



Newsletter – Issue 5 – 14/02/2025

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This term's Christian Value is Perseverance:

'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.' Philippians 4.13

THANK YOU

...to all of our community for the kind comments, emails, gifts, cards and smiles following our rigorous OFSTED inspection the penultimate week before Christmas. It certainly was a busy time! The report is now published on the OFSTED website (St Mary's OFSTED Report).

Some of the staff's highlights are;

Term dates

February 2025

- 24th Inset Day
25th Start of Term 4
27th Year 4 Bristol Museum

March 2025

- 3rd-7th Mr B's Book Fayre 3.15 pm
3rd Year 6 BRSLI trip (Bath)
4th Year 3 Roman Baths
5th Year 1 Radstock Museum trip
5th Bedtime Stories
6th Reading cafe
18th Parents Evening
19th Parents Evening
25th Dance Umbrella @ Bath Forum
31st Year 5 Shepton Mallet Prison

April 2025

- 4th End of term at 2.30pm

St Mary's Stars

Little Acorns: Faith, Oscar, Bella-Rosen and iris.

Little Oaks: Anaya, Kasper and Rumi

Class 1: Eric, Frankie, Wilf, George and Maisie.

Class 2: Thea, Saffia and Kelston.

Class 3: Imogen, Oliver Emily and Ezra.

Class 4: Lily, Delilah, Anna and Oliver H.

Class 5: Reuben, Maddie, Otis, Lexi, Zachary and Amelia.

Class 6: Efa, Kara, Tommy and Lily.

Pen License Awards: Noa

Librarian Awards: Efa and Erin.

Millionaire Pins: Eleanor and Erinn

Other Achievers: So many children take part in sports, music and other activities outside school - we are

Term dates

Advance notice for Term 5:

April 2025

- 22nd Start of Term 5
29th Class photos

May 2025

- 5th Bank Holiday
12th SATS week
23rd Inspiring People Day
23rd End of term 5



very proud when we share their achievements and perseverance in Friday's Assemblies. Well done all!!!



Arthur has achieved his Level 2 swimming – well done Arthur.

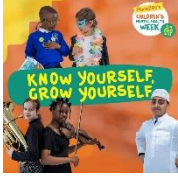
Skye for an incredible weekend taking part in a gymnastics competition where she was awarded silver for her floor routine, Gold for her vault and then went on to win Gold overall. On top of this she then achieved her level 5 swimming certificate – well done Skye.





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Mental Health



February 3rd to 9th February was Children's Mental Health Week. We have spent time this term considering, as a staff, what we already do to support children's mental health and mental wellness at St Mary's and of course any areas to improve.

- Use of the Colour Monster in classes with children to support language around understanding emotions
- Our Jigsaw PHSE Curriculum where topics include mental health and well being
 - Use of Forest School and school grounds – being in nature
 - Specific activities in classes to meet the needs of groups of children
- Using our Christian Values to explore feeling and values e.g. kindness, perseverance, respect
 - Creation of a quiet space in the library at lunch times
 - Referrals (when necessary) to Banes Mental Health Team
 - THRIVE support in school for whole classes, parents and individuals
 - Building strong relationships with children and pupil conferencing
 - SHEU surveys to gauge all aspects of wellbeing in children in Key Stage 2
- School Nurse referrals e.g. to encourage good sleep behaviours (we know that sleep deprivation can cause poor mental health)

Over the next few weeks an action plan will be drawn up with our next steps to continue our drive forward with this important element of pupils personal development.

It is clear that we must all work together to ensure children (and ourselves) understand and practice being mentally healthy.

On our website (link below) we have suggested webpages and signposting for agencies should parents or young people believe they need additional support and we would also encourage anyone to come and speak to us, should you want further ideas.

[Mental Health and Well Being at St Mary's](#)

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 11th was Safer Internet Day.

This is an important day to focus on the importance of staying safe online and the wellbeing of children. This year's theme is: 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.'

Monday morning's assembly was based on this theme to introduce it for the week. Then, in classes children created posters linked to 'Safer Internet Day'. Poster reminded all children to be safe online will be displayed in the Linkway.

