



# St Mary's C of E Primary School & Nursery

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## Newsletter – Issue 12 – 12/07/2024

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 Truth and Truthfulness

**'Tell the truth to each other.'**  
**Zechariah 8.16**

#### **July 2024**

17<sup>th</sup> End of Term for pupils **2.30pm**  
18<sup>th</sup> Inset day  
19<sup>th</sup> Inset day

#### **September 2024**

2<sup>rd</sup> Inset Day 1  
3<sup>rd</sup> Start of Term 1 for pupils  
10<sup>th</sup> Individual School photographs  
11<sup>th</sup> Little Oaks parents meeting 6pm  
24<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Visit to Parliament  
27<sup>th</sup> Years 5 and 6 Literacy Event in Bath

#### **October 2024**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reception and year 1 Literacy Event  
at The Assembly Rooms

### **A Message from Ms Lampert**

As we approach the end of another academic year, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support throughout the year. Your dedication, understanding, and involvement have been instrumental in making this year a successful and enriching experience for our children.

### **Support and Engagement**

Your active participation in school events, parent-teacher meetings, and various activities has fostered a strong sense of community and collaboration. It is this partnership between home and school that ensures our pupils thrive both academically and personally.

### **Achievements and Milestones**

We have celebrated numerous achievements and milestones this year, from academic successes to extracurricular accomplishments. These moments of joy and pride are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our children, supported by their families and our committed staff.

### **Looking Ahead**

As we look forward to the next academic year, I am excited about the opportunities and possibilities that lie ahead. Together, we will continue to build on our successes, overcome any challenges, and strive to provide the best possible education for our pupils.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and partnership. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming you back in the new school year.



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### St Mary's Stars

**Little Acorns:** Sadie, Rumi, Matilda-Rose, Bella-Rose and Leo.

**Little Oaks:** Bowen, Ophelia, Grace and Maisie.

**Class 1:** Harley, Zara, Rueben and Daisy.

**Class 2:** Ayden, Ezra and Oliver.

**Class 3:** Jacob, Millie, Freddie, Eleanor, Nova and Anna.

**Class 4:** Amelia, Iris, Lexi and Priya.

**Class 5:** Poppy, Seb, Erin and Esmé.

**Class 6:** Leia, Jayden, Niamh and All of Year 6.

**Breakfast Club Achievers:** Billie-Rose and Saffia.

**100,000 Word Achievers:** Noa

**Other Achievers:** Mason for his help on Sports day.

Skye and Arthur for taking part in a sponsored walk for Elias - They walked from Writhlington to Midsomer Norton and back and raised £210 !

### Staff Changes

As we break up for summer, we say goodbye to Mrs Lock who has been a key member of the St Mary's team for the past 16 years. Many of you will know Mrs Lock as our Class 1 Teaching Assistant but she has taken on several roles during her time at St Mary's and has worked alongside pupils in all classes.

We wish her all the best in her new ventures and thank her for all she has done for the school over the years.

### St Mary's Got Talent and Ping-Pong-a-Thon.

Thank you to everyone who supported St Mary's Got Talent and our Ping-Pong-a-Thon to raise funds for Elias and his family whilst he battles a very serious illness.

Staff kept the ping pong bouncing from dawn to dusk cheered on by the pupils. The pupils shone on the St Mary's stage by showcasing their amazing talents. All of the acts were worthy of a prize but the audience and judges decision was final and the over all winners announced – well done Maddie and Layla!



On behalf of Elias and his family we would like to thank you for your generosity which raised a staggering

**£705!**





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### Summer Fayre and Family Picnic.



What a successful event! The weather stayed on our side to bring the St Mary's community together for an afternoon of fun. Well done to all our competition winners and to Olivia who won the paddling pool full of summer fun !



With the help of local businesses, pupils, parents, family members, friends and staff, we raised total of

# £1500!

Proceeds will be paid into the PTA fund to benefit the pupils.



### Sports Day

It was wonderful to see parents and family members in school, supporting children in their sporting event. Well done to everyone involved in what was a wonderful day in our school community.



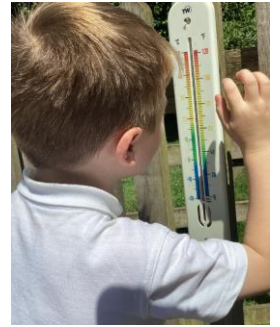


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Writhlington Tennis Tournament

Well done to Felicity, Skye, Jack and Milo who represented St Mary's by participating in a Tennis Tournament at Writhlington Sports Centre. You made us all very proud with your dedication and impressive tennis skills.



