



St Mary's CofE Primary School

"I can do all things"

Living Together, Learning Forever, Loving God's Creation

Friday 24th May 2024

Newsletter 15

Our core Christian Values: Compassion, Koinonia (Community), Courage, Creativity, Service, Truthfulness

Key Dates for Summer

We have lots of events happening in term 6!



Whole School Events

- Sports Day: 26th June -9-12pm (followed by a picnic lunch on the field)
- Summer Fayre: 12th July from 2pm

Sporting Events

- KS2 Girls Football Match: 5th June - 3:45pm
- KS2 Cricket Festival (with Trinity): 19th June - 3:45pm

Year Group Events

- Hedgehogs leavers party: 17th July - PM time tbc
- Reception Parent Workshop: 12th June -9am
- New Reception Parents meeting: 14th June- 5:30pm
- Year 1 Parent Workshop: 2nd July - 9 am
- Year 2 Parent Workshop: 3rd July - PM
- Year 3 Parent Workshop: 25th June - PM
- Year 4 Class Assembly and Parent Workshop: 27th June - 9am
- Year 5 and 6 Parent Workshop: 14th June - 9 am
- Year 6 performance: 12th July at 6pm
- Year 6 performance: 13th July at 2pm
- Year 6 leavers service: 21st July at 9:30am

School Trips

- Reception and Year 1 - Noah's Ark Zoo: 19th June
- Year 2 - SS Great Britain: 9th July
- Year 3 - Bristol Museum: 4th June
- Year 4 - Folly Farm: 12-13th June
- Year 6 - Bath Abbey and Georgian Bath: 13th June

Non-Uniform Days

- NSPCC Childhood Day (active clothes): 7th June
- Non-Uniform in exchange for bringing an item for summer fayre: 5th July

House Points Winners



Emerald & Ruby were drawing at the time of publishing the last newsletter. This term's winners are **RUBY RED** - they got to wear non uniform for the day!

Attendance Winners



Congratulations to **Foxes** Class for having 100% attendance over the last 2 weeks. Well Done!

Christian Values Awards



We are proud to celebrate St Mary's Christian Values. The following children have been recognised:

Service

Violet - Ducklings

Eco Team

The Eco Team are raising money to buy bat and badger houses for the forest school area, in an effort to increase the wildlife and biodiversity of our school environment. They will be selling ice lollies after school on Friday to help fundraise for this exciting project.

Eco Council News!

Headteacher's Award



Congratulations to all the children who received a Headteacher Award - keep up the great work!

Ducklings	Donald, Joey
Rabbits	Albie, Noah
Badgers	Luca, Liam
Foxes	Evie, Rafe
Lions	Rachel, Tavie
Eagles	Felix, Lily, Jack & Imogen



Outside Achievements



A mention to all the **Year 6** children who took part in their Level 1 and Level 2 Bikeability Course. It is always a popular couple of days and again such positive feedback from the instructors!

Ronnie was awarded 3 trophies for his footballing achievements, **Oscar** showed us his Rugby Award and **Martha** achieved a Certificate for her Archery skills. Well done to you all!



Hedgehogs



Class News:

We can not believe it is already the end of term. The last few weeks have flown by and we have been learning lots and having even more fun. We have enjoyed spending lots of time in our nursery garden (as always!) and the children have really enjoyed helping us give it a good clean ready for it to have a fresh coat of paint over the holidays. The children have also set up some wonderful games with the water play including 'The Hedgehog Car Wash' which involved some children setting up a washing station and the other children taking it in turns to ride their bikes through 'paying' £1 for a quick clean or £2 for a big wash!

The preschool children have really impressed us recently with their enthusiasm for our phonics games, they are all becoming so confident and are enjoying the games so much they have started to recreate many of the games we play with them during their free play.

This week we have been lucky enough to meet two real life goslings who visited Ducklings Class for the day. The children were very excited to meet them and noticed how big they were for just one month old but how fluffy they still looked.

