



St Mary's C of E Primary School & Nursery Newsletter – Issue – 25/10/2024



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 Friendship:

'Encourage one another and build each other up' 1 Thessalonians 5.11

October

25th END OF TERM 3.15pm
31st Secondary School Admission
deadline

November

4th Start of Term 2
8th Mufti Day: wrap-a-gift donations
11th Anti Bullying Week
12th Odd Sock day
12th Healthy Relationships Workshop,
Year 5
15th Children In Need
29th Nasal Flu Vaccinations
28th School Disco– details to follow



December

2nd Christmas Jumper Day – Bottle Tombola
Donations
5th Christmas Fayre 3.15pm
10th Nativity 2.15pm (Reception & KS1)
11th Nativity 9.15am (Reception & KS1)
11th Christmas Dinner Day
18th Egg Theatre Trip (R-6) – details to
follow
19th Carol Service KS2, 9.15am
19th End of Term for pupils 2.30pm

St Mary's Stars

Little Acorns: All of Little Acorns, Callum, Nancy, Stella

Little Oaks: Beatrix and all of Little Oaks, Leo, Lillie-Mae, Brayden, Anaya

Class 1: All of Class 1, Reece, Max, Ophelia, Eli

Class 2: Ivar, Lilly-Mae, Arthur, Daisy, Willow

Class 3: All of Class 3, Layla, Bailey, Ayden,

Class 4: All of Class 4, Nova, Lola, Flynn, Jacob

Class 5: Oakley, Luna, Brooke, Connor, Haku, Jacob, All of Year 5

Class 6: Poppy, Phoebe, Erin, Dennis, All of Year 6

Breakfast Club Achievers: All members of Breakfast Club for such a super start to the new school year.

Congratulations to Lesley and Vicky, our dinner servers who achieved top marks during a recent surprise inspection from the Food Standards Agency.



School Development Plan

Every year, after reviewing the previous year and considering many additional factors, including changes in the educational landscape, opportunities available etc., a whole school development plan is created. This is led by Ms Lampert and the SLT with input from the children, staff, governors, Trust and whole school community. For your information, attached to this email is a booklet outlining the key points on the plan.



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Guitar Lessons



We have received several enquiries regarding guitar lessons in school, parents are able to book individual or group lessons with Mr Nosworthy via the link below:

[West of England Music and Arts](#)

Mr Nosworthy is a regular visitor to our school and well known to the classes who have participated in class ukulele lesson.

Remembrance Day and Poppies



Poppies and various other items will be on sale in school when we return from half term break in

exchange for a donation to the Royal British Legion.

Children should bring their money into class and any adults who wish to donate can do so via the school office.

Friends of St Mary's PTFA

Thank you to everyone who came to our AGM and meeting on Wednesday.

At the meeting a new committee was voted in-

Mrs Hazelton- Chair

Martha Samuel- Treasurer

Lizzie Bridges and Cat Doughty- joint secretaries.

A new constitution was signed by the chair. This means that we can now register with The Charities Commission and have a registered charity number. We will then be able to apply for grants and more businesses will hopefully support us as they can claim things back as a charitable donation.

The main fundraising goal for us this year is the outside areas of school. This includes the conservation area, the sensory garden, the playgrounds and scooter/bike racks. We will be asking the children for their ideas and they will vote on what the final design will be.

Key dates for your calendars-

- Friday 8th November- Wrap a gift Mufti Day. Please donate items that the children can wrap for loved ones with help from Santa's Elves.
 - Thursday 28th November- School disco
- Monday 2nd December- Christmas Jumper Day. Please donate a bottle for our bottle tombola.
 - Thursday 5th December- Christmas Fayre

More details will follow for events-look out on dojo and for flyers coming home.