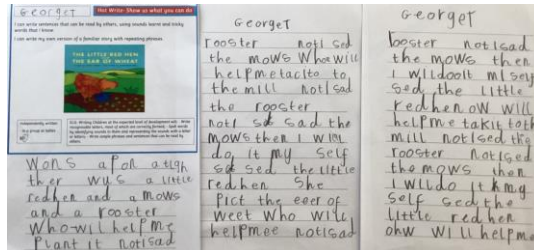
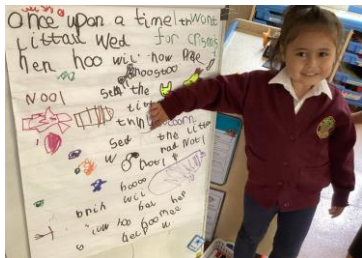
Little Oaks

Phew what a scorcher!

Reception wanted to cool down during the hot weather and had to work together to see if they could fill up our rock pool from our water tray. Can you see how they did it?

We also took notice of what the temperature was inside and outside. Why do you think it was higher when we looked at the outside thermometer?

Little Oaks have also drawn story maps for the Little Red Hen and then wrote their own version of the story. Here's one that's still in the process of being written! We can't wait to read how it ends!



Longleat

Little Oaks enjoyed a sunny day out at Longleat – funded by the Rotary Club Kid's Day Out scheme.

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed visiting and learning about the meerkats, crocodiles, parrots, monkeys and many more. Following the trip we received the following message from the Rotary Club – well done Little oaks, we are all very proud of you.

"I was privileged in escorting the coach taking your children to Kids Out Longleat yesterday, 12 June 2024 on behalf of Somer Valley Rotary Club.

Most importantly your children were polite, well behaved and a credit to your school. I hope they all enjoyed the experience"





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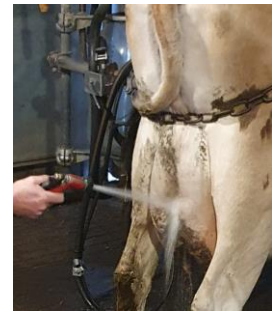


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Class 1 went on an excellent trip to Stowford Manor Farm. We saw lots of animals, watched cows being washed and milked, collected eggs, fed the pigs, made flour and butter produced on the farm that we used for scones and had a fun tractor ride. Some of the children said it was the 'best day ever'. They had so much fun, a few fell asleep on the coach on the short trip back to school. What a great day



### Year 2

Class 2 had a wonderful day visiting Bristol Aquarium, as part of our topic 'Commotion in the Ocean'. We found out lots of facts and information about all the different sea creatures that live there, including, sharks, lobsters, stingray and seahorses. Pupils were engaged, enthusiastic and extremely knowledgeable about sea life.





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Class 3 have been very busy this Term! In English they have been learning the features of writing a play scrip and acting them out. In DT they have been designing and making carnival masks with moving mechanisms. Pupils have also enjoyed creating their own PowerPoints in ICT organising and structuring information, creating a consistent format, and provide the audience with visuals.



Class 3 have also participated in BANES Scooter Training - a practical lesson where all children had the opportunity to develop their knowledge and skills learning through fun and games.



### Year 4



As part of their 'Coastal Erosion' Geography topic, Class 4 enjoyed a sunny day at Durdle Door and Lulworth Cove. Pupils were able to see for themselves the arch of Durdle Door and the effects of natural erosion on the environment.

In Science, Class 4 made the human digestive system, exploring how our body digests food.





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In Maths, Class 5 have been busy converting units of measurement. Pupils had fun in their learning by measuring objects around the school including their teacher!



### Year 6

Year 6 worked with an artist to create images using cyanotype printing – printing using the sun. They were given the title 'Creatures of the Forest' and drew images of different woodland creatures and people then printed them on to material.

They will be displayed in an art exhibition at 'The Forest of Imagination' in Bath at the end of this month. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the morning and can't wait to see them on display!



### Leavers Worship

Parents of our fabulous Year 6 class are cordially invited to our Leavers Worship on the last day of the Summer Term at 9.15am, Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

As the children leave school, for the last time, at the end of the day, all of the children from the school will make an arch on the playground to say their final goodbye's. Parents, Carers and friends of the school are welcome to come and join us

**We wish all of our Year 6 Leavers well for their next adventure in life.  
Good luck in secondary school – it has been pleasure to watch you grow and learn.**



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### Wind In The Willows



We are incredibly proud of our Year 5 and 6 pupils for their showstopping performances of Wind In the Willows.



