waiting to greet you and sign you in, alternatively there will be a doorbell to let them know you have arrived.

The club will run for an hour before lessons begin and will not only provide food but a safe space where children can take part in fun group activities, read or play games & exercise. The sorts of activities on offer will depend upon the number of children and their ages. We will be providing a nutritious breakfast, it will usually contain items such as cereal, toast, fruit and a drink.

The cost per session will be £4.75

Please let the school office know if you wish to receive a copy of the Breakfast Club Terms & Conditions.



Black History Month

During October, we celebrated Black History Month. Each class learnt about a specific person and then did a presentation about them in an assembly. These are the people we studied with quotes from people in those classes:

YR - Phillis Wheatley

"She is important because she has black skin and wrote lots of poems."

Y1 - Rosa Parks

"She is important because she is black and sat on the bus even though the bus driver said not to."

Y2 - Claudia Jones

"I think she is important because she made a show about black history."

Y3 - Daniel Hale Williams

"I think it is impressive that he did the first heart surgery and we should talk about him."

Y4/5 - Bessie Coleman

"She is important because she showed that you should never give up on your dreams, no matter what."

Y6 - Jesse Owens

"It is important because he stood up for black people's rights and never gave up or listened to people who doubted him and we should remember him."

We celebrate Black History Month to learn about the unsung heroes of history and to honour unity.



We ended Black History Month by dressing up in red to support 'Show Racism The Red Card.' Racism is a horrible thing that happens in the world and we want to stop it and we will do so if we have everybody's support. Racism is when someone is discriminated against or hurt because of their skin or race. In many countries, people are discriminated against for being black. People are hurt in the emotional way and the physical way.

In Year 6, they have been learning about the fastest man in 1936 who went to the Berlin Olympics even though Hitler didn't like black people. People told him that would be a big mistake because Hitler was there. He won four gold medals much to Hitler's disgust.

'In a racist society being not racist is not good enough, you have to be anti-racist.'

This quote is by a woman called Angela Davis. She is an American political activist and philosopher.

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Staying safe online this Christmas

1. ALWAYS SET A PASSWORD



If your child's new device has a password protection feature, use it! It'll help to keep their private information safe and will deny others access to their device without permission. Your children's passwords should be something memorable to them – but something which other people can't guess (it's also a good idea for parents to write it down in case it gets forgotten!).

2. SET UP 'PARENTAL CONTROLS'



This really is an essential when your child gets a new device, so they're protected from the outset. Most phones, tablets and consoles allow you to customise their settings to determine which games your child can play, how they can communicate (and who with), what content they can access and so on. It will give you peace of mind that they can't inadvertently do something they shouldn't.

3. PAY ATTENTION TO AGE RATINGS



One of the first things children want to do with any new device is play games and explore apps. Before they download anything or install a new console game, check its age rating. Many popular games and apps have content that's not suitable for younger ages. The safest long-term solution is to adjust the device's settings so they can only download and use games and apps appropriate for their age.

4. KEEP NUMBERS AND DEVICES PRIVATE



Make sure your child understands that they should never share their phone number with someone they don't know or accept a friend request from them. They should also appreciate that it's a good idea to mainly keep their device out of sight, never lend it to a stranger, and never put it down somewhere that other people could steal it or take it to use without asking.

5. HAVE 'THE MONEY CONVERSATION'



Before your children start using their new device in earnest, talk to them about in-app purchases and other ways that money might be spent through their device. Once they understand, you might want to agree on a spending limit and reassure them that they can come to you if they're uncertain, or if they have made a purchase by accident.

6. DISCOURAGE DEVICE DEPENDENCY



Of course, children who've just got a new device will naturally want to spend as much time on it as possible. But whether they're zapping bad guys, watching videos or connecting with friends, it's easy for them to get attached very quickly. Gently remind them that having family time, going outdoors and getting some exercise are still fun, too. And the device will be there when they get back.

ST MARY'S CHURCH, TIMSBURY PRESENTS ...

Christmas Gifts & More!

Gifts/ Decorations/Bric-a-brac/Lunches/
Raffle/ Coffee & Cake/Wreath Making

Saturday 26th November 2022

10.00AM – 3.30PM
AT ST MARY'S CHURCH,
TIMSBURY



HARRY BONE

Drum lessons at YOUR school

Greeting!

Hi there! I'm Harry and I am a drum tutor with BANES.

You're reading this because you might be interested in having drum lessons!

The lessons

I offer an initial 20 minute **taster** lesson to see if drumming is your thing!

What's next?

Once you know what you want to do, it's over to you!

Sign-up for 2023 and we'll be in touch to arrange lessons for you.

What now?

Your school will inform your guardian that you've signed up and give them the all important information they need.

If you're interested in this offer for private lessons, please refer to the other advertisement.

Thank you for reading!



Activate YOUR HOLIDAY

in BATH and NORTH EAST SOMERSET

Winter 2022

Free holiday activities for all children and young people aged 5-16 years old, who receive benefits related free school meals (FSM).

The Department of Education announced that the holiday, activity and food (HAF) programme will run across the whole of England in 2022. Funds have been made available to every local authority in England to arrange **free holiday provision**, including healthy food and enriching activities for eligible benefits related FSM children.



Activate
YOUR HOLIDAY
camps and activities
will include...

- Physical activity
- A free meal
- Enriching activities
- Fun

Children will need to bring along a refillable drinks bottle, wear suitable clothes for indoor and outdoor activity and arrive with lots of energy! We will provide the rest!

CONTACT US

To find out more information and where your local provider is based call
0121 227 4385

COST

FREE to all eligible benefits related FSM children

ALL CAMP PLACES MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCED USING YOUR HAF PASS, THROUGH THE VOUCHER BOOKING PLATFORM.
A direct link/HAF Pass will be sent to eligible families once schools have ordered.



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PTA NEWS

I'm really excited to introduce myself as the new Chair of the PTA. For those that don't already know me, I'm Stef Mills and I have 2 daughters at the school; Willow in Yr 4 and Indigo in Yr1. I've been involved with the PTA for 3 years and hope that I can continue the important work that the PTA have done over the past few years. I'd like to personally thank Michelle for being a fabulous Chair and for her continued support during this change of roles.



The PTA is a small team with Myself, Michelle, Nadine, Lucy, Janet, Jill, Kelly & Lisa and we meet monthly, usually at the Seven Stars. We are always looking for new people to join us - parents, guardians, grandparents etc. either as a member of the PTA or as a friend of the PTA where we can call on you to help out at events when needed.

The PTA are here to help make the school experience fun and memorable for the children and so we raise funds for the things that the school cannot necessarily provide themselves. We would love to hear your suggestions if there are any fundraising events that you would like us to organise.

We have created a quick survey and would love you to complete it. It's anonymous and will only take 2 mins to do via phone/tablet or computer: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/KHK9SZ5>

We have some exciting events planned for the next few months and two dates for your diary are:

- St Mary's School Festive Christmas Fayre will be taking place in school on Saturday 3rd December between 10am and 2pm. If anyone would like to volunteer to help run a stall or have any suggestions for activities that they would like to see at the Fayre, then please do get in touch with me (stefmills@aol.com / 07790778453).
- Timsbury Theatre Group Christmas Panto - Beauty & The Beast - Matinee on Saturday 17th December at 2pm
The PTA have purchased a large number of tickets for the Panto which we would love to offer free of charge to the children of St Mary's School. We will send out a separate letter via seesaw & parent pay with all of the information and how to reserve your child's ticket if they would like one.

