



# St Mary's CofE Primary School

*"I can do all things"*

*Living Together, Learning Forever, Loving God's Creation*

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

Newsletter 16

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



## House Points Winners



Well done to our House Point Winners this week **Sapphire** who have just taken lead, last week they were drawing with **Ruby**! A very close race so far this term.

## Attendance Winners



Congratulations to **Rabbits** Class for having the highest attendance last week. This weeks champions are **Lions** Class with a 100% attendance - well done

## The Book Burrow

Recently at our school, a new reading lodge was built; we have decided to name it the Book Burrow. It was a whopping £15,000! It is run by our School Council; they use a checklist to make sure that it is a pleasant place for everybody who is in there. It is a calm building where children can read books and have books read to them.

The school raised some of the money for the Book Burrow and the school council wrote to Mr Williams, the CEO of the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership, for fundraising ideas. However, instead of ideas, he gave us £13,000 to help build it! We had an author called Jasbinder Bilan, who writes excellent adventure books, come in for the grand opening of the Book Burrow on Tuesday 4th June. She had the honour of cutting the ribbon. We have a range of books in there, including some written by Jasbinder, that everyone can enjoy.

We are very lucky to have this wonderful addition to the school and we hope it will still be there for years to come. We would also like to give a big thank you to Mr Williams for the money he gave us to build it.

Written by: Ben, Elsie, Mog and Lily.

St Mary's News Team

## Christian Values Awards



We have had eight children recognised over the last two weeks for demonstrating our Christian Values in their everyday activities. So congratulations to:

**Violet Liles** - Service

**Theo Hunt** - Service

**Albie Smith** - Service

**Zach Fry** - Courage

**Bobby Edney** - Courage

**Dawson Crouch** - Courage

**Malachy Kelly-Mann** - Courage

**Ben Pike** - Service

## Dan Norris



At St Mary's, we are having our own school General Election so our News Team have invited the candidates from Labour, Conservative, Green and Liberal Democrats in our constituency to visit us so that we can interview them. Two have visited our school so far: the Labour and the Green candidates. We hope to interview the Conservative and the Liberal Democrat candidates as well.

Dan Norris (the Labour candidate for our area) came to our school to be interviewed by members of the St Mary's News Team. He told us that he decided to be a politician because he thought it would be an interesting job and he cared about things. He wanted to be a Member of Parliament to help make better rules and decisions.

He said that he thought the Labour Party should win the election as they want to help people be able to afford things during the current cost of living crisis.

If elected, he plans to plant 4,000 trees to make our area a better place and he plans to give people better insulation in their homes. He thinks the environment is also very important.

He is also keen to help the education of young people. He thought that teachers need to feel more valued and they need to be paid more for teaching because children are the future of the world. He also said schools need better environments and places to work and learn.



Dan Norris also said what he likes and dislikes about being a politician. He said that being able to make a difference is amazing but sometimes it can impact his family.

We also asked him some fun questions and we found out that Dan Norris has actually been to Timsbury thousands of times before this. We learned that he supports Bristol City and he has a cocker spaniel called Angel who he enjoys walking. His favourite food is fish and chips and he likes watching TV and learning about nature.

We were really lucky to have him visit our school. We wish him good luck in the upcoming General Election.  
by Ben, Mog, Lily, Elsie and Pippi

## Edmund Cannon



Edmund Cannon, the Green candidate in our area, visited our school. He did an assembly during which the St Mary's News Team interviewed him.

Edmund told us that he decided to be a politician because he wanted to make the world a better place.

He thinks that the Green Party should win the election because it is the one that is most focused on the environment.

If elected, Edmund Cannon plans to build more houses, wants to create better local bus services and would also like to plant more trees.

You might see Edmund around Timsbury delivering leaflets to houses and talking to people about what is important to them.

There are things that he likes and dislikes about being a politician. He likes that he has the opportunity to be heard but he dislikes when he has to deliver leaflets in the rain!

We asked him some fun questions as well. His



favourite food is either roast dinner or locally grown strawberries. He likes ballroom dancing with his wife and sings in a choir.

We really enjoyed interviewing Edmund Cannon and we wish him luck in the upcoming General Election.

by Ben, Elsie, Mog, Lily and Pippi

# Headteacher's Award

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

- Ducklings** Evie, Vinnie P, Joey
- Rabbits** Beatrix, Olivia, Harrison
- Badgers** Corey, Merryn, Dexter
- Foxes** Violet, Evie
- Lions** James, Rachel, Maggie
- Eagles** Mog & Charlie, Charlie & Matilda, Willow & Kaito



# Outside Achievements



Well Done **Seyon, Liam, Merryn & Pippi** - thank you for sharing your outside achievements with us and congratulations to you all.



