

St Mary's CofE Primary School

"I can do all things"

Living Together, Learning Forever, Loving God's Creation

Friday 12th January 2024

Newsletter 07

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

Headteacher's Message

Happy New Year!

Welcome back for Term 3 and a fresh new year - I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. The children have settled back into the school routine quickly and seem focused and ready to continue learning. As well as hard work in their classrooms, we have a number of extra-curricular activities to look forward to: Children are starting to practise their poems for the Mid-Somerset Festival Verse Speaking Competiton; Dance Umbrella rehearsals started this week in readiness for the March performance; as well as Class Assemblies and Parent Workshops which I hope many of you can attend. Do keep your eye on the parent calendar and the calendar page on the newsletters so you don't miss anything.

House Points Winners

Well done to **Sapphire & Topaz** who were joint House Point Winners this week!

Attendance Winners

Congratulations Rabbit Class an excellent week's attendance!

Mrs Parsons

Wraparound Club

Welcome back! We hope you had a fantastic Christmas and New Year. It sounds like the children had a great time with their families and have returned full of energy and excitement. This week at Wraparound Club, the children have been enjoying various activities borrowed from around the school. Playdough has been a particular hit, and the children have been having a lot of fun with it. They've also been playing board games and teaching each other new games they learned over the holidays. It's great to see them working together as a team to create a domino run. The children have been getting creative with paints and tape, making impressive abstract paintings.

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During Breakfast Club the children have been enjoying a warm breakfast of toast, crumpets, and milk, and taking advantage of the dry weather to get some early morning exercise outside.

Overall, it's been a fun and productive week at Wraparound Care!



Hedgehogs



Class News:

Happy New Year and welcome back! We have loved seeing all the Hedgehogs back at Nursery and hearing about all the great things they have been up to over the Christmas break. This term we will, as always, be following the children's interests and we have planned lots of wonderful activities to enjoy together. We have already begun exploring the theme *Winter* which is very appropriate with this cold spell we are experiencing. The children have noticed how the water in our garden and at Forest school has turned to ice and a few of them spotted some snow the other day which they have enjoyed talking about.

We have also been following a *transport* theme as a lot of the children are currently fascinated with all things vehicles. We have lots of vehicles in our indoor sand pit which is very popular, we have a range of vehicle literacy which we are enjoying together, some children have begun making vehicles out of junk modelling and we have even designed our own super vehicles including a Barbie ice cream van and a Sonic bus that can transport us at super speed!

It has been lovely to see how nicely the children have settled back in this week but also how kind they have been to our new children who have started this week. We have been very impressed with what caring and thoughtful friends they have been!

EYFS Team



Mid-Somerset Festival

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The children will need to memorise and perform a short passage or poem from a children's book. The aim of this event is to promote speaking and to give pupils the opportunity to develop the skills and self-confidence associated with public speaking. It is a fantastic event and we'd love to see lots of children take this opportunity. The deadline for entries is 15.01.24. We will be able to help with transport to and from the event.

Parking

Please ensure that if parking around the school grounds at the beginning and end of the day that you are not obstructing spaces for specific vehicles.

All cars that use the disabled bay must display a disability badge.

Thank you for your support on this matter.

School Crossing Patrol

We have received a message from Bath&NES and they are pleased inform us, that they have appointed a new School Crossing Patrol to replace Sharon. Holly Holland will now be the School Crossing Patrol serving St Mary's. Holly will be starting her role wb 22nd January 2024 with her taking over fully at the site on North Rd the following week 29th January.

We look forward to welcoming Holly to St Mary's Community.

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.html

Ducklings





Class News:

Welcome back everyone and Happy New Year to you all!

The Ducklings have had a fantastic start to 2024. The children have settled back into their routines and are learning with enthusiasm and cooperation. Our new topic *Space* continues our work about *Light and Dark* from last term.

This week we have read and acted out the story, 'Whatever Next' about a bear who rockets into space. The children have enjoyed developing their Design Technology skills by creating junk modelling wonders. We have been exploring the different ways we can adhere and join materials together and are developing a toolbox of techniques to support us. Thank you for continuing to bring in recycled materials.

In Maths, we have introduced the concept of zero. The children loved going on a zero hunt around the school. During PE we are learning about *ball skills and aiming techniques*. This week we went to the polar regions as a background to our games lesson.

We have started our PSHE Jigsaw topic of *Dreams and goals* and talked this week about challenges and how they make us feel.

