



St Mary's C of E Primary School & Nursery

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This term's Christian Value is Perseverance

'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me'

Phillippians 4.13



February 2024

19^t Inset day
20th **Start of term 4**
22nd Young Voices KS2
23rd EYFS Mobile Library

March 2024

6th Bikeability (Yr 5/6)
7th World Book Day
7th Roman Baths Trip Y3
18th Year 5 Bath Abbey Easter Experience
19th/20th Parents Eve
20th Start of term 4
22nd EYFS Mobile Library
28th Last Day of Term 4

St Mary's 'Be the best you can be' Stars

Little Acorns: Faith, Stella Callum, Leo, Albie, Iris & Isala.

Little Oaks: Maisie, Dougie S, Theo, George & Eric.

Class 1: Lily-Mae, Willow, Tommy, Arthur & Darcey.

Class 2: Lexie, Mason, Luca, Joey and all of Class 2 for hard work & effort

Class 3: Delilah, Millie, Finley, Oli & Nova.

Class 4: Sienna, Willow, Billie-Rose, Brooke & Rio.

Class 5: Nathan, Phoebe, Ava-Rose, Kizzy & Erinn

Class 6: Oscar, Archie, Evie, Erin & Luca.

Other Achievers: Noa, Mason, Lexie, Jessica & Ezra.

100,000 words Millionaires: Eleanor, Lexi, Felicity, Milo, Jack, Willow, Iris, Oakley, Brooke, Connor, Zack, Kara, Erinn, Rowan, Lily, Erin, Seb, Kizzy, Esmé, Phoebe, Nathan, Ava-Rose, Jemima, Isaac, Olivia, Oscar, Haku & Evie.

Pen licences: Lily, Ava-Rose & Erinn.

Football: We are very proud of this team who kept at it and made huge improvements in the second half. Huge perseverance shown by all. What a team!





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Quality of Education

Huge well done and thank you to all the staff at school. Recently in a joint Quality Assurance visit (by our school Leadership Partner and the Director of School Improvement at The Trust) feedback regarding teaching and learning and the quality of education provided at St Mary's was incredibly positive:

'We were impressed with the quality of education we observed. There is a consistency and a coherence to what the school intends to do and how it implements it. The impact of this is clear from triangulated evidence – in-class observation, work scrutiny and speaking with pupils and leaders.

In all classes we observed good engagement and purposeful learning in a calm learning environment. Children evidently take their learning seriously and we observed no low-level disruption. The school has invested time and effort in developing children's behaviours for learning and this has paid off'.

Wellies in school

Children are encouraged to make the most of our wonderful outdoor space at St Mary's but the field can be very muddy this time of year. Please ensure your child has a pair of named wellies in school to wear at lunch and break time.



'Ready to Read'

A big thankyou to all the Mums, Mummies, Dads, Nan, Grannies brothers and sisters who came to get Little Oaks very first Reading Cafe off to a great start.

Each week we will read a classic children's story book - we started with 'Owl Babies' by Martin Waddell. Then it's all hands on deck with our crafty story based activities. We made our own family of owls. Now we can retell the story at home or even make up our own owl adventure!





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Class 4 Learning

Pupils in Class 4 have been learning to play the Ukelele as part of their music curriculum. Not only does this improve their musical knowledge but it also helps with dexterity and hand and eye coordination.



Mrs Dobson was VERY impressed with the models children produced as part of their Antarctica topic – they used their practical skills as well as their subject knowledge to create some wonderful masterpieces!

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!

Thank you to the parents for your help making this a success.





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Class 3 Learning



Class 3 have been busy this term gathering local data and processing it as part of their IT lessons - they have monitored the number of cars driving past school. In science they used their own bodies to explore how shadows change throughout the day.

Class 3 also enjoyed a trip to Ammerdown Woods where they developed their map reading and sketching skills.



Class 5

Class 5 has been immersed in an out-of-this-world writing project! Recently, our students have been busy crafting non-chronological reports all about planets. From Mercury to Neptune, they've delved into the mysteries of our solar system, showcasing their research skills and creativity. Well done Class 5.