# Hedgehogs



## Class News:

We have been learning about the seasons in Hedgehogs the last couple of weeks. We have talked about the different weather that we experience in each season as well as the changes to our environment. The children used lots of brilliant language to describe the different seasons. We have also let our creativity take over and made some beautiful seasonal pictures! The children spoke about Summer and lots of them mentioned going to the beach and having an ice cream as one of their favourite things to do in the sun.

The older children have begun their settling in sessions in their new Reception classes and are all very excited for their next chapter. We have read lots of books about school and transitions and the younger children have also been talking about their big friends moving on but also that they will have new friends starting too.

Don't forget we have our Leavers Ceremony for the preschool children and their families Wednesday 17th July at 2.15pm.

Mrs Harrison & Miss James



# Ducklings



## Class News:

Term 6 has been super exciting for the Ducklings so far.

We really enjoyed welcoming in lots of parents and carers for our clay modelling workshop last week. We created some wonderful animal statues to support our new topic.

We had a super fun time at **Noah's Ark Zoo Farm**. The children were very well behaved and saw lots of different animals. We loved stroking the tortoise and holding the giant snail. The elephants and rhinos were very happy to see us and we enjoyed finding out about different animal facts at the workshop.

In PE, we have been using the apparatus for gymnastics. The children showed great skill and balance and are using soft knees for landings.

We have been brushing our teeth everyday and **The Big Brush Club** is a great success so far.

We are looking forward to going back out on the field for **Sports Day** next week and loved the **NSPCC Move a Mile** activities we did there.

Enjoy the sunshine everyone.

Mrs Gillard & Mrs Munro



# Rabbits



## Class News:

What a fantastic and busy start to term 6 it has been for Rabbit Class.

In English, we have started our new unit of learning based on the story *'The Little Green Dinosaur'*. So far we have been working on our comprehension skills by making predictions about what will happen next and understanding the characters through role play. We have also designed our main characters for our innovated stories that we will be writing soon.

In PE, we have been learning all about working. We have been going out on the field to practice working in groups to complete challenge. We have been using the parachute to test our whole class team work skills.

This term, we have also been spending some time in the new Book Burrow. We have enjoyed all the wonderful books and have spent time reading and listening to stories.

Finally, we really enjoyed our school trip to **Noah's Ark Zoo Farm**. We got to see so many different animals and we learned lots about them by reading the signs. We also got to hold and touch a giant African land snail and a tortoise.

Miss Tolfree



# Badgers



## Class News:

The final term has started with a real bang!

We were so excited to finally be able to use the Book Burrow! We have been in twice already for story time and it is open during every lunch time. Badger Class are very respectful of the rules and are great role models to the rest of the school.

We have been lucky enough to have 2 authors visit us already this term! **Jasbinda Bilan**, who officially opened our Book Burrow, and **Joseph Elliott**, a Cbeebies star as well as an amazing author. We have been very inspired!

We have taken part in the **NSPCC Move a Mile** challenge too this term. We had to run, walk, skip, hop or do any other form of movement to make it 4 times around the field. I was really proud of everybody. I didn't hear one moan despite the heat and everyone ran for some of it.

This term, we have begun formal spelling lessons. These still have elements of phonics in them as we are keen not to forget all of our incredible sounds but the children have loved them! We begin with a game as a warm up and recap of the week's spellings and then complete different activities to teach the new spellings. This could be outdoors, involve making silly sentences or be a matching game. I have been really impressed with their enthusiasm and determination, particularly in the weekly test.

We still have lots of brilliant learning coming up this term as well as **Sports Day** (26th June), a Parent workshop (1st July 9am) and our school trip!

Mrs Newman



# Foxes



## Class News:

What an amazing start to Term 6.

We started this term with a visit to **Bristol Museum** where we revisited our learning about the Ancient Egyptians. This was great fun and we learned even more. The children were fascinated by the artefacts and replicas that were on display.

In Science, we have started our new learning about *light*. We have thought about whether an item is a source of light or whether it reflects light. We had a very interesting discussion about the moon and whether it was a light source or a reflector!

During English lessons, we have started a new text - *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis. We have investigated how Lucy felt and described the setting as she stepped through the wardrobe and into Narnia.

In Maths, we have been learning *how to tell the time*. I am impressed at how the children showed determination and resilience in their learning.

