



Newsletter – Issue 3 – 19/12/2024

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This term's Christian Value is Compassion:

'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience'

Colossians 3.12

St Mary's Achievers

Little Acorns: Arlyn, Omer, Jack, Kash-Blue, Teddy C, Remy, Isala.

Little Oaks: Rumi, Beatrix, Kasper, Leo, Imogen.

Class 1: Bowen, GGeorge T, Grace, Theo, Seth, Charlie.

Class 2: Thea, Kelston, Harley, Brodee, Onie, Whole of Class 2.

Class 3: Noa, Lexie, Olivia, Oaklee, Luca, Maddie.

Class 4: Millie, Alfie, Finley, Eleanor, Oliver H.

Class 5: Willow, Luna, Iris, Zack, Rio, Billie-Rose.

Class 6: Seb, Tommy, Rudy, Esmé, Kizzy, Ava-Rose

Other Achievers: Layla, Phelia, Zack, Saffie, Year 5&6 gala swimmers, Noa.

All members of Breakfast Club for your fantastic manners and behaviour throughout the year.

Term dates

December 2024

19th End of Term 2 at 2.30pm

January 2025

6th Term 3 starts

29th Class 3 Voices for Life

February 2025

14th End of Term 3

Class 6



Class 6 have been busy this term. In their DT lesson, they have been learning hand sewing skills as well as using a sewing machine. In maths they have been focusing on division and dividing fractions! Class 6 have also been using gummy bears in Science to discover how genetics are inherited from their parents.



Class 5



What a term we have had! In English we have been editors! Working in pairs, we identified areas for improvement and rewrote enhanced versions. We then applied these editing skills to refine paragraphs in our own independent writing.



In Computing, we have been busy coding our own Alien Blast games!

In Science, we explored how the amount of water affects the reaction of a fizzy vitamin tablet, discovering how gas build-up and pressure can launch a container higher!



In DT we researched Mexican Cuisine and created a Mexican inspired taco! We used various cutting techniques to prep and chop our ingredients. They were very tasty!





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**Class 4**



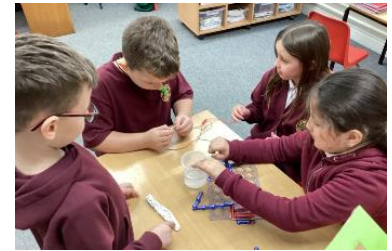
Class 4 have been making cakes in DT to fit inside their CAD 3D packaging.

In Geography, we have been using maps and 3D globes to locate the prime meridian and the countries on the prime meridian.

Our Science lessons this term have included an

investigation to discover if distilled water will make a circuit work.

We have been fortunate to have a specialist coach for our PE lessons who has been helping us develop our football skills.



**Class 3**



Class 3 have been learning football skills in PE, concentrating on dribbling and controlling the ball.

In DT they developed fine motor skills whilst learning different stitches.



**Class 2**



Class 2 has been very busy this Term too! We have had lots of exciting experiences, from going outside to hunt for clues about our new English topic, to practical lessons where they got to explore the changes in the human body after exercise, as well as what gravity does to a drainage system! The children also got the amazing opportunity to



to the Egg Theatre in Bath to watch Robin Hood, which I'm sure was the highlight for most of them! We also go to learn about some important people, and we focused on Rosa Parks!



**Class 1**

As part of our Science topic- Animals, including Humans, we investigated our hand size and whether we could carry more tennis balls if we had bigger hands. We could!





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**Little Oaks**

Little Oaks have been recapping our work on 2D shapes and their properties and getting really stuck into their own creations during Learning Time.



**Little Acorns**

Little Acorns have been very busy over the last two weeks! The children made biscuits together and we focused on developing our fine motor skills and mathematical language. We have been practising our nursery rhyme 'Here We Go Round the Christmas Tree' and the children also enjoyed eating treats and listening to a story around the fire. 💧 We love this time of year! ★



**Christmas Dinner**

Pupils enjoyed a festive lunch on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> wearing their Christmas jumpers !



**Christmas Fayre**



On behalf of the Friends of St Mary's PTFA: a Huge THANK YOU to all those who supported us with our Christmas fundraising. The children had great fun at the disco's and the Christmas Fayre and annual raffle were huge hits.

The grand total of profit made from the disco's, Fayre, Storytime with Santa, wrap gift games, class crafts, raffle and food is.....