Any questions please speak to any committee member or email us at pta@stmaryswrithlington.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support, The PTFA team

We're registered on #easyfundraising which means you can raise free donations for us when you shop online! Over 8,000 retailers will donate to St Mary's Primary School Writhlington PTA on your behalf when you shop with them. All the big names like Sainsbury's, M&S, Argos, Just Eat and more are ready to donate at no extra cost to you. Plus, join today and we could win a £100 bonus! Sign up

here: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/stmarysprimarywrithlingtonpta/6HV3VW/c2s/FGzwYxpq/CE953/facebook/>





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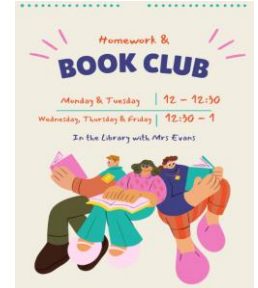
Wellies / Coat reminder



We remind ALL children they will need wellies and coats in school. Pupils are encouraged to enjoy our school grounds in all weathers provided they have suitable clothing.

Lunchtime Book Club

Pupils across the year groups are able to meet in the library at lunch times to enjoy the pleasure of reading or catch up on their homework.



British Values

We continue to promote a positive and inclusive environment at our school. Children have been learning about the importance of British Values: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance. We aim to inspire our children to embrace these values in their daily lives.

Little Acorns

The youngest members of our school community have been busy learning the words and actions to their Harvest song, Dingle Dangle Scarecrow. They used their imagination to create Autumnal headbands decorated with Scarecrows.



Little Oaks

Little Oaks have been out and about this term. We were lucky enough to get to meet the author of Heavy Metal Badger, Duncan Beedle at the Bath Literacy Festival and we all received copy of his book. Check out his website here for a look at his other books...

<https://duncanbeedie.co.uk/>

We also walked ourselves down to St Nicholas Church in Radstock and performed our Harvest song- The Farmer Plants the Seeds. Little Oaks did themselves proud by learning the song off by heart and signing it very clearly in front of a big crowd!





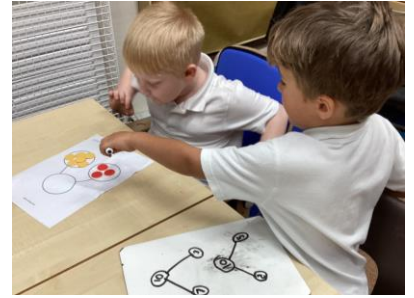
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Class 1



One of the highlights of the term for Class 1 was a visit from a fire crew and they even brought the fire engine. We learnt all about fire safety, had a look on the truck and even got to try out using a hose. They sounded the siren as they left which was really noisy! In Maths, we are learning about number bonds to 10 - we used double sided counters and the 'part, part whole' model to help us to understand. We also managed to find some time to reflect about the wonderful world we live in as part of our RE curriculum.



Class 2

This Term in Class 2, we have had lots of fun learning about our local community and the history behind the area around us. We have been focusing on Place Value in Maths (and we even got to draw on the tables!).

We also had some lovely visitors this Term, Reverend Ian and Nathaniel come and see us to talk about our 'big questions', as well as a lovely Duo singing group to share the power of music with us. The children have really enjoyed getting settled into Class 2 and learning new skills!



Class 3

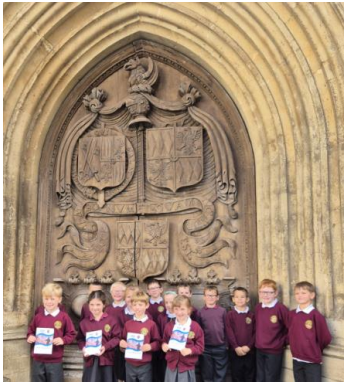




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Class 3 have been super busy this term, we have been conducting experiments in science to explore the permeability of soil, creating friendship chains in PSHE and perfecting our column addition in maths.



As well as lots of classroom learning, we have been on a visit to Bath Abbey, and received visits from Voices for Life coaches to rehearse for our performance at the Abbey in January.

Class 3 have also enjoyed a visit from Bath Royal Literary and Scientific Institution who helped us create cave drawings, handle historic artifacts and had even had a go at flint knapping.



