



St Mary's CofE Primary School

Living Together, Learning Forever, Loving God's Creation

Friday 7th October 2021

Newsletter 03

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

Open Day

Welcome!

We are excited to announce that we will be having a 'St.Mary's Open Day' on Tuesday the 11th of October 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 9am, 11am or 1:30 pm. The children will be showcasing their best learning, including their very own Art Exhibition! 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.

Art Exhibition

On **Tuesday 11th October** we are holding a special art exhibition to celebrate the work that all children have produced over the course of the last few weeks. We have had a real focus on improving our observational drawings using peer feedback and resilience. All children's work will be on display in the hall for you to come and admire between the following times:

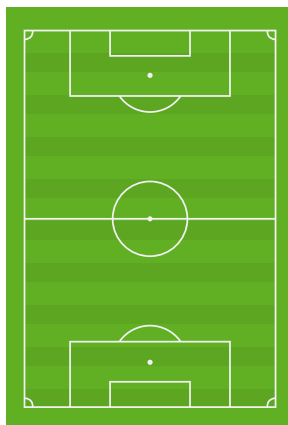
8:35am - 8:55am

3:15pm - 3:30pm

Please come and be wowed by our fantastic artists!

Football Event

We will be hosting a Football Event vs Trinity Church School on **Wednesday 12th October 2022**. The matches are being played here at St.Mary's straight after school. There will be 3 matches happening at the same time. A boys year 3/ 4 match, a KS2 girls match and a boys year 5/ 6 match. Please come and provide your support! There are a couple of parents that have volunteered to help. Please get in touch with the school if you are willing to lend a hand with the football or with refreshments. We are hoping to provide refreshments for all the children and parents, using our fantastic sports pavilion.



House Points Winners



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

Attendance Winners



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

Pupil Progress Meetings



We will be holding Pupil Progress meetings both face to face and virtually in the first week after half term, on **Tuesday 1st November** and **Thursday 3rd November**. We will send a letter next week with instructions on how to book your preferred time and dates. We will then try to send you an appointment within the timeframe you have suggested (and hopefully at a similar time for peers). It will be an excellent opportunity to discuss the progress being made by all of the children in the school.

Headteacher's Award



Congratulations to the children who received a Headteacher Award.

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| Ducklings: | Mila, Bea |
| Rabbits: | Indigo, Seyon |
| Badgers: | Olivia |
| Foxes: | Poppy, Ronnie |
| Lions: | Charlie B, George |
| Eagles: | Evie |



Hedgehogs



Class News:

'Rain, rain, it's ok, I'll throw on my wellies today'.

Our little Hedgehogs have had lots of fun in the nursery. We went on a wellie walk splashing in puddles and walking through our woodland area collecting leaves and sticks along the way.

This term we've been reading 'The Enormous Turnip!' We've set up activities based around this story.

Root vegetables. The children really enjoyed digging in the planter looking to see what different vegetables they had found. They counted how many of each vegetable they found, "there are 1, 2, 3 carrots!" They matched each vegetable they found to the picture in our 'Lets grow' book.

Farm. Setting up a farm activity using natural resources was a great way of getting the children talking about the different animals they find on a farm and the noises they make.

KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED FOR OUR NURSERY MAKEOVER COMING SOON!

W/C 17th of October nursery will be holding children's progress meetings with parents.

Mrs Sandall



Volunteers



There will be many opportunities for parents to help in school throughout the school year and we are looking particularly for parents and carers who can offer their time on a regular, weekly basis to support reading with the children. This could be in any year group, not necessarily the class of your children. If you are interested in volunteering, please inform your child's class teacher or contact the school office.



Ducklings



Class News:

What an incredible few weeks The Ducklings have had in the pond. Our We're Going on a Bear Hunt trip to The Egg Theatre in Bath was simply magical! The absolute awe in the children's faces as they watched one of our favourite stories come to life was just wonderful to see. Experiencing a live performance at 4 years old really was a fantastic treat and it was a pleasure to have taken them all.

Back in the classroom we have been learning all about numbers to 3. The children have been using their subitising skills to know an amount without counting and have been using our five frames to represent each number.

We have also been getting ready for our art exhibition by exploring all things pattern. Whether it be waves, dots or swirls the children have enjoyed mark making in lots of different ways using various media. We took this one step further in our maths learning by creating some brilliant AB patterns together.

Well done Ducklings, a super week with you all.

Mrs Winney



Rabbits



Class News:

Rabbits had a wonderful trip last Friday to see Michael Rosen at the Bath Forum. The class loved his poetry and were ecstatic when he did a quick retell of 'Chocolate Cake' (a class favourite).

In English we have finished our retelling of Goldilocks. The story innovations were fantastic and oozed creativity. For many, they wrote that Goldilocks threw a party to say sorry. We have now moved on to writing instructions. Rabbits had to help the adults prepare breakfast because they got all muddled, thankfully they put the instructions in the correct order and no milk was spilt!

