



# St Mary's CofE Primary School

*"I can do all things"*

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

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Newsletter 02

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



St Mary's  
C of E Primary School



Incorporating Hedgehogs Nursery

## Open Mornings

Friday 18th October at 9:30 am

Thursday 14th November at 9:30 am

Friday 6th December at 9:30 am

### Are you looking for a school place for September 2025?

We would be delighted to welcome you and your child to St Mary's Primary School to tell you more about our school, our wonderful children and what we have to offer.

To book your place, please email [office@stmarystimsbury.co.uk](mailto:office@stmarystimsbury.co.uk) with your name, telephone number and email address, stating which session you wish to attend.

**We look forward to meeting you and your child very soon!**



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## House Points Winners



Well done to our House Point Winners last week, **Ruby**.

## Attendance Winners



Congratulations to **Eagles** Class on their 100% attendance last week. This week's champions are the **Foxes** and **Badgers**, with 98.8% attendance—well done!

## 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:

**Service** Merryn & Florence C in Foxes Finley & Felix in Eagles, Cooper Lions

**Compassion** John B Lions

**Creativity** Imogen H Eagles

**Courage** Imogen H Eagles & Oliver W Foxes

## 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.

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

# Headteacher's Award

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

<b>Ducklings</b>	Alania, Tommy
<b>Rabbits</b>	Ella, Jacob, George
<b>Badgers</b>	Mila, Malachy, Daisy
<b>Foxes</b>	Bear & Alvin, Lottie & Theo, Olivia & Evelyn
<b>Lions</b>	Emily, Joe
<b>Eagles</b>	Willow, Matilda



## Outside Achievements



Well done to **Alvin** in Foxes who received a trophy for his rugby skills & also to **Rowan** in Badgers for his fabulous football skills!



## Hedgehogs

### Class News:

The weather has been up and down the past two weeks, from lovely sunshine to torrential rain, but nothing has stopped us from getting outside and having lots of fun. We have been talking about all the changes we have noticed in nature recently, including the leaves changing colours as we head into Autumn. We have enjoyed creating some Autumn artwork including leaf collages and leaf paintings.

Our focus texts the last two weeks have been 'Grandmother and I' by Helen E Buckley and 'Dinosaur Roar' created by Peter Curtis. 'Grandmother and I' is a lovely story about the special people in our lives and how certain people can make us feel happy and loved. We talked about our own



families and some children shared stories and pictures about their family and the special people in their lives. 'Dinosaur Roar' is a popular book that the children have enjoyed and this has led us to enjoy lots of dinosaur activities. The children have been teaching us adults lots of complicated dinosaur names!

As the weather continues to get colder and wetter, can we please ask that all children have a waterproof coat in nursery and wellies? We will get outside, whatever the weather! Thank you again for your support, and as always, please do come and speak to us anytime with any questions.

Mrs Harrison & Miss James



# Ducklings



## Class News:

The children have been busy in Ducklings Class. We have continued our topic, 'All about me'. We have discussed what emotions we are feeling and have explored different ways to help us when we feel sad or angry.

In Literacy, we have been looking at maps and stories that contain maps. The children have created their own maps of the school and their bedroom.

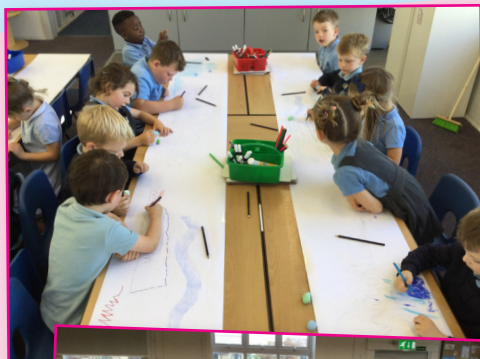
We have been flexing our muscles and developing our fine motor skills. We have loved doing 'dough gym' and 'Write Dance' activities.

Phonics sessions are going well, with children learning four new phonemes every week. The Ducklings were super excited to take their reading books and reading records home this week. Please read with your child four times a week and write a note to say they have read—many thanks.

In Maths, we have been sorting and grouping. We have worked together to find a pair and a set of 3.

We have loved going to the hall for PE and are getting very good at moving safely in a space. The Ducklings have begun to play games that follow rules and it's super fun to be part of a team.

Mrs Gillard & Mrs Munro



# Rabbits



## Class News:

We have had another fantastic two weeks in Rabbits Class!

In English, we have continued looking at the story 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff' and we have been writing our own innovative stories. Rabbits Class has been working really hard to write sentences correctly using capital letters, finger spaces, and full stops.

In Maths, we have continued to explore place value up to 10. We have been finding one more than and one less than numbers within 10. We have also been learning about the greater than, less than and equal to symbols.

In Art, we have started our topic *make your mark*, where we have been exploring mark making. We have been exploring different types of lines, such as horizontal, vertical, and cross-hatched.

We have also been enjoying our PE lessons with the athletics coach. This week we have been working on our throwing and catching.

Miss Tolfree

# Badgers



## Class News:

We have had another two amazing weeks in Badgers.

The children are really enjoying our new book, *'Billy the Brave Knight'* and are excited to be writing their own innovative versions of the story next week.

In Maths, we have continued to work on place value, using the base ten to help us identify the tens and ones in two-digit numbers.