Well done Ducklings, a great start to the year!

Mrs Gillard & Mrs Munro





Rabbits



Class News:

Happy New Year everyone!

Rabbit Class have come into the new year ready to learn. This term we are working really hard to become more independent with our learning. Rabbit Class have already made a great start to working more independently.

In English we have started our new unit based on the book 'Storm Whale' by Benji Davies. So far, we have been enjoying reading this book and working on our comprehension skills. This week we have been making predictions, inferences and looking at the meanings of new words.

In Maths, we have been learning about addition and subtraction in 20. We have been finding one more and one less than numbers within 20. We have also been learning about number bonds, doubles and near doubles.

We are learning all about *weather* in Geography and *how transport* has changed over time in History. We have started our Geography unit by learning about the different climate zones. In History, we have been thinking about our own experiences of travel and how we travel to school.

What a great start to the year Rabbits!

Miss Tolfree



Badgers



Class News:

Term 3 has got off to a flying start!

We have started our new History unit on *The Great Fire of London* which the children found fascinating! They should be able to tell you the 4 reasons that the fire spread so quickly.

Also, we have begun our new writing unit based on the book 'Meerkat Mail'. The unit started with every child receiving a personalised postcard for Sunny himself! We have all written back and are excited to learn lots about Meerkats for our non-chronological report. We also learnt that non-chronological means 'not in time order' which fascinated the children as our report didn't need to be written in a specific order either.

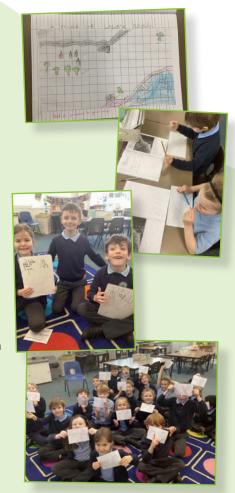
In Maths, we are working hard on addition and subtraction with

regrouping. This is a tricky skill and we have used base 10 and drawings to help us.

In Computing, we are going to be working on *programming a Beebot*. We had to think carefully about instructions this week and guide our partner around the classroom as if they were robots - it was much harder than we first thought it would be. Practising using the words left and right would be really helpful!

Finally, our DT unit for this term is on making a moving monster. We will be looking at what makes a good toy and coming up with a design criteria to focus our work. We will be using pivots, levers and leverages to create an interesting and unique design.

Mrs Newman





Foxes Class

Class News:

Happy New Year!

Fox Class returned from the Christmas holidays ready to learn and full of enthusiasm for the learning challenges ahead.

In English, we have started our new text: 'Charlotte's Web' by E.B. White. The children have written persuasive letters to Fern's dad. We have also been improving our noun phrases and extending our vocabulary choices. During Spelling lessons, we have been investigating the suffixes ness and ful. We had great fun matching the root words to the correct endings.

In Maths, we have continued to learn the 3x table. We made links between arrays, writing



multiplication calculations and we have started to use these to help us learn some division facts.

In Science, we have begun our new learning about *rocks* and *soils*. We have considered and sorted rocks into man-made and natural.

In History, we have started to think about a huge period of time starting with the *Stone Age*.

In PE, we have started to think about different movements during our dance sessions. We worked hard to stay in synch with our partner.

Such a fantastic start to Term 3.

Mrs Hayward

Lions





Class News:

Lion Class have come back to school this term eager and full of enthusiasm for their learning after a welcome break over Christmas. In Computing, we have started our new unit of work on *Programming*, the children have been writing algorithms to create their own letter shapes. They have been very careful to check that they are using the correct commands so that their algorithm works successfully.

In Science, we are continuing to conduct experiments to better understand the states of matter. We have observed the changes that ice cubes go through when they melt and change from solid to liquid. When food colouring was added to the ice, we were interested to see what this did to the colour of the liquid.

In Maths, we have been tackling our times tables with enthusiasm and are improving all the time in both speed and accuracy.

Finally, we enjoyed a wonderful trip to the Egg Theatre in Bath to watch 'Wendy: A Peter Pan Story'. This was a wonderful opportunity to watch a stage production in a theatre and the children really enjoyed the story and the amazing songs and visual effects. Ask us about the Glitch songit was definitely a class favourite!

Well done for a super start to the new term Lions!