A huge thankyou to everyone who made this happen and allowed the children to shine – staff, parents and most of all the actors themselves. We have received several comments from members of the audience who thoroughly enjoyed the show!



### School Lunches

**Please can we ask for all lunch orders for the first week back be ordered by midnight on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024.**

We are pleased to inform you St John's Foundation will again be funding school dinners for the foreseeable future, therefore EVERY pupil in Years Reception through to Year 6 are entitled to a school dinner free of charge.

Orders must be placed by midnight Wednesday for the following week – if no order is placed, you will be required to provide your child with a packed lunch.

The current menu is now on Parent Pay through to the October holiday so you may book the whole term in advance should you wish.





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### School Absence and Penalties.

We bring to your attention, the DfE have produced a new National Framework for Penalty Notices for school absences when a child has missed 10 or more sessions (5 days) for unauthorised reasons.

- From 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024, the fine for school absences across the country will rise to **£80 if paid within 21 days, or £160 if paid within 28 days.**
- In the case of repeated fines, if a parent receives a second fine for the same child within any three-year period, this will be charged at the higher rate of £160.
- Fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other action like a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.
- If you're prosecuted and attend court because your child hasn't been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500.

### Nursery Spaces

If you or anyone you know is interested in booking a space in our Nursery, please be advised spaces are booking fast for the academic years 2024-2025 **AND** 2025-2026

www.stmaryswrithlington.co.uk

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

Bookings are now being taken for 2024 AND 2025

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ST MARY'S SCHOOL  
WRITHLINGTON

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!



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### Community Notices:

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

Writhlington Village Hall

## Companion Dog Show

**Sunday 28th July 2024**

Entries taken at 9am Judging starts 10am  
Kennel club licensed  
JUDGE: Peter Harvey (GDRANNUS)



There will be 5 Pedigree classes and 11 Novelty classes plus a lunch time puppy walk.

Rosettes to 6th place and 6 trophies up for grabs.

Plus, we will have Stalls for the shoppers.

Refreshments and toilet facilities on site

Writhlington Village Hall, Radstock, BA3 3NF  
Registered charity No.217015  
Email: writhlingtonvillagehall.org.uk  
Contact for show; Tracey Dindorp 07733895625.  
Or Mr Toney Bray on 01761 434778

## Writhlington Flower Show

135<sup>th</sup> Flower Show Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2024

### New 2024 Schedules Now Available

If you have made it or grown it we would love to see it

Classes for adults and children

You can find us on our Writhlington Flower Show Facebook page.

Now available here or contact Chairman Mr R Langley 07970708216 or Secretary Mrs H Gulliford 01761420417

## Bath Area Play Project FAMILY Playdays 2024

12-3 pm  
24th JULY - 15th AUGUST

Inclusive & SEND Friendly

We are very Grateful for Financial Support From Town & Parish Councils & The Ludlow Trust

Families with children aged 5 to 11 years (younger ones welcome!)

Team Games

Active Play with FOOTBALL COACHES

Construction Fun

Messy, Sensory & Creative Play

Inflatables

Play is the best way to learn and discover new things!

Play Out Wild

JOIN IN A SUMMER OF FUN FOR CHILDREN & PARENTS

Activities include: Messy & Sensory Play, Construction, Clay, Football Coaches @ Inflatables, Hoopla, Smoothies... and Much More!

Playdays are 'More Fun Than the Whole of Summer'!

Come & have fun together with the fantastic BAPP Playdays!

DONATE

Bath Area Play Project

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<b>Monday - Thursday 12-3pm</b>	<b>Week 1 - Space</b> Weds 24th July Beacon Field, Peasedown St John BA2 8SN Thurs 25th July Whiteway Green, Bath BA2 1PB	<b>Week 2 - Pirates</b> Mon 29th July - Southfields, Radstock BA3 3NZ Tues 30th July - Alice Park BA1 7BL Weds 31st July - Town Park, Midsomer Norton BA3 2UH Thurs 1st Aug - Play Out Wild, Broadmoor Lane, Newbridge BA1 4JY	<b>Week 3 - Superheroes</b> Mon 5th August Paulton Memorial Park BS39 7LW Tues 6th August Springfield Park, Meare Road, Foxhill BA2 5PP Weds 7th August National Playday, Pennyquick Park, Twerton BA2 1NW ("£3 entry per child") Thurs 8th August Play Out Wild, Entry Hill BA2 5NA	<b>Week 4 - Fantasy</b> Mon 12th Aug Kelston Road, Keynsham BS31 2JL Tues 13th Aug Norton Hill Rec, Westfield BA3 4AY Weds 14th Aug Roundhill, Mount Road, Southdown BA2 1LF Thurs 15th Aug Bloomfield Open Space, off WellsWay BA2 2AB
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**Please Note:**