We hope you have a wonderful break and hopefully get to enjoy some sunshine.

Mrs Harrison & Miss James



Ducklings



Class News:

What an exciting two weeks we've had in Duckling Class. We are working really hard to learn number bonds to 10 and a poem for Friday's whole school assembly. Thank you for all the practising you've been doing at home. In Maths, we've been sharing and grouping quantities equally. We finished the week by sharing a chocolate cake equally when we visited Forest School.

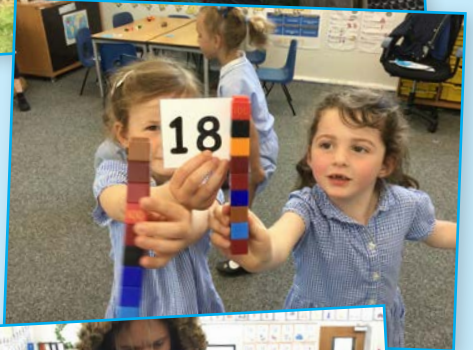
Our ball skills have really developed well. We've bounced, dribbled and thrown balls in various directions. We're working hard to catch the ball too!

We loved the chicks in class. We had lots of visitors last week also enjoying the baby chicks. We managed to hatch 22 chicks. Thank you Rosie's Mum in Year 1 for helping us have so much fun in our learning. This week we've enjoyed watching the goslings. But they were too big and noisy for the classroom, so they stayed outside.

We've been reading the "Odd Egg" this week and managed to write some great sentences. Did you know a crocodile hatches out of an egg!

Enjoy the half term break

Mrs Gillard & Mrs Munro



Rabbits



Class News:

I can't believe we are at the end of term 5 already!

In Maths, we have been learning about measurement. We have been learning about height, length, mass and volume. We have enjoyed comparing objects by describing their measurements. We have also been measuring objects using centimetres.

In RE, we have been learning all about *Judaism*. We have really enjoyed learning about the different festivals celebrated. We have been exploring the festivals of Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, Sukkot and Bat and Bar Mitzvah. Our favourite lesson so far has been trying the apples and honey typically eaten during Rosh Hashanah.

Finally, we really enjoyed our parent workshop where we got to share our writing of our innovated stories and our instructions. Rabbits Class had worked so hard on their writing this term so it was lovely to share it with parents. We also got to share our poem that we have been practising for **Poetry Day**. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to come.

Have a fantastic half term everyone.

Miss Tolfree

Badgers



Class News:

I can't believe it's the end of Term 5 already. I know I say it every term, but this one has really flown!

We have been learning how to tell the time over the last 2 weeks. It's a very challenging concept but the children have shown lots of resilience and determination. Most children are very confident with o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to but are struggling telling the time to 5 minutes so any additional practise over the holidays would be very useful.

We have finished our writing unit on instructions and what a brilliant job the children did! If anyone is struggling to get to sleep, just ask Badgers and we would be happy to help. Some of our top tips were: listen to calming music, make sure the room is really dark and make sure you have some snuggly pyjamas on!

We have been working hard this week to learn a poem off by heart ready to recite to the school on Friday. We have learnt 'The Morning Rush' by John Foster. We have been thinking carefully about how we say certain words like splish, splash, splosh and gobble to keep our audience entertained but still ensure the meaning is clear.

In Science, we are learning about plants and flowers and how different parts of a flower have different functions. Miss Heath said the class has shown real enthusiasm for this topic and are asking some very thought provoking questions.

Have a lovely restful break,

Mrs Newman



Foxes



Class News:

What an amazing Term 5 in Foxes Class!

We have been busy with lots of learning over the last two weeks of term.

During English, we have retold the first chapter man in first person. The children impressed me with their use of interesting words and application of subordinating conjunctions. We have also been learning our favourite poem off by heart ready to perform to the rest of the school on **Poetry Day**.

In Maths, we are feeling confident with adding and subtracting fractions. We have learnt that $1000g = 1kg$ and using this knowledge to solve Maths problems.