Wrap- Around- Care Update updates

Our after school Wrap- Around- Care Hubs have been a huge success. Along with our established Breakfast Club, this has enabled us to provide a warm and welcoming environment for children before and after school.

Important Note: when booking your child a space for Hub 1 or Hub 2, please ensure you have selected your chosen days. If you do not select a specific day the booking is not secured and we are unable to see your booking.

World Book Day



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We would like to give parents advanced notice that this year we will **not** be dressing up for World Book Day. Our focus will be on reading and the importance of this. All children will be carrying out book and story related activities in class and we will be launching our reading competition.

Please do let us know if you would like to come and read a story to a class!!!!

Book Tokens: your child has already been given a book token to bring home this week which they can exchange at participating book shops until the 23rd March 2025.

Book Fayre

Exciting news. Mr B's Emporium Bookshop will be visiting school 3rd – 7th March. There will be a range of books available for children and parents to purchase and for every book sold the school benefits - cash only please.

Books will be on sale at the end of the school day at 3.15pm.



Bedtime Stories

We are excited to remind parents that our popular 'Bedtime Story Evening' will take place Wednesday, 5th March. Children are invited to return back to school at 5.30pm and stay until 6.30pm, dressed in pyjamas and slippers and armed with their bedtime teddy, cosy blanket (optional) and a mug for bedtime hot chocolate.

The purpose of the event is to reinforce the importance of reading and to share in the fun and enjoyment of reading a good book before bed!

The teachers will be sharing their favourite stories and leading some book related activities.

Please note: **ALL** children must be collected from bedtime stories.

Reading Café

SAVE THE DATE: we shall be hosting a Reading Café on Thursday 6th March at 3.15pm for parents and pupils of all year groups. More details to follow.....

PTFA News

EVERYONE is invited to a PTFA meeting at school on Friday 28th February, 9am.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and plan upcoming events.

ALL parents are welcome to attend – even Grandparents or other family members.

Attending meetings or getting involved in any way is an excellent opportunity to connect with other parents, and learn about school initiatives and upcoming events.

We value your input as we work together to create a positive and supportive environment for our students. Your involvement truly makes a difference!



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Communication Protocol

Previously we have circulated our Communication Protocol. The purpose of this document is to set out expectations for how school and home can successfully communicate, to ensure the best partnership of support for each child's learning. On-going research continues to demonstrate the vitally important role parents/carers play in the education of their child.

Why partnership and good communication is important to us all:

At St Mary's C of E Primary School and Nursery, we believe:

- that every child is entitled to the best learning opportunity and we are committed to working in partnership with parents/carers to deliver this.
 - that the child is the most important consideration of any conversation
- that a three way process of communication between the child, home and school is essential for all children thrive and flourish
 - that all communication should be open, accessible, timely, respectful and appropriate
- that communication is about more than information exchange: it is about the development of positive relationships
 - that communication involves active listening
- when parents/carers understand what a school is aiming to achieve and work with the school to achieve this, they are able to help their own children more.

Generally speaking, we would always recommend that you discuss any issues, worries or concerns with your child's class teacher in the first instance, as this will be the person who will know you and your child best. Equally when things have gone particularly well, it is lovely to hear about it.

We understand the benefits of a positive class parent Whatsapp group, however the most **accurate** information can always be gained from contacting the school directly. This can be done in a number of ways: Dojo, email, phone calls to the office, speaking to staff at the beginning and end of the day.

