



St Mary's C of E Primary School & Nursery Newsletter – Issue 3– 30/09/2022



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This term's Christian Value is Friendship:

'A friend loves at all times' Proverbs 17:1



September:

30th School Council Elections (candidate speeches in class prior to this date)

October

6th Class 2 trip to The Wild Project

7th School Disco

11th & 12th Parents Evening

12th 9:15am Harvest Festival School Hall (Little Acorns, Little Oaks, Years 1 and 2)

13th 1:30pm Harvest Festival – St Nicholas Church, Radstock (Years 3,4,5 and 6)

19th Cake sale (Year 5&6 – helpers needed please)

21st End of Term 1

31st Start of term 2

31st Oct- 2nd Nov Great Wood Residential

St Mary's Stars

Little Acorns: All of Little Acorns for settling in so well
Maisie for amazing improvement in her scissor skills
Artem for counting to 10 and learning colour names.

Little Oaks: All pupils for settling in super well, listening and following our class rules.
Darcey for being really kind, great at using our new class rules and being ready for learning.
Tommy for having excellent listening ears and looking eyes.

Class 1: All of class 1 for being so independent, brave and grown up coming into class.
Layla for brilliant behavior and trying so hard.
Ayden for always following the rules and trying hard with choosing jobs and doing the right thing.

Class 2: Oli for excellent independence and hard working in maths.

Aeryn for always giving 100% into everything she does
Lily for phenomenal effort in her writing

Class 3: Iris for settling in so well

Athalie for growing confidence in maths

Otis for engaging in his writing

Connor for engaging in his learning

Class 4: Seb for showing exceptional kindness in class

Baylee for always having a go

Dennis for beautiful writing in English

Class 5: Kayden for showing resilience and dedication

All of Class 5 for producing some high quality poems

Jade for putting her hand up and challenging herself

Class 6: Alicia for making a fabulous start in Year 6 and being a wonderful role model

Murphy for his fantastic perseverance with his learning this week.

Noah for trying really hard in all his learning.

Other amazing achievers: Nikodem for a special surprise

Bertie for being a community champion and raising £107 for the community farm.



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Harvest Festival

Due to the numbers of pupils in school we are holding two harvest festivals this year. Little Acorns, Little Oaks, Class One and Class Two would like to invite parents into school on Wednesday 12th October to share in their Harvest Celebration. Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will hold their Harvest Celebration at St Nicholas Church in Radstock on Thursday 13th October at 1:30. We do hope parents and carers can join us.

Little Oaks Garden

Little Oaks class would like to say a huge Thank you to George's Garden at Marchants Hill Farm for their generous donation of flowers and plants for our outdoor learning area. They have enjoyed watering the plants, learning the different parts of the flowers and looking at the bugs and insects that have been visiting. Also, a big thanks to Amy for planting them up for us in her spare time.

<https://www.georgesgarden.co.uk>



Don't Forget: St Mary's 'Welcome Back' School Disco

St Mary's School Disco Friday 7th October 2022

Little Oaks, Year 1 and Year 2 5.00pm-6.00pm
Class 3, Class 4, Class 5 and Class 6 6.30-7.30pm

Get your groove on with DJ Pete

£3.00 entry this will include drinks and a cone of sweets
There will be prizes for best dress!

Children can come in party clothes or casual wear.

All payments must be made through Parent Pay by 30th September 2022



Top differences between St Mary's CE Primary School and BaNES Primary

At the end of last term pupils at St Mary's took part in a SHEU (Schools Health Education Unit) survey. They were asked a number of questions around health beliefs and behavior. The report compares the data collected from our pupils with those from a larger, wider sample.

We were particularly pleased to note St Mary's pupils feel their views and opinions make a difference to decisions at school (87% versus 35% in BaNES).

Also 85% of pupils feel their achievements are recognized at school (48% in BaNES).

82% of pupils (64% in BaNES) think that St Mary's takes bullying seriously.

The least positive difference highlighted below will be a focus for continuing work at school.