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Little Oaks Learning

This term in Reception, we have introduced loose parts play to our outside area. 'Loose parts' are things like cardboard boxes, tyres, crates, tarpaulins, wooden planks and plastic guttering. Loose parts let children play in many different ways – anything from making a pirate ship to an assault course or den.

Loose parts play will happen in class time. It will be a chance for children to: • play freely with friends • investigate • discover • explore • create



Parents and Carers

Do you have loose parts to donate? We will need a supply of loose parts to keep things interesting. Currently we are looking for:

- a child's wheelbarrow or cart (wooden/metal- not plastic)
- an old steering wheel
- wooden vegetable or wine crates
- a wooden outside table to make into a woodwork bench



Please let us know if you'd like someone to collect any loose parts.

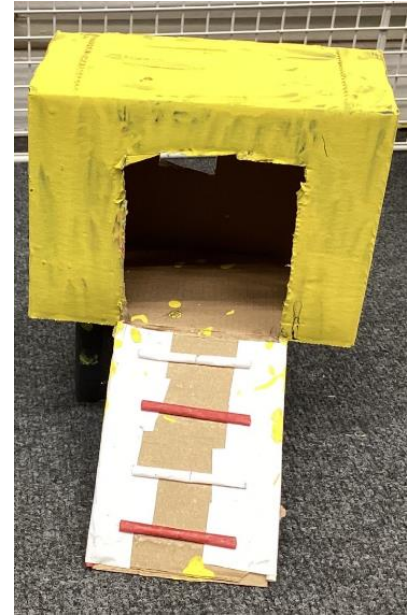




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Class 2

This term class 2 have been designing and making animal shelters. We have been focusing on making our structures stable enough to hold a toy. They children have explored how to add legs and reinforce their design so it is strong.



Class 6

This term, Class 6 have loved reading the book Cogheart as part of our English lessons. From it, they have written some fantastic pieces of description from the perspective of the characters in the book.

Our history topic has been the Victorians, and they have created some impressive home learning projects! They designed and made Victorian toys and we have had fun playing with them in the classroom.

Handwritten student work with green annotations. Includes a date 'Thursday 4th January 2024' and a Q&A section about writing from a character's perspective. Annotations include 'Information retrieved', 'This is wonderful - lovely descriptive phrases', and 'Short sentences for effect'.

Handwritten student work titled 'HARTMAN'S magnificent MECHANICALS'. It features a character sketch and a sales pitch for 'mechanical maid' Ms Rust. Annotations include 'Well written', 'Rhetorical questions', and 'SPECIAL OFFER!'. The pitch includes phrases like 'Do you get bored of the endless ground the house jobs?' and 'Bye on get one for FREE!'.



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Internet Safety Day 2024



This week, we joined 170 countries across the world in thinking about ways to stay safe online. Children carried out learning in classes and all produced a poster advising others of actions they should take to be safe when using the internet. During a worship we discussed all the correct filtering and monitoring systems (from South West Grid for Learning) we have in place in school and children were able to share how parents support them at home. For example having restricted access to communicating with people, having specific times they are allowed on the internet, only playing appropriate games etc. We also discussed who they may like to talk to if anything worried them – they could all identify a trusted adult at home or in school.



TTRS RELAUNCH DAY-Dress up as a Rock Star!

To relaunch the Times Tables Rock Stars learning platform, we will be holding a Rock Stars day on **Thursday 29th February**. Children and staff are encouraged to dress up as a rock star on the day, rocking their air guitars! During the day, we will also be launching the St Mary's Times Tables Challenge, inviting pupils to learn their tables so that they are ready to take part in class competitions.

Guitar Lessons

As you may already be aware, pupils have the opportunity to learn to play the guitar at school via BANES West of England Music Alliance. Guitar lessons are delivered in school by a qualified instructor either individually or as a group.