We have set out below the staff who we believe will be best placed to respond to various types of enquiry:

Type of Query	Member of Staff to contact
Any issue relating specifically to your child (eg learning, behaviour, equipment, timetable)	Your child's class teacher
If you feel that any issue, as described above, has not been resolved or you need more advice following these discussions, please follow these stages:	Key Stage Leader: Miss Golden – Key Stage 2 Mrs Roberts – Key Stage 1 Miss Hamblin – Early Years
Safeguarding/ Child Protection	Ms Lampert/Miss Hamblin
Curriculum/ Whole School Pupil enquiries	Ms Lampert, Miss Golden/Mrs Roberts/Miss Hamblin
Finance, Health and Safety or Payments	Mrs Fenton
Administration, to include letters and school meals	Mrs Jenkins
Breakfast Club & After School Club	Ms Lampert, Mrs Fenton
Admissions	Ms Lampert, Mrs Fenton
We always try to resolve any concerns at the earliest opportunity. If you do not feel satisfied with a response that you have been provided with please see our Complaints Policy or contact:	Ms Lampert, Headteacher



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Little Acorns

This term, Little Acorns have been learning all about Dinosaurs!

On the last week of term, we all made dinosaur biscuits together. We learnt how to weigh out ingredients, how to follow a recipe, how to roll out the dough and how to use the cutters to make dinosaur shapes. We learnt lots of new vocabulary and we discussed the changes made when placing the biscuits in the oven. Once the biscuits were cooked and they had cooled down, we all took them home to eat!



We also painted some wonderful Dinosaurs, take a look at our designs.....

Little Oaks

Little Oaks had a fabulous time when the children and their specially invited teddies really enjoyed their teddy bears picnic- lots of yummy treats to share and lots of lovely manners from Little Oaks (and the teddies)



Class 1

In Class 1 this term, we have been using mapping skills around the school and school grounds. We learnt about aerial photos and made an aerial plan - messy map - of our classroom. We also went outside with a compass and worked out where North, South, East and West were. Someone suggested we said Never, Eat, Soggy, Waffles to help us remember the order of the compass directions. Great idea.



We have also been using The Gruffalo to inspire our learning and we have made these amazing Gruffalo puppets... And it's always a highlight of the school year - The Gruffalo tea party...



Class 2

We have had a wonderful Term 3 in Class 2! We have had lots of exciting, hands on experiences such as our trip to SS Great Britain where the children got to explore the ship and take part in recreating events that happened in 1845! We have also been working hard to learn about Florence Nightingale and why she was so important for modern medicine today





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Class 3

What a busy term for Class 3. We have been creating Picasso abstract art portraits as art lesson. We also visited Ammerdown and the local areas to help us develop our mapping skills by sketching our own maps.

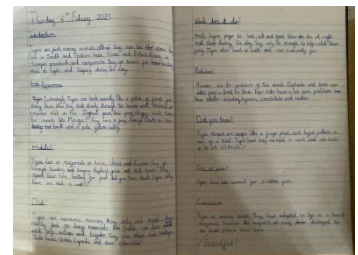


Class 3 also took part in Voices for Life, this involved ten weekly singing and activity sessions with professionals in school followed by a performance at the Bath Abbey. What an amazing experience and how proud we were of Class 3 as they sang alongside other local schools as one choir. They even made it onto BBC Newsround!

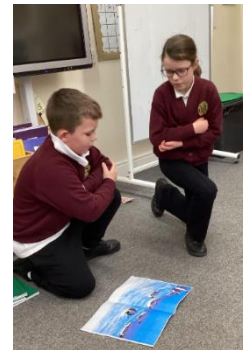


Class 4

Class 4 have enjoying the book 'The Emperor's Egg' and wrote our own non-chronological reports about our own animals. We also applied our learning of electricity in Science to our DT unit and designed our own torches. Fantastic!



In Science we have also been exploring water temperature and how quickly chocolate melts in different temperatures.





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Class 5

What a fantastic term! Class 5 have been busy making lanterns, learning to use six-figure grid references in Geography and plotting routes, recreating abstract art inspired by Peter Thorpe, and writing impressive science fiction narratives based on an alien landing. They have also been researching the planets and our solar system! The children have thoroughly enjoyed sharing their extensive knowledge with the class.



Class 6

This term in Class 6, we've explored a variety of exciting topics across different subjects. In History, we delved into the Victorian era, learning about the key events and the impact of their inventions on modern society. In Science, we investigated the fascinating concept of light, exploring how it travels, reflects, and refracts in different materials. In art, inspired by the book Cogheart, we enjoyed creating our own mechanical animals, blending imagination with creativity to design creatures that could exist in a steampunk world.



