



St Mary's C of E Primary School & Nursery

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Please note that should you wish to receive this newsletter in a different format please ask at the school office.

This term's Christian Value is Respect

'Do to others as you would have them do to you'

Matthew 7.12

April 2024

15th Start of Term 5
30th Class Photos

May 2024

6th Bank Holiday Monday
24th Last Day of Term 5 at
3.15pm



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

Little Acorns: Anaya, Elias, Arlo, Kash-Blue

Little Oaks: Ophelia, Grace, Charlie

Class 1: Daisy, Kelston, Onie, Saffia

Class 2: Layla, Theo, Noa, Clarke

Class 3: Oliver h, Lily, Lola, Flynn

Class 4: Oakley, Otis, Haku, Jack

Class 5: Poppy, Lexi, Rowan, Dennis

Class 6: Bradley, Niamh, Izzy, Isaac

Other Achievers:

100,000 words: Lily G, Maddie C
All of the Year 5 & 6 Gymnastics Team

Bikeability: Well done to Tommy, Rudy, Jayden, Archie, Kara, Esme, Niamh, Oscar, Ava, Seb, Kizzy and Bradley for completing their Level 2 cycle training



Staff Changes

We say farewell to members of staff this term:

We wish Mrs Hallows all the best as she leaves us to start a new adventure in her teaching career. Mrs Hallows has worked with several children throughout the school in her role as our Reading Recovery Teacher and more recently as one of our Reception Class Teachers.



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We also say farewell to Mrs Pollock who will be returning to her previous position after joining us to cover maternity leave. Mrs Pollock has worked with many pupils and parents in her roles as Deputy Headteacher, Early Years Leader and Sendco.

Both will be greatly missed and we wish them both the very best for the future. A familiar face will be returning to St Mary's after Easter as we welcome back Miss Hamblin following her maternity leave. Miss Hamblin will be resuming her role as Deputy Headteacher, Early Years Leader and Sendco.

Tesco Token Scheme

We are pleased to have be part of the Tesco Token Scheme to help raise funds to make improvements to our outside EYFS area.

For every transaction made at participating stores you will receive one token which can then be placed into the voting box in store.

Voting will commence in store from the first week in April 2024 until the end of June 2024 at the participating stores:

- Bath Westgate Bld Exp BA1 1EB
- Bath Exp BA1 1QE
- Windsor Bridge Exp BA1 3DE
- Bath Weston Exp BA1 4BX
- Bath Englishcmb Ln Exp BA2 2ER
- Bathwick Hil Bath Exp BA2 4EN
- Bath Wellsway Exp BA2 4SA
- Combe Down Express BA2 5RU
- Peasedown St John Exp BA2 8DN
- Midsomer Norton BS39 7SW

Football Donation

A huge thankyou to a Year 4 parent who has made a substantial donation to the school by purchasing several items of equipment for the school football club. We are extremely grateful for support this kind donation will make such a difference.



TTRS RELAUNCH DAY-Dress up as a Rock Star!

To relaunch the Times Tables Rock Stars learning platform, we will be a Rock Stars day on Thursday 29th February.

Pupils enjoyed the day rocking their air guitars whilst taking part in times tables challenges and competitions.





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Science Week

This term we celebrated British science week where the theme was "Time!". We started off the week with an exciting worship from Miss Beere who introduced the idea and they did a fun experiment where as a school they explored how long they could get the foam to keep rising for. Children returned to their classes where they completed more experiments all around time.



Book Fayre feedback and Book Library Visit

A big thank you to everyone who visited the Book Fayre and purchased books from Mr B's Emporium. Your purchases meant the school has benefitted from nearly £50 worth of free books.

As well as celebrating reading through events like the Book Fayre, pupils in Early Years have been enjoying visits from the mobile library where they have listened to stories and borrowed books of their choice.

Absences

We ask that you notify us before morning registration (or as soon as possible) if your child is going to be absent from school – this can be via phone, Dojo or email direct to the School Office.