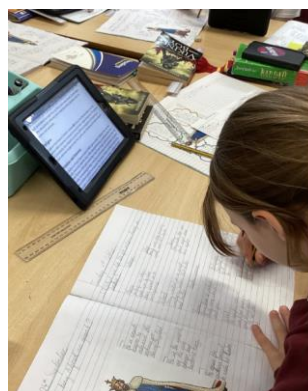
Class 4

What an amazing term in Class 4! The children have particularly enjoyed our unit on Pneumatics in DT and how to use this system to make and move monsters.



Class 5 has had an action-packed and exciting term! We've stepped into the shoes of the teacher in maths, mastering addition and subtraction in creative ways. At the Bath Literacy Festival, we had the amazing opportunity to meet the talented author Katherine Rundell. In Science, we've been busy exploring the fascinating properties of materials, while in English, we unleashed our

imaginations to craft original legends inspired by the epic tale of Beowulf. To top it all off, we wrapped up the term with our very first residential trip to Folly Farm, full of adventure and new experiences. What a fantastic term, Class 5!





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Class 6

This term has been packed with exciting adventures for Class 6! We had another fantastic visit from author Stewart Foster, who brought along his lovable dog, Dexter, which made for a memorable afternoon. Our trip to Parliament in London was a highlight, where we learned about democracy and witnessed the workings of government firsthand. Additionally, attending the literacy festival inspired us to dive deeper into our reading and writing. Back in the classroom, we've explored

the fascinating world of Ancient Greece, discovering its myths and history, studied all about the circulatory system and how our bodies work as well as begun learning new songs in ukulele and learning to draw self-portraits in art. It's been a term full of learning and fun!



Year 5 and 6 Residential: Folly Farm

Class 5 and 6 had an incredible time during their visit to Folly Farm camp, and we couldn't be prouder of how well they worked together as a team! Despite the rain, they embraced every moment, laughing and making the most of the activities. The amazing views of the countryside provided a stunning backdrop for our adventures, while the students loved their accommodation, which added to the fun and camaraderie of the trip. Throughout the visit, they engaged in valuable learning about habitats and the environment, exploring local ecosystems and understanding the importance of conservation. It was a wonderful experience that brought everyone closer together and created lasting memories!





St Mary's Marvellous Mathematicians

As a school we have been focusing on maths across the year groups. Pupils have been developing their math skills in a variety of ways.
 Keep up the good work...



Community Notices:

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

museums week

Celebrate local museums with nine days of events and activities in Bath & North East Somerset

Sat 26th Oct to Sun 3rd Nov

Free entry with Discovery Card

GREAT WRITHLINGTON FABULOUS AUTUMN CLEAN

SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER
10.00AM TO NOON

Refreshments will be provided in the Village Hall.

Litter Bags & Pickers will be provided.

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Don't forget to bring your gloves!

for further details please check the Writhlington Action Group facebook page and express your interest, or contact micro41redwine@gmail.com for further information.



ANNA SABINE MP

A Christmas, Card Competition

Could you design Anna Sabine's official Christmas card, on the theme of Christmas in the West Country? This competition is open to all primary school children.

CLOSES ON 1ST NOVEMBER 2024

Send all submissions to anna.sabine.mp@parliament.uk or Anna Sabine MP, House of Commons London SW1A 0AA



WRITHLINGTON FLOWER SHOW

AUTUMN QUIZ NIGHT



SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER
AT WRITHLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

FUN NIGHT FOR ALL

DOORS OPEN AT 7.00pm FOR 7.30 START
£7 PER PERSON. All Teams Welcome.
EVENING TO INCLUDE SUPPER
TEA'S COFFEE'S WILL BE AVAILABLE
WELCOME TO BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

All proceeds go towards Funding the Writhlington Flower Show 2025. PLEASE BOOK YOUR TEAM or for more information contact Mr R Langley 07970 708216, and Mrs H Gulliford 01761 420417.