Key:	Interpretation
● - Better than BaNES average	In the chart below a coloured circle represents St Mary's CE Primary School's result, while the black line represents the mean for BaNES Primary. The distance between the circle and the black line indicates the size of the difference between the percentages – the greater the gap, the larger the difference. The colour of the circle reflects whether a difference is statistically significant and if the difference is positive (green), negative (red) or if it is not statistically significant (yellow).
● - Not significantly different	
● - Worse than BaNES average	
↑ - Positively higher	
↓ - Positively lower	
↑ - Negatively higher	
↓ - Negatively lower	

Most positive differences between St Mary's CE Primary School and BaNES Primary:

	School	BaNES	
↑ Pupils who feel their views and opinions make a difference to <u>decisions at school</u> .	87%	35%	
↑ Pupils who feel their achievements are recognised <u>at school</u> .	85%	48%	
↑ Pupils who enjoy 'most' or 'all' of their lessons at school.	69%	42%	
↑ Pupils who had a high self-esteem score (15 or more).	59%	34%	
↑ Pupils who were active for at least 60 minutes on five days or more in the week before the survey.	87%	66%	
↑ Pupils who think their school takes bullying seriously.	82%	64%	
↑ Pupils who responded that their teachers listen to them at school.	90%	72%	
↑ Pupils who feel their achievements are recognised <u>outside school</u> .	74%	59%	
↓ Pupils who worry 'quite a lot' or 'a lot' about SATS/tests.	26%	40%	
↓ Pupils who found it hard to concentrate at school due to feeling tired or sleepy on at least 3 days in the week before the	15%	28%	

Least positive differences between St Mary's CE Primary School and BaNES Primary:

	School	BaNES	
↓ Pupils who have free school meals or vouchers for free school meals currently.	26%	10%	
↓ Pupils who 'never' wear a safety helmet when they cycle.	26%	15%	
↓ Year 6 pupils who have searched online for very violent images, films or games.	38%	24%	
↓ Year 6 pupils who have seen images, videos or content online that were for adults-only.	38%	24%	
↓ Pupils who have a long-standing illness, disability or special need.	21%	13%	
↓ Pupils who cleaned their teeth at least twice on the day before the survey.	72%	80%	
↓ Year 6 pupils who are happy with their weight as it is.	53%	66%	
↓ Pupils who rated their safety when going out at night after dark as 'quite' or 'very' safe.	28%	37%	
↓ Pupils who don't enjoy physical activities at all.	5%	2%	
↓ Pupils who either last visited the dentist more than a year ago or have never been.	23%	17%	



NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe

At school we have been thinking about how we can keep ourselves safe. Each class has taken part in a workshop which has been planned by the NSPCC relating to 'Speak Out, Stay Safe'. These have been really important messages including learning the Childline number: 0800 1111 and thinking about who we can talk to if we are worried about anything.

We have also listened to the Pantosaurus song - which reminded the children that their body belongs to them and that it's important to tell someone they trust if anything makes them upset or worried. There is more information at [Talk PANTS & Join Pantosaurus - The Underwear Rule | NSPCC](#) if you would like to know more.





PTA – St Mary's C of E Primary School September News

Busy behind the scenes prepping a host of exciting St Mary's events to raise funds

It's a Buddy Bake Sale

Our first Bake Sale of the year...

Class 6 and Little Oaks will be bringing in cakes and baked goodies to sell to everyone on **Wednesday 19th October**

The Bake Sale will be run at home time by Class 6.

Donations of cakes or baked goodies can be brought in by Class 6 and Little Oaks children on the day. Homemade or shop bought very welcome (please provide list of ingredients so we are Allergy Safe).

Please remember our alternative diets & allergies: wheat, vegetarians, dairy free, gluten free, and that we are a nut free school.

Welcome Back School Disco

Volunteers needed to help at the Disco: Friday 7th October.

Help with serving squash, cleaning up and chaperoning.

Please say if you're available to stay to help or if you can stay at the end to help clean up.

Sign up
Here
↓

pta@stmaryswrithlington.co.uk

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

It's that time of year (well, almost 😊)... And we need help approaching businesses to create an even bigger Christmas Raffle.

Do you work somewhere that would donate a prize? No matter the size! Every prize helps us sell more tickets and ensure we continue to support the children in the coming year.



Prizes
please

Please email pta@stmaryswrithlington.co.uk or let a PTA member know or Mrs Fenton in the school office. Nearer the time we will ask for Hamper donations too.

St Mary's School Virtual Facebook Christmas Market

We are holding a Virtual Christmas Market this year on Facebook. Please encourage all your families, friends and local community to join the St Mary's Writhlington Virtual Christmas Market Facebook group. We need lots of members to help us promote this fundraising amongst local businesses.

Local businesses will be signing up to make a donation to St Mary's, allowing them to post up to 2 times per week, from November 1st until December 21st, to advertise their business and any special offers.

Do you work somewhere that would like to advertise with us? Or do you have a business or are you selling something you'd like to advertise? Email pta@stmaryswrithlington.co.uk

PTA Committee

Co-Chair - Lizzie (Class 4 & 1)

Co-Chair - Sophie (Class 3)

Treasurer Laney - (Class 1)

Secretary - vacancy... any help appreciated in supporting PTA to better communicate it's events & fundraising

Who are the PTA?