Mrs Brown









Eagles



Class News:

It's been a brilliant start to 2024 in The Eyrie with our Year 5/6 Eagles beginning the New Year with super enthusiasm.

In Computing, we have started our new unit of work on 3D Modelling using the online Tinkercad software. We have enjoyed investigating how to add and connect shapes and view them from different perspectives.

In Science, we have begun our topic of *Light*. Did you know that certain animals, such as fireflies and glow worms, are actually light sources? We found out that light travels faster than anything else in our universe.

In Maths, we have completed our learning about Fractions and are also enjoying practising our multiplication and division facts. Our Y6 Eagles are currently leading the way in the **Battle of the Bands** tournament on Times Tables Rock Stars.. We are doing a daily five minute challenge to the accompaniment of Mr Blue Sky!

Finally, our Y5 Eagles visited the Egg Theatre in Bath to watch 'Wendy: A Peter Pan Story'. They really enjoyed the performance.

Mr Daniels & Miss Heath

School Nursing Webinar

Please find details below for a FREE emotional health and well-being webinar that school nurses are holding on the 8th of February from 13:00-14:00 for parents/carers. If you would like to attend the sessions, please click on the links below to sign up.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/emotional-health-and-wellbeing-webinar-for-primary-school-aged-childrentickets-773058898977?aff=oddtdtcreator

A note about Safeguarding...

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, please contact the School to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Thomson, or our Deputy Safeguarding Leads Mrs Parsons, Mrs Newman or Mrs Purnell. The safety of our young people is our top priority and the responsibility of us all.

Christian Values Awards

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

Creativity: Duckling Class for their amazing Nativity performance last term.

Courage

Our Christian Value for the term is courage. This week our Collective Worship was based on the theme of courage. We looked at the story of 'David and Goliath'. The story showed us that even someone small and unimportant was able to be courageous when he was faced with a big, boastful bully. We suggested our own positive ways of being courageous when faced with challenges.

Headteacher's Award

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

Ducklings: Ella
Rabbits: Daisy
Badgers: Indigo
Foxes Theo
Lions: Eliza

Eagles: Charlie & George





Dates for your Calendar 2023/24 - Term 3 onwards

Date	Event	Notes
19.01.24	Lifeskills Year 6	
26.01.24	Time Tables Rock Star Day	
31.01.24	Reception Parent Workshop	
01.02.24	Y4 Parent Workshop 2pm - 3pm	
02.02.24	Y2 Parent Workshop 9am - 10am	
02.02.24	NSPCC Number Day	
06.02.24	Y5 and Y6 Parent Workshop 1.15pm - 2.15pm	
06.02.24	Internet Safety Day	
06.02.24	Speak Out Competition	
07.02.24	Y1 Class Assembly and Parent Workshop	
09.02.24	Y3 Parent Workshop	
09.02.24	End of Term 3	
19.02.24	Start of Term 4	
05.03.24	Mid Somerset Festival speaking competition.	Y1-Y6
19.03.24	Dance Umbrella	Year 4

3 ways to make gaming safer for your child

- 1. Talk with your child about gaming. Talk with your child to learn the games they like and the content and features of these. This will help you to understand more about how your child plays games and how appropriate different games are. You can use NSPCC's online safety hub to find out more information on safer gaming.
- 2. Learn together. Use our resources to teach your child about safer gaming at all ages. For primary age children you can use our Jessie & Friends (ages 4-7) and Play, Like, Share (ages 8-10) resources. Secondary age children can access advice about gaming through our website.
- 3. Set boundaries and safety settings. Internet Matters provides step-by-step guides for putting safety settings in place for each console or device. Spend time setting these up with your child and make sure they know how to block and report on the games they are playing. You should also talk with your child to create an agreement for gaming; think about how much time they can spend, which games they can access, if you will allow in-app purchases and what spaces they can play in. For primary aged children it is advisable to have them play in shared spaces or in the same room as you.

Extract shared from: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming/

For additional information: https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers



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4th January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

School Clubs Term 3 & Term 4

We are looking forward to providing a wide offer of clubs this year. Places are offered on a first come, first served basis and will be available on Parentpay from 10am tomorrow. Clubs run from 3.15-4.15pm (unless stated) starting next week. Please note that many of the clubs are lunchtime clubs, to enable a broad and rich offer for all children.