- Parents: Stay close, supervise, or join in!
- Wear old clothes for messy play and water slide.
- Don't forget water bottles, sun cream, coats, and umbrellas.
- TOILETS: Only at near or near certain sites

**National Playday**  
£3 entry per child

Straw Bale Dens | Spin Painting | Archery | Swingboats | Messy Play | Drumming | Bungees | Construction | Scrap Adventure | Woodwork Adventure | Samba Band | Inflatable | Games | Chair/Planes | Ringworld

Pennyquick Park, Newton Road Bath BA2 1RW

**Limited Parking**  
Please walk, cycle or take a bus if you can

**Activities**

- Play Days: Messy, Sensory, Creative play; Bouncy castle, and Football.
- Play Out Wild: Nature-based play, Den building, rope activities, and mud play.

**Love Outdoor Play**  
Care Group

Bath Area Play Project

**WINST! THESE ARE FREE AND REALLY APPRECIATE DONATIONS OF £2/3 PER CHILD PER DAY**

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### COME AND JOIN US AT NORTON RADSTOCK SWIMMING CLUB

A friendly and inclusive Swim England affiliated club.

**JOIN OUR CLUB...**  
DOWNSIDE SCHOOL, STRATTON-ON-THE-FOSSE

Open to all swimmers that have reached Swim England's Learn to Swim Stage 7 that want to swim for fitness, wellbeing or competition.



SCAN ME TO REQUEST A TRIAL

For more information or to request a trial visit [nrsc.org.uk](http://nrsc.org.uk)





### FREE family cycle training

For all the Family

This Summer B&NES Council is pleased to offer free family cycle training in Midsomer Norton at Free Rangers Forest School Nursery.

This one to one course is designed to instruct the lead family member how to shepherd the group with road safety tactics. It also aims to improve children's cycle skills and road awareness while having fun with parents! The first hour will introduce basic cycle skills and will take place under a barn. Then, the group will have activities on a cycle lane and carefully selected local junctions under guidance of our instructor.



For all the Family

There is no minimum age but to attend this course, all riders must be able to ride a bike (set off, pedal, slow down and stop). If required, we can offer bike & helmet loans free of charge.



To see available dates and book a space, scan the QR code or email: [bikeability@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:bikeability@bathnes.gov.uk)

Bath & North East Somerset Council  
Improving People's Lives

### Summer Reading Challenge 2024

Delivered in partnership with libraries

## Marvellous Makers



THE READING AGENCY Celebrating creativity CREATE!

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The Summer Reading Challenge is a FREE holiday activity for children aged 4 - 11, so visit Midsomer Norton Library to:

-  Join the library, it's free!
-  Sign up to take part in the challenge
-  Enjoy our FREE Summer Reading Challenge Craft Events

Just pop in to your local library or sign up at: [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

Find out more online!



Ready to Read-Latest News

### THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's **Summer Reading Challenge**. Sign up for FREE at your local library!

**What is the Summer Reading Challenge?**

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's completely FREE to take part.

It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence – last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.<sup>1</sup>

**Why should my child sign up?**

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](http://The Reading Agency) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](http://public library network).

**How can my child take part? (Library OR online)**

**In the library.** Visit your local library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read any books, eBooks and audiobooks.
- Receive a Challenge poster and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

**Online.** Take part online at [summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

- Sign up on the [official Challenge website](http://official Challenge website).
- Set a reading goal and get book recommendations and tips.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

**When?**

The Challenge will launch on **13<sup>th</sup> July**, in **Radstock Library**. Unsure where your closest library is? Use the [Library Finder](http://Library Finder) to check.

**Want to know more?**

- Find out more about the importance of reading and its impact on children's success [here](http://here).
- Visit the [official Summer Reading Challenge website](http://official Summer Reading Challenge website) for free activities, videos, book recommendations and more.
- Keep up-to-date and be in the know when we launch competitions by following [@SummerReadingChallengeUK on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SummerReadingChallengeUK)

**Keeeeeeeeeeeeeep Reading!**