In the event your child is absent with no explanation and we are unable to get hold of parents or carers then we shall carry out safeguarding procedures in line with our Safeguarding Policy.

Please also be aware we cancel lunches for all absent pupils at 9.30 am every morning, therefore if you are running late or at an appointment please inform us in order to secure your lunch booking.

Class 3



As part of their worship and in line with our school values. Class 3 created a chain of prayers, hopes and wishes for the HEART of our community.



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'Ready to Read'

We had a great time celebrating all things 'Reading' on World Book Day.

As a whole school, each class shared the wonderful, evocative book 'Our Tower' by Joseph Coelho and Richard Johnson. Our Tower eBook : Coelho, Joseph, Johnson, Richard: Amazon.co.uk: Kindle Store

The children were all enthralled by the story and the illustrations. We did a lot of fantastic work as a result, including: discussing our favourite part of the story, acting it out and even writing about travelling to our own magical world!

We also had surprise 'guest readers' in each class after lunch and listened to MC Grammar's special 'World Book Day Rap' The World Book Day Song by MC Grammar (youtube.com)



We rounded off our special Reading Day with the ever-popular Bedtime Stories!

We hope you enjoyed seeing the teachers in their PJ's!

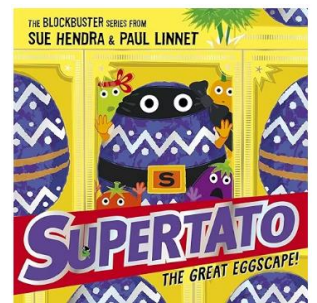


Little Oaks enjoying their cosy bedtime stories.

Don't forget to spend your World Book Day vouchers!

Mrs Martin would like to say an egg-tra special thankyou to all the Mummy's, Mums, Dads, Nanny's, Grampy's, Aunties, Sisters and Brothers who have helped to make this year's Reading Cafe in Little Oaks such a success. We have great fun every week enjoying really fabulous books.

Why don't you check out our egg-cellent Easter reading cafe book? It is really egg-tastic!



Roman Baths



Class 3 enjoyed a trip to The Roman Baths as part of their curriculum topic. Pupils enjoyed learning how the Romans lived and took part in various activities.





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Class 5

Class 5 embarked on an enriching excursion to Bath Abbey for an immersive Easter experience. Divided into groups, the children traversed through the various stages of the Easter story, engaging in interactive learning. As they explored each phase, they were encouraged to reflect on the significance of the events and their personal responses, fostering a deeper understanding of the Easter narrative and its implications.



Class 1



Class 1 went on their trip to Radstock Museum for their topic Mighty Miners. They had a great time learning about Victorian life in our local area. We were taken on a tour of the coal mine, a glimpse into Victorian home-life and the Victorian classroom where some St Mary's children were shown what happened to children who didn't behave or work hard! We were very proud of the children and how well they behaved, listened and participated.





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Class 6

As part of their RE learning this term, Year 6 have been thinking about the Easter story and created freeze frames to show the different stages of the events of Holy Week. They have also thought a lot about the symbolism of Easter and what the resurrection means to Christians.



Class 5: Shepton Mallet Prison Trip

At Shepton Mallet Prison, Year 5 students delved into Victorian prison life, aligning with their ongoing history unit on crime and punishment. Through immersive experiences, they gained firsthand insights, enriching their understanding of historical justice systems and societal norms. Following the trip, they creatively expressed their learning by writing diary entries from the perspective of a child in a Victorian prison, fostering empathy and deepening their connection to the past.





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Dance Umbrella 2024

A Dazzling Display by our Dynamic Dancers !!

On Tuesday 26th March, our KS1 and KS2 Dance Club members took part in BANES Dance Umbrella Festival 2024 at The Forum, Bath. As always, everyone had a wonderful time enjoying performances from several schools in the area.

