



## St Mary's C of E Primary School & Nursery Newsletter – Issue 11 – 10/02/2023



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**This term's Christian Value is Perseverance:**

**'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me' Philippians 4.13**

### February 2023

20th Inset Day  
21st Start of Term 4 for children  
21st Forest School (group of children) begins

### March 2023

1<sup>st</sup> Class 1 trip to Radstock Museum  
2<sup>nd</sup> (Possible) STRIKE day – further information to follow asap  
3<sup>rd</sup> St Mary's World Book Day  
21<sup>st</sup> Parents Evening  
22<sup>nd</sup> Parents Evening  
28<sup>th</sup> Class 3 Roman baths trip  
29<sup>th</sup> Class 4 Bristol Museum trip  
29<sup>th</sup> Class 5 Shepton Mallet Prison trip



### St Mary's Stars

#### **Little Acorns:**

Dougie S for always remembering and following our Nursery promises

Charlie for independently putting on his coat independently at Nursery and at home, very proud of himself.

**Little Oaks:** Thea for being really motivated and showing perseverance whilst making a basket with handles by herself.

Lola B for a much improved attitude to learning and trying hard in phonics

Daisy for great improvement in her communication skills. Also in her reading and writing.

**Class 1:** Jessica for trying so hard with her reading. Ms Hallows and Mrs Lock have both mentioned her progress.

Lexie for trying so hard to speed up to complete her work on time.

**Class 2:** Jacob B for working really hard on his number work this week.

Alfie for working really hard all week – especially in maths.

**Class 3:** Milo for his great imagery and use of alliteration.

Milo & Lexi for fabulous Elf Road story writing.

**Class 4:** Phoebe for persevering and always trying her best in maths.

Efa for increased confidence in maths and English this week.

**Class 5:** Oscar for supporting his peers and producing a high standard of work.

Isabella for showing great perseverance in Maths.

**Class 6:** Ryan for some beautiful English work.

Chesny for his amazing Cogheart art work.

**Other Achievers:** Our Kitchen staff Lesley and Vicky for being awarded a Level 5 Food Hygiene rating by the Food Standards Agency.

Skye for gaining her 2<sup>nd</sup> swimming badge at the weekend AND being awarded a medal in her gymnastics competition – well done Skye.





### Class 1 Gruffalo Learning

Class 1 had a Grrreat Gruffalo day this week. We have written super Gruffalo-inspired stories and poems, learnt the story off by heart, had our faces painted and enjoyed a feast of roasted fox sandwiches and scrambled steak!



### Class 3 Learning

Class 3 have been studying shadows as part of their science lessons. They have been exploring how our shadows change throughout the day.





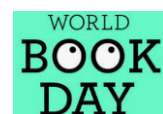
### Bedtime Stories

Students and staff across the school had a lovely time coming back to school in their pyjamas to listen to bedtime stories whilst snuggling up with a hot chocolate and biscuits.



It was wonderful to see so many parents attend our maths session in the hall. A big thank you to the PTA for supplying and serving hot chocolate and biscuits to the pupils and a MASSIVE thank you to everyone for your generous donations towards our collection to help pay towards a generator for Ukraine – we raised almost £80!

### World Book Day – CHANGE OF DATE



Please note a change of date, although World Book Day is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, we shall be celebrating it at St Marys on **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**.

Children are invited to join in the celebrations by dressing up as their favorite **book character** on **3<sup>rd</sup> March**. This is always an enjoyable day highlighting the importance of reading and we can't wait to see your marvelous costume creations.

### Oral Health Assembly

Last week, Hannah from the school nurse service, visited St Mary's and held workshops in classes 1 and 2, and an assembly for the whole school on dental hygiene and how to be 'sugar smart'. Our school values holds the 'Health' of pupils at the heart of all we do, and the pupils really engaged and made us all proud. For our younger pupils, there is a video you may want to share at home, which can be found at the following link:

[The Tooth Brushing Song - The Tooth Brushing Badge - Hey Duggee Series 3 - Hey Duggee - YouTube](#)



## **Free Lunches for ALL school aged children at ST Marys!**

Exciting News!!! Free Lunches for Key Stage 2

We have been working with St John's Foundation and have managed to secure additional funding for those children in key Stage 2 who do not currently receive the offer of Free School Meals to have a free lunch at school. This offer is currently until the end of this academic year.

All school age children will now be entitled to a free lunch at St Mary's. Please order via Parent Pay. The cut off is Wednesday each week for the following week.



## **PE Update**

### **Dance**

HUGE thanks to Libby for choreographing and teaching (and Mrs Dobson for organising) our class dances this term. Teachers will be adding the dances for classes that have taken part to Class Dojo!  
Well done children. I certainly could see amazing improvements from the start of term.

### **Gymnastics**

Children represented our school at Writhlington Sports Centre. They took part in an inclusive Gymnastic Festival. Mrs Lock, who accompanied the children, was so impressed not only by their impeccable behavior but their willingness to try different events. Mrs Lock noticed how the children 'grew' in confidence (like an unfurling rose) throughout the event!  
BRILLIANT to hear! Well done children.





## Nursery Lunches

The youngest members of our St Mary's Family, the Nursery children, have been joining the rest of the school at lunch times this week to eat in the school dinner hall. Nursery staff remain with the children at all times to give pupils the opportunity to learn key social skills, learn valuable life lessons as well as see their friends and peers at lunchtime.





Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023



LQ: Can I write a setting description

Lily dragged her reluctant legs across the shadowy landing. She had been summoned once again by Madame, this time in the master suite. Dangling anxiously, she pulled her trebling bodie up to the large oak door. Without knocking, she yanked open the door.

At first, she saw the green velvet curtains half drawn across the frozen windows. She ~~stopped~~ stepped inside, smelling the musky sent that lingered inside. An eerie feeling crept up her spine. She was used to the clammy atmosphere as <sup>mechanical</sup> mech parts were scattered across the shuddering wooden tables. Now, the tables had been cleared. A lonely pile of discarded mech parts sat in one corner of the room, unpleasantly. It was like all life had been drained from this room alone.

Her ma's old dressing table was covered in new make-up supplies. She guessed they all were Madame's. Outside, frost scratched at the walls and windows, freezing them ~~unit~~ so much that they were not recognisable. Mrs Tock and Mr Mungnut stood motionless. Lily heard the voice Madam, beckoning her to the dressing table. Time to face the music.

An amazing setting description

You have included  
• Idiom  
• Frost adverbs  
• Adjectives for effect

### Celebrating Year 6 Writing

Please read the extract above, written by one of our fabulous Year 6 pupils. Absolutely amazing writing, based on a series of English lessons inspired by the Book Cogheart, which has impressed all the staff here at school.

Well done, Alfie!