We have been learning about the different ways that plants distribute their seeds. We were amazed to discover there were so many ways and intrigued to discover that a coconut is one seed which floats on the sea to a different location to germinate in a new location. We also planted some marigold seeds and can't wait to see if they have

started to grow over the half term break.

In Geography, we have learnt about megacities in Europe and located them on a map. We have been learning about trade and were fascinated to discover that we import a lot of our fruit and vegetables from Spain. The children are beginning to understand import and export in the context of trade within Europe.

During Art, we have used Georgia O'Keefe as our inspiration for sketching a section of a flower and enlarging it to create a beautiful piece of abstract art.

This week, we were joined by our parents in PE where we were able to show our learning of ball control. We showed our family members how we have learned to catch the ball and throw it in different ways. We were delighted when they joined in with our learning, such a great afternoon.

Have a lovely half term.

Mrs Hayward



Lions



Class News:

Where has that term gone? The time really is flying by and as usual, the Lions are working incredibly hard and putting maximum effort into their learning.

In PE, we have been enjoying our weekly swimming lessons and the children are continuing to show incredible water confidence and are developing their swimming skills. Some of this is quite tricky, including the butterfly stroke and being able to tread water, but the Lions have been fantastic and the progress is clear to see.

In Maths, we have been working on perimeter and we have had to be really accurate with our addition and using our times tables to help us with the calculations. We also enjoyed having parents and family members join us for a workshop where we looked at times tables and played different games that required us to use our times tables facts.

I have been incredibly impressed by the Lion's recent piece of writing which has been based on the book 'Who Let the Gods Out'. We have been writing a balanced argument and the children have had to think really hard about how to present each side of the argument and the particular features needed in a piece of writing to ensure it is balanced, before they could give their own opinion at the end.

Finally, in Art, we have created our final paintings using various paint techniques to create objects that look 3D. We had to carefully create a composition and then bring in tint and tone to show the light and shadow in each object.

Well done for another fabulous term Lions - have a well deserved rest over half term!

Mrs Brown



Eagles



Class News:

First of all, well done to our Year 6 Eagles who did the most amazing job of tackling their SATs experience so positively and professionally. We are already very proud of them for how hard they have worked since Easter in our revision sessions and they entered this important week very well prepared and in a position to do the very best they could, which is all we could possibly ask. The SATs breakfasts each morning were certainly a hit and we had a lovely time at our celebration picnic on the field on Friday afternoon.

Our work in Music this term has been on the theme of *Film Music*. We have enjoyed watching Wallace and Gromit: A Close Shave, listening to the orchestral music in the background and identifying how the playing of the instruments is being matched to the storyline.

We then enjoyed composing and notating our own musical scores which we played along with the film with the sound turned down. Our compositions had to relate to different scenes with different emotions, such as danger, sadness or love.

In Art we have begun our unit of *photography and composition*. Over the past two weeks, Eagles have been exploring different ways of experimenting with photography. They have developed their photography skills by taking their own macro photos of pieces of fruit, experimenting with the different backdrops and editing options. We then moved on to assessing different composition choices by looking at the artist Hannah Hoch to create our own photomontages.

Mr Daniels & Miss Heath

Y6 SATs Breakfast

Year 6 enjoyed having a special SATs breakfast during SATs week. Thank you to all of the parents who donated on ParentPay to make the breakfasts hearty and memorable. They certainly did not sit the tests on empty tummies!



The Reading Lodge



We are planning on opening our fantastic new lodge on Tuesday 4th June.

Award-winning local author, **Jasbinder Bilan**, will be joining us for our official opening.

We are currently working with a local bookshop The Hunting Raven to be able to offer Jas' books for sale on the day. More details will follow over the half-term break.

Take a look at Jas' books on her website!

<https://www.jasbinderbilan.co.uk/>

WANTED - A NAME!

We have not yet decided on a name for the reading lodge, so please send any Timsbury-themed ideas into the office...

WANTED - A PHOTOGRAPHER!