In Science we have been thinking about senses. We went on a welly walk around the school grounds to see what we could find. As artists we have been striving for excellence, inspired by 'Austin's butterfly' we have been drawing a scientific picture of a bee. We have now drawn our fourth version, the improvement and attention to detail has been incredible. We can't wait to show off the amazing artwork at our exhibition next week .

Keep up the hard work Rabbits!

Mrs Roberts

Badgers

Class News:



We've been really busy in Badger Class over the last few weeks. We enjoyed a great trip to see Micheal Rosen at the Forum as part of the Bath Literature festival. It was such fun to hear from this great author and the children were really amused by his stories and poems and of course, it's always fun to go on a coach!

In Geography, in our Street Detectives topic we have enjoyed exploring a variety of maps and ariel photographs looking carefully at the detail they show. The children loved exploring with Google Earth and seeing if they could find their own houses as we zoomed into Timsbury and the surrounding area.

Finally, we have been lucky enough to have Mrs Mac teaching us PE and the children have been thinking hard about how to make shapes with their body and how to move safely around the gym equipment. Some great teamwork skills have been on show too!

Keep up the great work Badger Class.

Mrs Brown



Foxes Class



Class News:

Another exciting couple of weeks of learning in Foxes class.

In Maths, we have finished our place value topic and have now begun adding and subtracting numbers to 1, 10 and 100.

In English we have finished writing our non-chronological reports about the River Nile and have begun boxing up our 'Egyptian Cinderella' story to help us write our own ending to the story over the next couple of weeks.

In History we have begun learning about the Ancient Egyptians. We have enjoyed learning about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb by Howard Carter and the artifacts found inside.

We have also enjoyed learning about how different forces can affect a moving object, in particular friction. Our investigation of how the friction of different surfaces can affect the speed of a car was interesting and fun!

Miss Neal

Lions



Class News:

What an amazing couple of weeks in Lion Class.

In English lessons, we have thought about using dialogue to move our stories forward. We have also considered different word classes when writing instructions.

In Maths lessons, we have been rounding numbers. I am impressed with how focussed the children are on their learning, well done.

We have started to learn about the Mayans in our History lessons and we have begun to investigate the different layers of rainforests in Geography.

We had great fun making levers to understand how we can make a book with moving parts in D.T. lessons.

We have been exploring how the Earth rotates on its axis and affects

whether we have day or night. We have learned lots of new vocabulary including: *orbit* and *spherical*.

During gym lessons, we have developed our balancing skills with Mrs Mac. In basketball, we were making decisions whether to dribble the ball or to pass it to another team member.

We developed resilience and team-building skills during PSHE when we worked in a small group to build the tallest tower using newspaper and sellotape. It was challenging as we were only given five minutes to complete the task. Great thinking Lions, well done.

Thank you to all the parents who are reading with their child daily. Congratulations to Zach A for achieving our first reading certificate.

Mrs Hayward



Eagles



Class News:

What a brilliant week our Year 6 pupils had on our recent residential visit.

The Eagles headed off to the South Coast to stay at the PGL site located at Osmington Bay near Weymouth. The weather was superb for our week away although the keelboat sailing activity at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy had to be postponed to later in the week due to over 25 mph winds.

As always, the St Mary's children represented our school perfectly as they enjoyed a wide range of fun and exciting activities, comprising some more adventurous ones, such as climbing, giant swing and zip wire; some less high-adrenaline ones, including archery, fencing, buggy building and rifle shooting; and some calmer ones, like orienteering, aeroball and a beach walk. We also had another session over at the Isle of Portland doing raft building.

We stayed in chalet accommodation and our block was called Church Ope Cove, named after a small secluded beach in Dorset and part of the Jurassic Coast. In one of the photos, you can see our wonderful sea view out across the English Channel with the Isle of Portland in the distance. The food was amazing too with plenty of options on the menu, including piri-piri chicken, sausage pasta bake and chilli con carne alongside the more traditional favourites of hot dogs, pasta bolognese and fishcakes.

It was an amazing experience which created lots of memories that our Eagles will be sure to remember forever.

Mr Daniels



#HelloYellow

We will be taking part in this year's '#HelloYellow' on World Mental Health Day, **Monday 10th of October 2022** so please encourage your child to come into school on the day wearing an item of yellow clothing and a £1 donation, this has been set up on ParentPay and all donations will be given to Young Minds Charity. The number of young people in need of mental health support is growing faster than ever – with a record breaking 420,000 young

people being treated for mental health problems every month. Most young people aren't getting the help they need, and this can't go on. that's why this year #HelloYellow is more important than ever. We need to make sure young people know that how they feel matters and they deserve to feel supported. We couldn't not get involved.

We'll be joining thousands of other schools by wearing yellow to show young people that how they feel matters, as well as raising money for YoungMinds on Monday the 10th of October.