It's YOU and You and me and you and everyone connected to a child at St Mary's... staff and families

PTA Mission Statement

"To enrich the experience of the pupils of the school and support the school in achieving the best possible outcomes for the pupils through:

- *Recognising and valuing the part that the school plays in the local community.*
- *Engaging in activities which support the school and advance the education of the pupils.*
- *Assisting in the provision of facilities for education at the school (not normally provided by the DFE).*

New faces always welcome, or help behind the scenes or come along to a meeting....

Next Meeting

Friday 7th December after drop off, sign in at the office



Community Notices:

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

PREPARING FOR ADULTHOOD FAIR 2022

WEDNESDAY 5TH OCTOBER, 2–5PM
WELLOW HOUSE, SEND CENTRE
BATH COLLEGE, SOMER VALLEY CAMPUS
RADSTOCK BA3 3RW

GET INFORMATION AND ADVICE FROM:

- LOCAL, SPECIALIST & RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES
- CARE PROVIDERS
- LOCAL AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES
- HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS
- DIRECT PAYMENT ADVISERS
- LOCAL CLUBS, ACTIVITIES & DAY SERVICES

Bath College Three Ways School FOSSE WAY SCHOOL

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES Here's what is happening in your Libraries this week

w/c 3 October For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog.

Bath Central Library		Digital All Social Media Black History Month, October Libraries Week, 3 - 9 October National Poetry Day, 6 October Children's Book Review 8 October Bathnes Libraries Blog
Storytime Sessions, Family Fun		
Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00 am	4 October	
Art in the Library - Sarah Targett, Charlotte Farmer, Jude McGuire, Kate Bernstein: In Print		
Monday - Saturday	4 - 28 October	
Share & Repair Drop In: How to Make a Kids Fancy Dress Costume		
Saturday 1.00 - 3.00 am	8 October	
Keynsham Library		
Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun		
Tuesday 9.30 - 10.00 am	4 October	
10.30 - 11.00 am		
Special Mermaid Storytime, Family Fun		
Saturday 10.30 - 11.30 am	8 October	
*No booking required, for ages 3+		
Cubing Club, Family Fun Drop In		
Saturday 10.30 - 11.30pm	8 October	
*KS2 & 3 - Please bring your own cube if you can		
Midsomer Norton Library		
Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun		
Monday 11.00 - 11.30 am	3 October	
Storytime Sessions, Family Fun		
Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00 am	5 October	

Bath & North East Somerset Council
Improving People's Lives

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Twitter @BathnesL
Pinterest @BathnesLibraries
Blog bathneslibraries.wordpress.com

TROWBRIDGE BASKETBALL CLUB

JUNIOR PROGRAMMES

U11S U14S U16S U18S

PLUS A GIRLS ONLY PROGRAMME!

£70 PER PLAYER FOR 14 SESSIONS! £50 FOR ST. AUG SCHOOL STUDENTS

ST. AUGUSTINES CATHOLIC COLLEGE, TROWBRIDGE, BA14 9EN

PROGRAMMES AVAILABLE MONDAY'S, WEDNESDAY'S AND THURSDAYS

BOOK NOW!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR PROGRAMMES VISIT
WWW.TROWBRIDGEBASKETBALLWILTSHIRE.CO.UK
CONTACT
TROWBRIDGEBASKETBALL@GMAIL.COM

Trowbridge Basketball Club PHOENIX FLAMES TROWBRIDGE LADIES BASKETBALL

Creative minds

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



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Christmas card Competition.

Dan Norris, Metro mayor for the West of England is inviting pupils to take part in his annual Christmas card competition. The winning entry will be made into a Christmas card and sent to organizations right across the West of England and beyond.

To enter please print the entry form below (or ask school for a copy) please note the rectangle for the drawing must be A5 in size. Entries cannot be returned but pupils will receive a thank you letter for taking part.

Closing date is 11th November.



Dan Norris, Metro Mayor Christmas Card Competition 2022

Please draw your design in the box below. It can be landscape or portrait. Use pens, pencils, felt tips, paint or crayons. No glitter please! Make sure you stay in the border.



Name: _____ (Please print clearly)

School: _____ Class: _____ Age: _____

Please return this form by **Friday 11 November 2022** to:

Dan Norris, Metro Mayor of the West of England, 3 Rivergate, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6EW.

Please photocopy this form but please ensure all designs are within the A5 sized box.