Please get in touch if you are able to join us for the afternoon to be our 'official photographer' for the grand opening!

WANTED - A SEWING BEE!

We are looking to have some curtains made, for, yes, you guessed it, our new reading room! If you know of anyone with the skills we need, please point them in our direction!



Relationships and Sex Education

In case you missed the parent meeting on Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) this week, here are links to the resources:

SRE parent presentation:

<https://www.midsomernortonschoolpartnership.com/uploads/files/sre-for-parents.pdf>

A Guide for Parents and Carers on Sex and Relationship Education:

<https://www.midsomernortonschoolpartnership.com/uploads/files/rse-jigsaw.pdf>

Following the 'Jigsaw' scheme of learning, every child will be learning about SRE at an age appropriate level during term 6. Teachers will update you on Seesaw of the content of each lesson after it has been taught.

A note about safeguarding...

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, please contact the school to speak to our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Thomson, or our Deputy Safeguarding Leads, Mrs Parsons, Mrs Newman or Mrs Purnell.

The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.

During the school holidays if you have a concern about a child, please contact BANES Social Work Services

You can raise your concerns in any of the following ways:

- Call our Children's Social Work Services on 01225 39 61 11 or 01225 47 79 29 (weekdays, 8.30am to 5pm, except Fridays when we're closed from 4.30pm)
- Drop into the **Keynsham One Stop Shop** and ask for the duty children's social worker

- Discuss your concerns with someone who works with children and families:

- Health visitor
- School nurse
- Social worker
- Teacher

- **Out of office hours**

- If you think a child is in immediate danger please BANES Emergency Duty Team on 01454 61 51 65

Tell us immediately about any of the following and open the relevant option for details on how to report your concern:

- A child is suffering significant harm
- You want to protect a child from abuse or serious neglect
- You feel the child requires urgent or short-term care (acute services)

Or you can contact the NSPCC

NSPCC Contact Us

Now with more stalls for 2024....

TIMSBURY VILLAGE MARKET

9.30-11.30am
Saturday 25th May on the Conygre field

Delicious, high quality local produce

Seasonal vegetables

Garden plants

Coffee, chai & hot chocolate

Eggs & honey

Jams & chutneys

Sustainable cut flowers

Meat, cheese & savouries

Bread & cakes

Natural beauty & crafts

Vintage wares

...some stalls cash only

Coffee Van & pop-up cafe

...and the last Saturday each month until November 30th

the Village Market is organised by Grow Timsbury CIC no.10709916 www.growtimsbury.org.uk @growtimsbury

Screen-Free Bingo!

Help your kids mark off each space as they do these activities during Screen-Free Week. They get "BINGO" when they complete 5 across, down, or diagonal! Need a challenge? Try to mark off the whole board!



Read a book	Make a card for a friend or family member	Spend four hours outside in one day	Stretch	Laugh so hard your belly hurts
Write a letter	Find a cool rock, stick or shell	Play hide and seek	Tell or write a story	Play a board game
Discover a new park	Build something taller than you	Free space!	Give someone a hug	Listen to music
Create an obstacle course	Play Pretend	Try a new food	Make your own game	Have a dance party
Visit your favorite place outside	Cook with a friend or family member	Find a bug	Lay on the floor or ground	Paint or Draw

LIBRARY EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c
20 May

Bath Central Library

Storytime

Tuesday 10.30 - 11.00am 21 May

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

Wednesday 10.30 - 11.00am 22 May

Knit Two, Share One - knitting & Crochet group for any age/ability

Thursday 10.00 - 12.00pm 23 May

Norland Nannies Community Sewing Bee

Friday 10.00 - 12.00pm 24 May

Board Game Saturdays

Saturday 12.30 - 4.00pm 25 May

Art in the Library: Design a Future Library Competition Exhibition

Mon - Sat During opening hours 1 - 31 May

Sensory Space, for families with children and young adults with sensory needs

Mon - Sat, Book a Session via Eventbrite

Lego Lab, Family Fun Drop In

Mon - Sat During opening hours

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via the blog.
Visit baneslibraries.co.uk/events



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Midsomer Norton Library

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What's on this summer?