We had great fun exploring *pneumatics* in Design Technology - we inflated plastic bags underneath some books and watched in amazement as the books lifted up.

We are really enjoying our learning during Latin lessons. We played 'rota' which is a Roman game and we needed to think ahead before we placed our counters.

Mrs Hayward

# Lions



## Class News:

Lion Class started Term 6 with style by enjoying a fabulous couple of days at **Folly Farm**. The residential was a chance for the children to get hands on with nature as part of our *Living Things and Their Habitats* topic in Science as well as the chance to be away from home and develop skills such as independence, resilience and teamwork. Without exception, the children showed the high standards of behaviour and engagement that we expect and we had an amazing time. One of the highlights was pond dipping where we were lucky enough to find a selection of fascinating pond life such as newts, insect larvae and water boatmen. The children were able to identify the wildlife we found and learnt more about the habitat within the pond.

We also spent time in the woods where the Lions had to work as a team

to demonstrate their survival skills, building a shelter that could withstand an incoming storm. There were some very impressive structures on display. We finished the trip with fire lighting and toasting marshmallows which were very welcome. All in all it was a fantastic couple of days and many memories were created.

In other news, the class have enjoyed developing their footballing skills in PE, have been coding to create animations in Computing and in History, have been thinking about what the Ancient Greeks did for fun. Did you know that some of the ancient Greek theatres could hold up to 20,000 people? It certainly was a popular pastime.

We've had a great start to the term and are looking forward to what is coming up over the next few weeks!

Mrs Brown



# Eagles



## Class News:

The Year Six Eagles went on a trip to Bath to attend a Moving Up Celebration at Bath Abbey and also to go on a tour of some of Bath's famous architecture as we are learning about the Georgians in History.

The Moving Up Celebration is an event where Year 6 pupils from lots of Church Of England schools in this region come together for a special service held in Bath Abbey. The theme of the service is moving up to secondary school. We sang songs and watched videos of current Year 7 pupils talking about what they felt about the transition into Key Stage 3. Elsie and Mog carried the St Mary's banner around Bath Abbey in a special procession and Jack went up to the front to light a candle. It was a really nice occasion.

After the service, we met up with Bob Andrews from Bath Walking Tours who very kindly agreed to lead our tour of Georgian Bath. He was a very funny and entertaining tour guide and

we really enjoyed our time with him. He showed us some of the famous buildings but also took us to some places that were more hidden away and engaged us with interesting stories from Georgian times. Following the tour, we walked up to Queen Square, where we had lunch by the obelisk, before going and having a look at the Circus and the Royal Crescent.

Jack said that he liked the tour and especially going to Pulteney Bridge. Zach said that his favourite part was when we felt the warm drain cover in the road under which runs the water from the hot springs. Bobbi said that she liked the tour guide and how he told us all about the walls and the Bath stone.

It was a great day out and a brilliant way to think about our time at St Mary's coming to an end and also the perfect way to finish off this History topic.

Mr Daniels & Miss Heath



## Wraparound Clubs

We've thoroughly enjoyed our time at Wraparound Care with the children, who have consistently demonstrated remarkable kindness, enthusiasm, and a strong sense of fun and adventure. Their boundless energy even at the end of the day for their participation in activities such as building dens, crafting play dough food, engaging in board games, and creating Father's Day cards. If you have any spare doll clothes at home, they would be greatly appreciated as donations.

Mrs Hawkins, Mrs Purnell, Miss Thatcher & Miss Biju



## NSPCC Childhood Day

On the Friday 7th of June, the school wore non-uniform for the NSPCC childhood day. The theme for this year was 'move a mile'. All of the classes had extended time in the afternoon to run, hop, skip, lunge or walk a mile. Many of the children went further! The NSPCC are the leading children's charity in the UK, specialising in children's rights and child protection. They have been a charity for over one hundred and thirty years and they have helped protect thousands of children from abuse.



## KS2 Girls Football Match @ Trinity Church School.

We had a fantastic time playing a KS2 Girls Football Match at Trinity Church School last week. St. Mary's narrowly lost the match 1-0, despite a very strong performance from all of the players! Thank you to all of the parents who came to support the teams and players. All of the children had a great time playing football and represented the school with distinction.



## Wellies

Please can all children have a pair of named wellies in school at all times please. We have lots of storage to keep them safe and this means that the children can use our fabulous grounds year round without ruining their lovely new school shoes!

If you have any unwanted wellies that your children have grown out of, we would really appreciate donations for spares.