Christmas Art Trail




Make a piece of Art for the Christmas Art Trail in shop windows

The theme is Christmas Shopping & Gifts



Take completed work to Unit 14, South Road, MSN
01761 419133 contact.manager@mnct.co.uk 07903951168

Deadline for entries **Monday 25th November**
Trail 28 November to 28 December



MIDSOMER NORTON CHRISTMAS

TREE LIGHT SWITCH ON AND MARKET

LIVE MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT	ART TRAIL	SANTA'S GROTTTO
FOOD & DRINK	LATE NIGHT SHOPPING	MARKET STALLS

THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER
5.00 PM-7.30 PM
MIDSOMER NORTON HIGH STREET







RTFC

FIREWORK NIGHT

FRIDAY 25TH OCTOBER 7.30

**£6 PER PERSON
OR A FAMILY OF 2 ADULTS 2 KIDS £20**

**MUSIC BY SOUL D OUT IN CLUBHOUSE
GATES AND BAR OPEN 5.30
VARIOUS STALLS AROUND THE GROUND**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 01761 433486
OR SPEAK TO DANIELLE AT THE CLUB**

Children's Occupational Therapy Advice Line

NHS
Royal United Hospitals Bath
NHS Foundation Trust

Do you have any questions about a child or young person's ability to carry out daily tasks and activities?



01225 82 6659

The first and second Tuesday of each month.
2pm – 4pm

Our Advice Line is open to Parents / Carers, Schools, Nursery and Healthcare professionals of children who have a **BANES GP**

If the child is already on our Waiting List or is known to BANES OT Service, and you would like to speak to a member of the Occupational Therapy team, please contact 01225 82 4220.

The RUH, where you matter

HALF TERM FUN AT BROOKERSWOOD HOLIDAY PARK

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

29TH & 31ST OCT
Axe Throwing & Archery @ 10:30

29TH & 31ST OCT
Canoeing @ 12:30

BOOK NOW
www.wolt.org.uk

A day of woodland fun!

HOLIDAY CLUB

£35pp 8+

www.wolt.org.uk
To book or for more info

Drop off @ 09:30 Collect @ 15:30

28th Oct & 31st Oct

Roundwood, the woods opposite Brokerswood Holiday Park BA13 4LH

Visit www.wolt.org.uk for more details and to book.

Best days are WOLT days!

Wednesday 30th October

Adults £30
Children 5-10 £10

09:30-15:30

located in Roundwood (opposite Brokerswood Holiday Park)

For info or to visit book www.wolt.org.uk

SEN ROUNDWOOD FAMILY ACTIVITY DAY

TUESDAY 29TH OCT ROUNDWOOD

(OPPOSITE BROOKERSWOOD HOLIDAY PARK, BA114EH)

09:30-12:00
12:45-15:15

£10 FOR 1 ADULT, 1 CHILD (5+)
£10 FOR EVERY EXTRA ADULT OR CHILD

BOOK NOW
WWW.WOLT.ORG.UK

HALF TERM AVAILABILITY

LASER TAG SESSIONS

Sunday 27th Oct @ 11.00, 14.00
Wednesday 30th Oct @ 11.00, 14.00
Friday 1st Nov @ 11.00, 14.00
Saturday 2nd Nov @ 11.00

BOOK NOW
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HOT DRINKS & SLUSHIES Available @ 11.00

WHY NOT GRAB SOME CIDER TO GO!

CLIMBING ADVENTURE DAY

WEDNESDAY 30TH OCTOBER

Meet Sainsbury's Odd Down, Bath, BA2 5RF

9:00 - 16:00
Age 9 - 14

- Minibus travel to Location
- Rock climbing adventure day
- Absel/climb
- Climbing skills
- Movement on rock
- Adventure and play along the way
- All safety kit provided
- Fully insured and qualified instructors
- Hot drink provided, bring your own packed lunch
- Activities will be adapted to suit weather conditions

BOOKINGS
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