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This term's Christian Value is Friendship:

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



September:

- 19th School closed, State Funeral
- 23rd PTA meeting 9-10am School Hall
- 26th Year 1 Fire Service visit
- 30th School Council Elections (candidate speeches in class prior to this date)

October

- 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)
- 20th 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

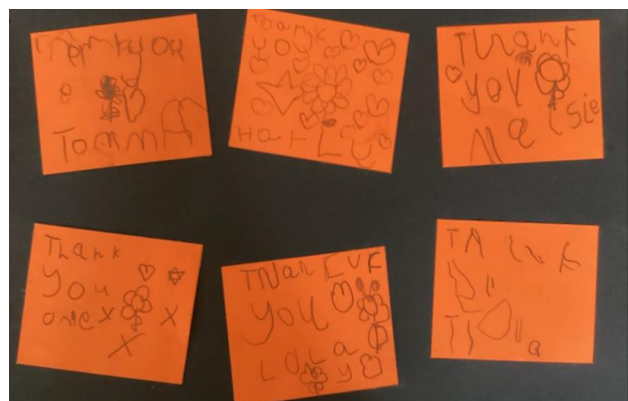
In Remembrance of Queen Elizabeth

Throughout the week, pupils in ALL classes have been commemorating the life of Queen Elizabeth with activities and assemblies. They have also contributed to a book of condolences which we invite all our parents to add their own message or sign.



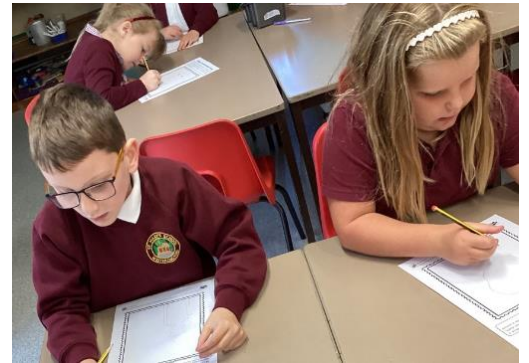
Little Acorns have discussed the sad passing of Her Majesty The Queen, and printed their fingerprints onto purple hearts. We have talked about celebrating her life and how thankful we are for her service.

Little Oaks thanked Her Majesty for everything she has done for our Country.

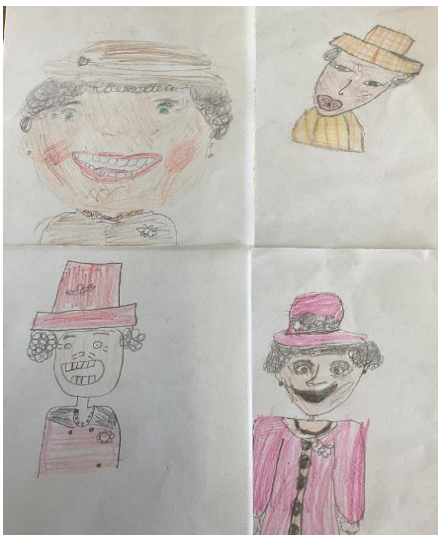




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Class 2 designed a commemorative stamp to remember and reflect on all her wonderful years as Queen.



Class 3 discussed the Queen's life and chose to draw beautiful illustrations of her in her wonderful outfits full of colour.