For those considering 'Public Speaking and Debating', there will be another opportunity to participate in the **Mid Somerset Festival 'Free Verse'** speaking event in Bath in March. This is an exciting annual event, which gives children the opportunity to challenge themselves and perform in front of others. I have been to this event many times and I cannot recommend it highly enough. Whether they are a 'natural' performer or not, every child I have taken to this event previously has benefited significantly from being a part of it.

As part of a continued effort to widen opportunities for children, some clubs are run by external providers. We are going to continue to offer the clubs provided by our St Mary's Team at a cost of £1 per week for after school and 50p per week for a lunchtime club. Unfortunately, we have had to increase the cost of the externally provided clubs to £2.00 per week in order to cover the cost.

This year, we are offering all activity clubs **free of charge** for pupils eligible for **Pupil Premium.** To book these free of charge places, please contact the school office.

Please check closely whether the club is an afterschool or a lunchtime club. <u>Clubs will end with last sessions during the week of the 18th March (i.e. no clubs in the last week of the term)</u>. Please look specifically at the club timetable and keep a copy of the dates for reference should you book your child on a club.

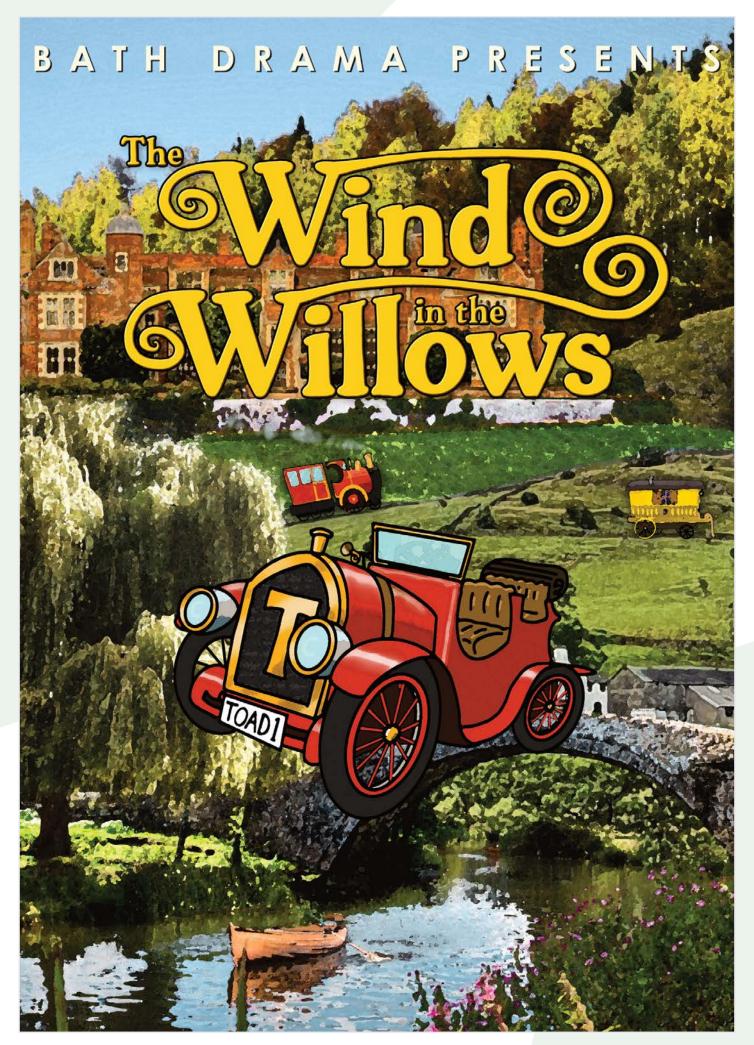
Kind regards,

Mr Thomson Head of School



School Clubs Terms 3 and 4

Club	Provider	Timing Dates		Year Groups	Cost	
KS1 Multi-Sports	PH sports	3:15-4.15pm	Monday 08.01.24 - 18.03.24	1 and 2	£2 x 10 weeks = £20	
Science	Miss Tolfree	3:15-4.15pm	Monday 08.01.24 - 18.03.24	3, 4, 5, 6	£1 x 10 weeks = £10	
KS2 Girls Football	PH sports	3.15-4.15pm	Tuesday 09.01.24 - 19.03.24	3, 4, 5 & 6	£2 x 10 weeks = £20	
KS2 Boys Football	PH sports	3.15-4.15pm	Wednesday 10.01.24 - 20.03.24	3, 4, 5 & 6	£2 x 10 weeks = £20	
Netball	Mrs Brown	3.15 - 4pm	Thursday 11.01.24 - 21.03.24	3,4,5 & 6	£1 x 10 weeks = £10	
Creative Writing	Miss Heath	3.15 - 4pm	Thursday 11.01.24 - 21.03.24	3, 4, 5, 6	£1 x 10 weeks = £10	
Lego	Mrs Hayward	12.30-1pm	Monday 08.01.24 - 18.03.24	1,2,3,4,5 & 6	50p x 10 weeks = £5	
Performing Arts	Mrs Munro and Mrs Gillard	12.30-1pm	Tuesday 09.01.24 - 19.03.24	2,3,4,5 and 6	50p x 10 weeks = £5	
Speaking and Debating	Mr Thomson and Mrs Newman	12.30-1pm	Thursday 11.01.24 - 21.03.24	1,2,3,4,5 & 6	50p x 10 weeks = £5	
Journalism	Mr Daniels	12.30-1pm	Thursday 11.01.24 - 21.03.24	3, 4, 5 & 6	50p x 10 weeks = £5	





Universal Infant Free School Meals

Is your child receiving Free School Meals because they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2?

If you are receiving any of the benefits listed below you can <u>also</u> register for a benefit related free school meal.

Your registration could attract Pupil Premium for your school of £1,455