Dates for your Calendar 2022/23 - Term 1 onwards

| Date | Event | Notes |
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| Monday 10th October | Mental Health Afternoon #HelloYellow, Wear Yellow to school | Whole school |
| Tuesday Oct 11, 2022 9am, 11am and 1:30pm | Open Day and Art Exhibition | |
| Wednesday 12th October, 9am - 9:30am | Yr6 Class Worship | |
| Wednesday 12th October, 3:30pm - 5pm | Football event with Trinity (at St.Mary's) | |
| Friday 14th October | TT Rockstars/Number Bot Day | |
| Thursday Oct 20th, 9:30am - 10am | Harvest Service at St. Mary's church | Whole School |
| End of term 1 | Thursday 20th October | |
| Inset Day | Friday 21st October | |
| Start of Term 2 | Monday 31st October | |
| Tuesday 1st November | Pupil Progress meetings (face to face) | |
| Wednesday 2nd November, 4pm | Netball Match @ Welton Primary | |
| Thursday 3rd November | Pupil Progress meetings (online) | |
| Thursday 3rd November | School Photographer | Whole School |

Gardening Club



Please contact the school if you have any gardening expertise or equipment you'd be willing to offer. In addition, any plants and bulbs you'd be willing to donate to the school would be warmly welcomed! The children in the Gardening Club are hoping to plant as many plants, bulbs, shrubs and trees as possible this Autumn, which will benefit the school and the community for years to come. If you would like to give any time or ideas to support the development of the school planting, please let the school office know. Thank you.

Online Safety

Using online facilities to help with learning, keep in contact with others and to give some 'down time' is part of all of our lives, but it is important that we all know how to keep children safe when doing so.

Did you know?

All social networking platforms and apps have minimum age limits. Some social networks use technologies that might not be appropriate for some ages, or engage with communities that are made up of people much older than your child.

What can I do to keep my child safe?

1. Think about online routines: Have a conversation with your child about online safety and agree to some rules to help keep them safe.
2. Have a conversation about online pressures and cyberbullying: Remember to talk to your child about what they are doing online and who they are talking to. Check in with them regularly and remind them they can talk to you.
3. Set up devices safely: Make sure you set it up with your child, exploring any safety features. Remember to use parental controls! There are many apps available to enhance parental controls and to help monitor your child.

Please ask any of the Safeguarding team (Mr Thomson, Mrs Parsons, Mrs Purnell, Miss Guest) if you would like any support with online safety

TT Rockstars/ Number Bot Day

On Friday 14th October, we will be staging our annual relaunch of Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars to promote these important online resources which are vital in helping to secure our pupils' factual fluency and arithmetical proficiency in Maths. There will be a special day of fun activities and we are asking children to dress up for the occasion with EYFS coming in on the day dressed as numbers, KS1 as robots and KS2 as rock stars. Following this event, please continue to encourage the children to spend some time on Numbots and Times Tables Rock Stars at home because we are noticing the impact of their regular use in developing good mathematicians at St Mary's.

Office News:

ParentPay

It is extremely important that all parents have access to ParentPay. This is how we communicate all events, letters, club information and many other things you need to be aware of.

Please make sure you book your child's school lunch by Thursday midnight for the following week. If you miss this deadline or have any problems making the booking, please contact the office and we can book meals for you.

If you do not have a ParentPay account, or are having trouble accessing it, please let the school office know.





ECOWild
You are Nature



Autumn Holiday Adventure Club



Greyfield Wood

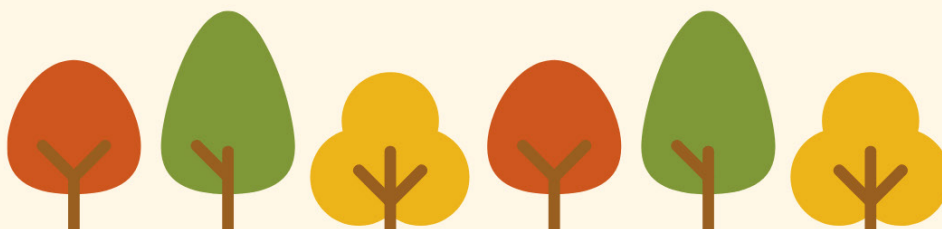


Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th October
10am - 3pm
5-11 year olds

ecowild.org.uk/book-now



Craft Fire Games Fun Friends Nature Connection





St Mary's
C of E Primary School



Incorporating Hedgehogs Nursery

Open Day

Tuesday 11th October 2022

Slots available at: 9am 11am 1:30pm

Are you looking for a school place for September 2023?

We would be delighted to welcome you and your child to St Mary's Primary School in order to tell you more about our school, our wonderful children and what we have to offer. To book your place, please email office@stmarystimsbury.co.uk with your name, telephone number and email address, stating which session you wish to attend. We look forward to meeting you and your child very soon!



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October Half Term
Radstock

Holiday Camps

- Awards for all children
 - Presentation ceremony on the final day of the week
- Parents welcome 😊



St Benedict's School

9am - 3pm

24th - 28th October

○ Inspired Multi-Sports Camp



£20 per day

10% whole week discount

15% sibling discount



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October half term

9am-4pm

Wednesday
26th
October

Thursday
27th
October



Breakfast club available 8-9am for an extra £2 per child.

WE ARE BACK FOR JUST 2 DAYS

IN OCTOBER HALF TERM AT THE HIVE PSJ

£22 PER CHILD PER DAY OR £40 FOR BOTH DAYS

Kids Sports

Arts and Crafts