After spending the afternoon at The Forum, rehearsing on stage, our dancers then performed in front of a packed audience in the evening – we had a few watery eyes from both parents and staff.

A huge well done to all our dancers – we are super proud of you, and a big thank you to parents and carers for your support in making this worthwhile event so successful.



Early Bird Breakfast Club & Wraparound Care



Breakfast Club has been a huge success and is now very popular. Children this term have enjoyed taking part in Easter based activities whilst at Breakfast Club as well as sampling toasted Hot Cross Buns alongside their regular menu.

We are currently in the process of securing a Wraparound Care Provider for after school from September 2024 and will update parents and carers as soon as we have further news. Thank you to those who returned their questionnaire responses, this has been valuable in helping us make a decision.





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St Mary's SIAMS Inspection.

As you may be aware, St Mary's underwent a SIAMS inspection on the 27th February.

We have now received our report following the inspection and this has been shared via email to parents and carers.

We received some very positive feedback from the Inspector and the Leadership Team at St Mary's are very proud of the pupils and their attitude to learning.

Thank you to those parents and carers who spent some time talking with the Inspector.

Nursery Spaces

Nursery is filling up fast for September 2024, especially for 2 year old spaces. If you or someone you know is thinking of joining us, please contact us ASAP to avoid any disappointment.

www.stmaryswrithlington.co.uk





Are you looking for a Nursery place for your child aged 2, 3 or 4+ years old?

We have spaces available in Little Acorns for September 2024



Our nursery serves children who are aged 2 – 4+ years (2-year-olds will need to turn 3 within the academic year).

For enquiries or a personal tour, please contact us:
T: 01761 434548
E: office@stmaryswrithlington.co.uk

St Mary's C of E Primary School & Nursery is tucked away in the historical, rural village of Writhlington. Our school has the most amazing grounds - including a sensory garden and a conservation area with fire pit and pond. Our nurturing Nursery provides an excellent introduction to school life!



Finally..... we hope you all have a lovely Easter break and enjoy spending some time with friends and family.





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Community Notices:

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

Writhlington Big Spring Clean

The Writhlington Big Spring Clean will be taking place on Sunday 14th April, meeting at 2pm in the Village hall. Many St Mary's pupils have taken part in this event before and it's a great opportunity to enjoy spending time with friends and family whilst helping improve our local area.

Avon Wildlife Trust

Writhlington Big Spring Clean!

Sunday 14th April
Meet in the village hall, 2-4pm

Come along and enjoy wildlife activities for all the family

- Wildlife themed crafts,
- Wildlife awareness litter pick,
- Wildlife spotting activity sheets.
- Refreshments and snacks provided.

Organised by the
Writhlington Action Group and Nextdoor Nature Somer Valley project

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Spring Play "Life is more fun if you play games." - Roald Dahl
Bath Area Play Project

Come OUTSIDE & PLAY

All Playdays run from 11am-2pm Outdoor Play for families with children of all ages!

Wednesday, 10th April
Midsomer Norton
Orchard Hall and Park
BA3 2RD

Thursday, 11th April
Alice Park
BA1 6EW
No need to book

- Sensory & Messy Play
- Marble Run
- Spring arts and crafts
- Sports and games
- Inflatable
- Bunny hunt
- Woodwork
- Football coaches
- Obstacle Course

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Spring into life
April 2024

Celebrate Easter and Springtime with our family trail (available throughout the holiday) and our themed craft activities!

Treasure Hunt Tuesday 2 April
Follow our Easter crosses trail, collecting beads to make your own cross necklace.

Easter Gardens Wednesday 3 April
Follow our Easter story trail then make your own Easter garden to tell the best part of the story.

Get Growing Thursday 4 April
Decorate a mini pot and get planting!

Spring into life Friday 5 April
Celebrate new life with our spring themed crafts.

Scan to book:
Or drop in on the day (subject to availability)
£2.15 per child / £1.10 if eligible for free school meals, accompanying adults FREE
Please note: children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at our Family Holiday Activities