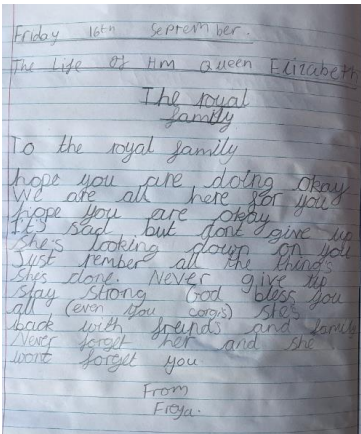
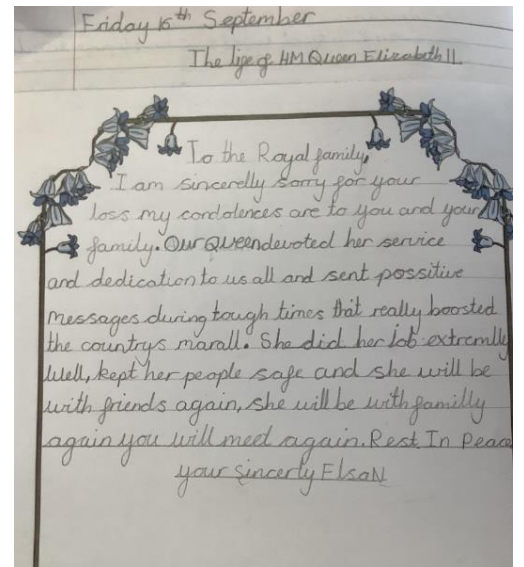
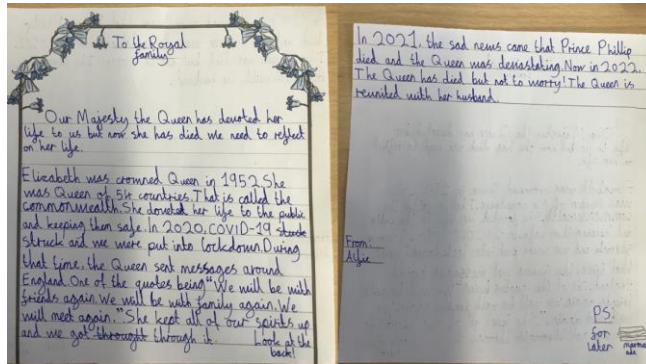
Class 4 created art work of the queen using Andy Warhol as inspiration.



Class 5 have been writing condolences to the Royal family on feathers.



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Class 6 have been thinking about the life of Queen Elizabeth II. They reflected on all of the many wonderful things she did and wrote letters to the Royal family to express their sadness at the recent news.

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.

Staff Updates

We are very excited to share in the news that Miss Beere and Miss Golden are both expecting bundles of joy next year. CONGRATULATIONS!!!! We will be appointing two maternity teachers to cover their absence and will keep you posted.

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



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PTA News

The PTA held their first meeting of the school year, many thanks to everyone who attended both in person and via Zoom and welcome to new members. Already several exciting events are being planned and several more have been suggested.

Every parent/carer & staff member at St Mary's, are automatically a member of our PTA Friends of St Mary's and we welcome anyone's participation in whatever way works for you.

We are incredibly grateful to our school PTA who raise money from the events held throughout the year to benefit all year groups from Nursery to Year 6.

The next PTA meeting will be held in the school hall **Friday 23rd** September 9-10am in the school hall – **EVERYONE** is welcome.

Community Notices:

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



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**WRITHLINGTON FLOWER
SHOW**

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**MONDAY 10TH OCTOBER
7.00PM AT WRITHLINGTON VILLAGE
HALL**

EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND

For more information contact
The Chairman Mr R Langley 01761 431406
The Secretary Mrs H Gulliford 01761 420417



Clubs

Club update. We have been working with Dragonfly Leisure to consider whether it's possible to increase the numbers of different clubs we offer at St Mary's. Over time we hope to increase the number of staff that can work with us (and hope for clubs on a Wednesday/Friday) but in the meantime we welcome Nancy Appleton (gym, dance and multi-sport instructor from Dragonfly) who will be running clubs alongside Mr Pile and the teachers at St Mary's for this academic year. We will rotate the clubs Nancy offers in consult with the children.

In order to finance this club we are asking for a contribution to the cost, £1 per session (£10 a term). This will be on Parent Pay from Tuesday 20th September.

Day	After School Club	Leader	Open to	Notes
Monday				
Tuesday	Gym Club 3:30-4:30	Miss Appleton	Years 1 and 2 (15 max)	Outside provider - £10 per term
Tuesday	Football Club 3:30-4.15	Mr Pile and Ms Lampert	Year 3-6	
Wednesday				
Thursday	Construction Club 3:30-4.15	Miss Beere	Years 2-6 (20 max)	
Thursday	Sign Language 3:30-4.15	Miss Golden	Years 2-6 (20 max)	
Friday				

Clubs will start from will start from 26th September and finish on 9th December.

Due to the nature of some clubs, it may not be possible to accommodate all children who request a place. We will endeavor, in this case, to rotate pupils' attendance. If a club is oversubscribed, we will put names in a hat and allocate places accordingly. However, if you do not hear otherwise please assume that your child has a place. Should you have paid for a club we will reimburse you.

Once your child has committed to a club, a register is taken at every session, and they are expected to go.

The same high standards of behaviour that we expect in school also apply to all clubs and children must remember this.

Terms 1&2, 2022

My child would like to participate in the following **after school** club:

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I will be collecting my child/I am happy for my child to walk home at the end of after school clubs.

Signed Date

Contact number:.....



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