## A note about safeguarding...

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



## HCRG Care Group

Are you concerned about your child's weight?

Do you struggle with your child eating healthy meals?

Are you able to ensure an active lifestyle for your child?

Would like any support, and be interested in 1-2-1 free sessions for you and your child?

Or would you be interested in attending a fun, free, after school group, covering healthy eating, activity, emotional eating, and challenges?

If you would like to discuss this, please contact Chrissie from the Children's Healthy Weight Team on 07443660890 or email

**Chrissie.kay@hcrjcaregroup.com**

Or please, express an interest to the school.

## Dates for your Calendar 2023-2024 - Term 6

Date	Event	Notes
Tuesday 25/06	Foxes Parent Workshop 2pm - 3pm	
Wednesday 26/06	School Sports Day 9.30am - 1pm Sports Events 10 am - 12pm	
Thursday 27/06	Lions Class Assembly & Parent Workshop from 9 am	
Tuesday 02/07	Rabbits Parent Workshop	
Wednesday 03/07	New Reception Parents - 1 to 1 meetings Badgers Parent Workshop	
Thursday 04/07	Shuffle Up Day	
Friday 05/07	Non - Uniform Day - please bring a donation for the Summer Fayre Stay & Play New Reception Sept 24 Class 9 am to 10.30 AM	
Tuesday 09/07	New Reception Parents - 1 to 1 meetings Badger Class SS Great Britain Trip	
Wednesday 10/07	New Reception Parents - 1 to 1 meetings Y6 Performance 6pm	
Thursday 11/07	Y6 Performance 2pm	
Friday 12/07	Stay & Play New Reception Sept 24 Class 9 am to 10.30 AM Summer Fayre (time to be confirmed)	
Wednesday 17/07	Hedgehogs Leaver's Event	
Thursday 18/07	Y6 Leaver's Service in the Church 9 am	
<b>Friday 19/07</b>	<b>Last day of school &amp; the year!</b>	



# Presents The Island That ROCKS!

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
7:30 pm

Adults £10 Child £6

Conygre Hall, Timsbury, Bath BA20JQ  
Bar and refreshments available!

Get your tickets at:  
[TimsburyTheatre.co.uk](http://TimsburyTheatre.co.uk)

# The Great Timsbury Scarecrow Trail

**Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th July.**



For more details and to Register a Scarecrow contact  
[martinblewett@gmail.com](mailto:martinblewett@gmail.com) or ring 01761 472448

**Organised by St Mary's Church, Timsbury**

Prize for Best Overall Scarecrow

Prize for Best Family Scarecrow (with children's input!)

Prize for Best 'Made Me Laugh' Scarecrow

*Trail Maps available from St Mary's Church, Timsbury on Saturday  
(10.00 am) & Sunday (12.00 Noon) 6th & 7th July*

# Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

## Introducing Alison, our MHST link



My name is Alison and I'm an Education Mental Health Practitioner.

I am part of the BaNES Mental Health Support Team (MHST). This is a school-based service, delivered by the NHS.

MHSTs provide low-intensity Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) interventions - these are usually 6-8 sessions for children struggling with worries or low mood.

CBT is based on the idea that our thoughts, feelings, and behaviours are all connected. By learning to change our thoughts and behaviours, we can start to feel better.

To enquire about support from the MHST, please speak to Jamie Thomson (Head of School / SENDCo) who can make a referral on your behalf.

If your child is referred to our team, we will contact you to arrange an initial assessment for them. Following this, we will work together to come up with a plan of how best to help your child.

<https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/camhs/banes/mhst/>



# TEAM BATH

COMMUNITY NETBALL CLUB

## NETBALL MINIS

BOYS & GIRLS  
YEARS 3-6

6-7:30pm

TASTER SESSION  
TUESDAY JULY 9th

*Founders Sports Hall*

**UNIVERSITY OF BATH**

Inspired by the superleague stars?  
Do you love sports?

Come along for a fun-packed taster session of netball, there will be skills, drills and mini games.

Spaces are limited so registration is required.

for more information or to register please contact:

**TBminineters@gmail.com**



**SATURDAY 29th JUNE**

# *Table Top Sale*



**9.30 to 11.30am**

*FREE  
ENTRY ON  
THE DOOR*

**COST WILL BE  
£15 PER TABLE  
PAYABLE ON  
THE DAY**

Being held at the same time  
as Timsbury Village Market  
at The Conygre Hall

**TO BOOK A TABLE  
PLEASE RING  
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