Please contact the team at: freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk

Apply online at https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals

Or call 01225 394317 (if you leave a message, we will return your call).

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (WITHOUT Working Tax Credit) and have and annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190
- Working Tax Credit Run-on which is only paid for 4 weeks after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under PartV1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999





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1 PRIMARY VERSE SPEAKING YEAR 1 Set Piece My Newt by Pam Gidney or Ocean Travel by Jennifer Tweedie

2 PRIMARY VERSE SPEAKING YEAR 2 Set Piece Waking by Lilian Moore or Jack by Daphne Kitching

3 PRIMARY VERSE SPEAKING YEAR 3 Set Piece New Dog Special Dog by Cliff Yates or The Snail by James Reeves

4 PRIMARY VERSE SPEAKING YEAR 4 Set Piece Hill Rolling by Andrew Taylor or I Love Our Orange Tent by Berlie Doherty

5 PRIMARY VERSE SPEAKING YEAR 5 Set Piece Jack Frost is Playing Cards at the Roadside by Brian Patten or Dad's Hiding in the Shed by John Foster

Registered Address: Norton Hill School, Charlton Road, Midsomer Norton, BA3 4AD Company No: 7365778

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6 PRIMARY VERSE SPEAKING. YEAR 6 Set Piece The Apple's Song by Edwin Morgan or Cat Message by Roger Stevens

The cost of the event is £7.00 per pupil and pupils should wear school uniform. If your child would like to take part in the event, please complete the attached slip and return to the school office by **15th January 2024**. If you have any queries regarding this event please contact the school office who can arrange for me to contact you.

Available daily: Yoghurt 2 / Fresh Fruit Salad

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Available daily: Yoghurt 2 / Fresh Fruit Salad Week 3 Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Main Fish Fingers: 4,5(6 on pre order) Roast Pork with Gravy: Beef Bolognaise Cheese & Tomato Pizza: 5, 2 Chicken Korma Vegetarian Main Ratatouille Bean Chilli 11 Vegetable Bolognaise 11 Cauliflower & Broccoli Pasta Vegetable Nuggets 11 Served with Pasta Broccoli & Cauliflower Rice Cauliflower, Green Beans Chips Baked Beans, Peas Roast Potatoes Sweetcorn / Carrots Carrots, Swede **Jacket Potato** Tuna Mayo 3,4,7 / Baked Beans / Cheese 2 Tuna Mayo 3,4,7 / Baked Beans / Cheese 2 Tuna Mayo 3,4,7 / Baked Beans / Cheese 2 Tuna Mayo 3,4,7 / Baked Beans / Cheese 2 Tuna Mayo 3,4,7 / Baked Beans / Cheese 2 **Pudding** Cookie: 5 (Vegan cookies can be ordered) Apple Crumble 11 Strawberry Mousse: 2 Chocolate Chip Sponge Ice-cream: 2 **KEY -** Any Dietary requirements please contact the kitchen Contains Celery 3 Contains Eggs 5 Contains Gluten 7 Contains Mustard Contains Soya 11 Vegan

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