If you are interested in booking instrumental guitar lessons for your child please visit the following link where you will find further instructions :

<https://wema.org.uk/young-people-and-families/learn-to-play-a-musical-instrument/>



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A Royal Day Out !

What a memorable day for our KS2 pupils who visited Bath Abbey on the 1st February to help celebrate 850 years of St John's Foundation.

As a school we have a close working relationship with St Johns Foundation and are very grateful for the funding they currently provide including English, Maths and Thrive support as well as free school meals for pupils in KS2.

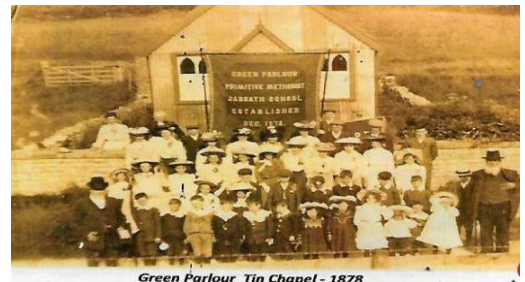
As part of the celebration, our KS2 children joined other local schools to line the streets of Bath to greet a procession of important visitors as they arrive at Bath Abbey for a service of celebration – the identity of the special person was revealed to us on the morning of the event to be Camilla - Her Majesty The Queen!

Some of our year 4 students also formed a choir who sang for Camilla during the service in the Abbey.

It was a very memorable day, all pupils were impeccably well behaved – even Her Majesty made some lovely comments about St Mary's.



A moment in St Mary's History.....



Green Parlour Tin Chapel - 1878

Jan 1902: Very unfavorable weather has lowered the attendance but the work of the school has been as usual

Jan 1929: Half a pint of warm milk will be given daily for 6 weeks to the children reported to be anemic. Mr T Winter of Huish will be supplying the milk on the order from the Health office.

Jan 1949:

The school reopened today after an epidemic of mumps.

The Health Visitor and Doctor visited school and all children present were medically examined.

Feb 1966: PC Erwin attended and gave a lecture and film show on 'Safety First on the Roads'.



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Community Notices:

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

OBSIDIAN

Stronger than a diamond, polished like a pearl, shining in your vision taking on the world!

Who are we?
We are an Allstar Cheerleading and Dance company offering classes in Westfield, Bath & Peasedown for adults, children (aged 3+) and schools.

Class List:
We offer: Cheerleading, AcroGym, Lyrical Dance, Pom Dance, Competitive & Beginner Cheer, Private Lessons, workshops, intensives, adult classes, and after school clubs.

Timetable

@ Westfield Primary School, Longfellow Rd, Radstock BA3 3XX

Day	Class	Time	Age	Price
Mon	Crystals Cheer	4:00-5:00pm	4+	£7.50
Mon	Rituals Dance	5:00-6:00pm	6+	£7.50

@ The Hive, Bath Rd, Peasedown St John, Bath BA2 8DH

Day	Class	hive	Time	Age	Price
Mon	AcroGym		4:00-5:00pm	5-8	£7.50
Mon	AcroGym		5:00-6:00pm	9-14	£7.50
Thurs	Rising Stars AcroGym		3:50-4:50pm	3-6	£7.50
Thurs	Shooting Stars AcroGym		4:45-5:45pm	5-8	£7.50
Thurs	Shining Stars AcroGym		5:45-6:45pm	9-14	£7.50
Thurs	Diamonds Masters Cheer		8:00-9:15pm	17+	£8.00

@ Roundhill Primary School, Mount Rd, Southdown, Bath BA2 1LG

Day	Class	Time	Age	Price
Wed	Infinity Lyrical Dance	4:30-5:30pm	open age	£7.50
Wed	Sweat and Stretch	7:15-8:00pm	17+	£8.00
Sat	Tiny Gems Cheer & Tumble	9:00-9:45am	3-6	£6.50
Sat	Mini Charms Cheer & Tumble	9:15-10:15am	6-8	£7.50
Sat	Jinx Cheer & Tumble	10:15-11:15am	6+	£7.50

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