Mental Health Week

As part of Mental Health Week, pupils have been spending time Mrs Evans learning to crochet worry worms. These are helpful for both fidgeting with when feeling overwhelmed but, also to experience how crochet can be used as an effective calming activity.





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Community Notices:

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

Family Holiday Activities at Wells Cathedral

Medieval Masterpieces

17, 18, and 19 February 2025

Discover highlights of Wells Cathedral and make souvenirs to take home!

Monday 17: Wonderful Windows Take inspiration from the beautiful Cathedral windows to make your own artwork.

Tuesday 18: Cosmic Clock Experience the wonders of Wells Cathedral's Astronomical Clock and make a souvenir of your visit.

Wednesday 19: Clay Creations Explore the Cathedral carvings in wood and stone, then make a clay boss to take home.

FREE with adult entry.
No need to book – simply drop in on the day!

Sessions in the Education Room / Wells Cathedral
10.30am–3.30pm

There is no charge for children. Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase, so you can enjoy access to a number of seasonal events, including exhibitions and Family Holiday Activities beyond your initial visit. Only restaurant dogs are allowed at this activity.

Wells Cathedral Regency Office Number: 01279 999999

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- Walk & Talk
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This Session Is For You!

Qualified Running Coach and Mental Health First Aider On Hand At Every Session!

Every Other Week From
Thursday 6th February

Odd Down Sports Centre

Meet From 10am
Exercise From 10:30 - 11:30

NO REGRETS RUNNING

hcrq Care Group

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JOIN NOW <https://forms.gle/SKWUj3SNBUTkLqGS8>

Old Printworks Arts Radstock

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What's On

24 February - 4 April

Monday	9.30am	M/Others Landscape Painting
Wednesday	9.30am	M/Others Printmaking
	10am	MEN(D) Practical meet up for men
Thursday	3.30pm	Creative Kids Club After school crafting

AUTOMATION WEEK
POP-UP ROBOT LABS
4 - 7 March

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DEMO DAY
2025

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Come and try one at our demo day in Bath

Explore a wide range of e-bikes from top brands like Riese & Müller, Tern, Tenways, Jorvik, Velo de Ville, ARCC, Estrali, Benno, and more. Brand experts will be there to answer all your questions and guide you in choosing the right bike.

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Odd Down Cycle Track, Bath
Sunday, 27th April

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SASS Community Choir
for all autistic young people and their families in B&NES





Led by Tim Parker
The SASS team are excited to be working with Tim and WEMA for our new community choir!

Dates (Wednesdays)
December 18th
January 29th
March 12th
April 30th
June 11th
July 2nd

Venue
Fosse Way School
Longfellow Road
Radstock BA3 3AL
(Parking available)

Time
4pm - 5pm
All ages

Come for as much or as little of the session as you would like!

The SASS team are starting a choir for autistic young people and their families including siblings, parents/carers and grandparents..
All are welcome!

Music provides a unique way to connect with others with singing having many health and wellbeing benefits. Let's enjoy some singing together within a fun, friendly and supportive environment!

Parents/carers will also have the opportunity to meet with members of the SASS team for general advice and support during the session.
A £1 voluntary donation per family is invited.

For more information contact: sass@fossewayschool.com - 01761 412198 Ext 1

Arts & Crafts
Music
Cakes
Sweets & Treats
Soft play
Bouncy Castle

FUN ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND PARENTS TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE CARERS' CENTRE.

Family Fun Day
BATHALF TEAM FUNDRAISER

Carers' Centre
BATHALF

Amazing Raffle Prizes to be won!

SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY
12-3PM
THE CARERS' CENTRE,
LOWER BRISTOL ROAD, BATH

HALF TERM FAMILY ACTIVITIES

CERAMICS
and
Fashion Museum Engagement
Pop-up with Pizza!



Wednesday 19 February
10 - 12pm / 1 - 3pm

Everyone is welcome. Drop in sessions.
13 years and under must be accompanied by an adult

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