Family Pond Dipping

This is a fun activity aimed at exploring our pond habitat and the different creatures which live there!

This event is aimed at families with children aged between 5-12 years. Each time-slot booking is for 1 child and up to 1 adult to pond dip for 45 minutes. An adult can supervise a maximum of 2 children.

Date 02 June 2024 11am - 2pm
Cost £5 - £6 included booking fee

Wildlife Explorer Backpacks

Unleash your inner explorer! Grab one of our wildlife explorer backpacks and dive into the enchanting world of nature! Each backpack has a pair of children's binoculars, magnifying glass, bug pot, ID guides and seasonal activity sheets to turn your outing into an unforgettable adventure.

Date Daily 10am - 2pm
Cost £3.50 per backpack

Tweet-acular Tunes: Marsh Musicians Dawn Chorus Nature Trail

Join us on an adventure as we see how many different birds make up the Dawn Chorus Ham Wall band!

Trails are available from 10am - 3pm

Date 27 April - 12 June 2024
Cost £3.50 per trail

Facilities and location

Car Park and Toilets: 5am-8pm

Info Point: 10am-4pm

Catering Kiosk: 10am-4pm, guaranteed opening on weekends. Open on weekdays when a volunteer is available. Selling hot and cold drinks, pre-packaged snacks and ice creams.

Address: RSPB Ham Wall, Meare near Glastonbury, BA6 9SX

Contact

ham.wall@rspb.org.uk

01458 860494

Find out more

www.events.rspb.org.uk/hamwall

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I am Emma your School Nurse



I can offer support with

Vision/Hearing/Dental issues

Bed wetting/toileting issues

Sleep Hygiene

Healthy weight/fussy eating

Worries/Anxiety

If you would like to contact me, please speak to your
teacher or another member of staff
or call the School Nursing Service

0300 247 0055

Or email hcrj.bathnesspa@nhs.net

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WE CHANGE LIVES BY TRANSFORMING HEALTH AND CARE

Family Holiday Activities

EXPLORE • CREATE • DISCOVER

Seasonal fun for all the family in school holidays!



Peace and Harmony

Tuesday 28 to Thursday 30 May 2024

in the Wells Cathedral Education Room

10.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. / 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

Get stuck in with our creative workshops for children inspired by Peter Walker's stunning Peace Doves installation:

Build a Dove *Tuesday 28 May*

Construct a dove toy with moveable wings, and create a painting with fingerprints

Birds on the Wing *Wednesday 29 May*

Create bird art inspired by local artist, Caroline Byrne

Sensory Play and Mindful Crafts *Thursday 30 May*

Make a windmill to take home – and breathe!

Before your craft session, pick up a free Activity Sheet and explore what peace means to you as you wander beneath thousands of paper doves in the Cathedral Nave.

Write a message to hang on our Peace Tree and go 'bird spotting' in Caroline Byrne's exhibition, 'Birds on the Wing'.

Find out more at wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays

Admission: **FREE***

No need to book—just turn up on the day!

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at our family activities.

**Included with a valid Cathedral ticket or admission pass—all under 18s go free.*

AUTHOR TALK

Timsbury
Library



TAMSIN MORI



Join us for our children's author talk and
Q&A with Tamsin Mori

As we discuss her latest book :
Gargoyles
Guardians of the Source

Saturday 15th June
11am





Get involved with our ~FUND RAISIN~ challenge

On Friday 24th May, the PTA will be sending every child home with a box of raisins.

They can eat the raisins if they like!



The challenge is to then fill the empty raisin box with as much cash as they can find/ fundraise/ earn/ blag from family members etc.

over the May school holiday.

The class that raises the most between them will be rewarded with a special treat!

Boxes need to be returned to school between Monday 3rd and Thursday 6th June to class teachers please.