**£2045**

This is amazing and as a committee we are overwhelmed at the generosity of all those within our school and wider community who helped us raise this phenomenal amount. The funds raised will be spent on our main fundraising goal this year of the school's outdoor area.



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We will be taking a breather from fundraising in January but behind the scenes we will be planning events for the rest of the year and looking into funding options for specific items.

If you have an idea of a fundraising event you would like to see happen in school, then please get in touch either in person with one of us, through the school office or email us at [pta@stmaryswrithlington.co.uk](mailto:pta@stmaryswrithlington.co.uk)

From all of us, we wish you all a Merry Christmas and see you all in 2025.  
The Committee



Football Match



Well done to our football team who have played two football fixtures this term, A game against Shoscombe (we won 7-1) and a Tournament played on the Astro at Norton Hill!

A big thank you to Mr Gould – our volunteer referee.



Nativity



Well done to Little Oaks, Class 1 and Class 2 for their Nativity



performances which they performed to their parents and family members – we are super proud of you all.



Choir

Last week the combined Choir and Sign Club performed in front of the whole school. Signing the Shakin Steven's Classic 'Merry Christmas Everyone!'





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### The Egg Theatre



Pupils enjoyed a day at the Egg Theatre on Bath on Wednesday. Reception and Year 1 enjoyed a production of Snow Mouse whilst Years 2-6 enjoyed Robin Hood. A huge thankyou to Bath Theatre Royal Wunderfund who covered the cost of entry tickets and well done to ALL our pupils who behaved impeccably. Theatre staff commented on the good manners and behaviour of St Mary's pupils.



### Poppy Appeal

On behalf of the Royal British Legion, thank you to pupils and parents for their donations to the Poppy Appeal – we raised a total of:

**£147.89**

Pupils remembered those affected by war by creating artwork in class and taking part in a Service of Remembrance



### Children In Need



Pupils decorated our Pudsey Bear in aid of Children in Need – thank you all your donations which have now been sent to the Children In Need Charity. In total you raised:

**£157.71 !**



for

The staff at St Mary's Primary School and Nursery would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

2024 has been a remarkable year filled with achievements, growth, and the collective efforts of our dedicated students, supportive parents, and exceptional staff. The hard work and commitment shown by our students and parents throughout the year enables a positive impact on our school community and boosts an enthusiasm for learning.

Take this opportunity to rest, recharge, and create lasting memories with family and friends



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Community Notices:

(We bring these to your attention, without necessarily recommending them)

**SASS Community Choir**  
for all autistic young people and their families in B&NES



Led by Tim Parker  
The SASS team are excited to be working with Tim and WEMA for our new community choir!



**Dates (Wednesdays)**  
December 18th  
January 29th  
March 12th  
April 30th  
June 11th  
July 2nd

**Venue**  
Fosse Way School  
Longfellow Road  
Radstock BA3 3AL  
(Parking available)

**Time**  
4pm - 5pm  
All ages

Come for as much or as little of the session as you would like!

The SASS team are starting a choir for autistic young people and their families including siblings, parents/carers and grandparents.. All are welcome!

Music provides a unique way to connect with others with singing having many health and wellbeing benefits. Let's enjoy some singing together within a fun, friendly and supportive environment!

Parents/carers will also have the opportunity to meet with members of the SASS team for general advice and support during the session. A £1 voluntary donation per family is invited.

For more information contact: sass@fossewayschool.com - 01761 412198 Ext 1

You may have picked up on the buzz in the media about our brilliant young carers chasing an ambitious goal of getting Christmas Number One in the charts....

Young Carers, with support from The Carers' Centre, have been involved in an incredible project with The Carers Trust and Bath Philharmonia to create the beautiful song and accompanying music video "Love is Enough", in partnership with Sir Ed Davey.

Featured on BBC and various other news outlets, our project has been heavily promoted across the UK.

We are encouraging everyone to promote this amazing song to raise the profile of young carers and help the young carers choir achieve their very possible goal of reaching number one in the charts!

We'd be very grateful if you could share this with children and families at your school and encourage them to listen as much as possible over the coming weeks. You could also play it during an upcoming school assembly - it has a lovely message to share with the children which can be linked to your school values.

We thank you so much in advanced for helping us gain vital awareness of young carers in Bath and North East Somerset, and beyond!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4dnoVc5sv9o>

<https://open.spotify.com/track/1Q8XoOdUPA67bkxJpni9i0?si=f8160bd02b6b4e4d>