In Science, we have been investigating different habitats in the playground, and seeing what plants and animals like to live in different conditions. We found lots of woodlice, worms and spiders!

Thank you to those who were able to come to our Parent's Workshop this week, Badgers have created some amazing chairs for their teddies. We cannot wait to test, fix and add our finishing touches!

Miss Heath



# Foxes



## Class News:

The last couple of weeks have flown by and the Foxes have continued to work incredibly hard.

In English, we have been enjoying the story of *'Escape from Pompeii'* and the Foxes have written some fantastic stories based on the perspective of one of the main characters. The attention to detail and creativity on display has been really impressive.

In Science, we have been learning about *Electricity* and had to construct some simple circuits. We have now discovered what is needed for the bulb to light and the children were thrilled when they got their components in the right order and completed the circuit.

In PE, we have been continuing to develop our ball control skills. We have been dribbling with both hands and feet, keeping it under control, and working on passing accurately to a partner.

Finally, in Art, we are busy working on our new unit called *"Power Prints"* and this week we have had to make interesting collages out of a variety of differently shaped objects thinking hard about what the final composition should look like. We then created a wax resist top - the children are very excited for the next step in the project which we will be revealing soon! Well done for a great couple of weeks Foxes!

Mrs Brown

# Lions



## Class News:

What a superb couple of weeks it has been for our team of Year 5 Lions, who have continued to impress with their brilliant enthusiasm and excellent learning behaviours.

The children are really enjoying the story we are reading together each day, *'Hamish and the Worldstoppers'* by Danny Wallace, and this week they have been planning and writing their very own fiction texts, having been set the challenge of producing the sequel to *'Where The Forest Meets The Sea'* by Jeannie Baker. The main character is returning to the Daintree Rainforest in Australia but what will happen this time? Has anything changed since his previous visit? We are all very interested to find out!

Having recently returned from PGL, we enjoyed welcoming the Y6 Eagles into our classroom this week and being able to ask them questions about the residential visit we will be going on next year. We are looking forward to the Y6 children writing special leaflets for us containing lots of information about PGL.

Our Forces unit in Science has seen us learn all about *Gravity* and *Friction*. This week we have been seeking out different surfaces around the school building to measure the force required to make a shoe begin to move. We had to use special equipment for this as you can see. They are called forcemeters and they measure the force needed to pull objects.

In History, we have studied some of the artefacts archaeologists have found from the Anglo-Saxon era, predicting what they were, how they might have been used and what they were made out of, before researching the answers to these questions.

Gymnastics sessions continue to be successful and fun with lots of good shape and balance work on display. This week we have been working alongside our 'coaches' in trying to perfect our symmetrical and asymmetrical balances.

Finally, we are preparing for the school's Art Exhibition later this term. The Year 5 Lions exhibit will display our Poem Portraits. We have been very creative in producing self-portraits composed of lines in the form of handwritten poetry. We hope you will enjoy viewing our section of the exhibition.

Mr Daniels



# Eagles

## Class News:



Last week, the Eagles had a fantastic week at PGL! We were so lucky with the glorious, wall-to-wall sunshine that we could have been abroad.

We took part in a huge array of activities from orienteering to abseiling and laser tag to kayaking. The children showed great resilience and determination and challenged themselves to face their fears. We have some real adrenaline junkies in Year 6 this year and many children reached the top of Jacob's Ladder and went to the top of the Giant Swing.

Many staff members commented on the children's great teamwork and leadership skills. They encouraged one another when things got tough and complimented each other on their achievements. The children also displayed many of our school values whilst away. Felix and Finley

helped carry everyone's bedding down to be washed on the final day showing service. Imogen came up with some brilliant team names and slogans showing creativity and Willow displayed excellent courage taking part in all of the water based activities despite being very nervous. Well done everyone!

Everybody has come back to school with a super attitude and ready to learn this week. We have dissected flowers in Science to locate the different male and female parts. We then drew botanical images of these in our Science books. We have begun our new Computing and Latin units this week and continued with our specialist tennis coaching on Tuesday afternoons. There is still lots to look forward to in Year 6 this term including our Latin trip next week!

Mrs Newman



## Dates for your Calendar 2024/2025 - Term 1

Date	Event
30/09/2024	Black History Month
30/09/2024	Flu Vaccinations
01/10/2024	Classics Day at Downside School (Year 5 and 6)
01/10/2024	KS1 Trip to Bath Literary Festival
09/10/2024	Year 6 Assembly - 9.00am
10/10/2024	Coffee Morning SEND - 9.30am
10/10/2024	Parent Workshop - Year 1 - 9.00 am
11/10/2024	Hello Yellow - Mental Health Awareness
17/10/2024	Parent Workshop - Year 3 and 4 - 2.00 pm
18/10/2024	Open Morning - 9.30 am to 10.30 am
23/10/2024	Wear Red - Racism
24/10/2024	Harvest Performance at Church - Lions - 9.30am
25/10/2024	INSET DAY
04/11/2024	Start of Term 2
05/11/2024	Parent / Teacher Meetings: 3 pm-6 pm

### 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.



### SEND Coffee Morning

We will be hosting a parents coffee morning on Thursday 10th October at 9.30am. We are starting with a SEND coffee morning. All parents are welcome to join us to ask any questions about SEND, our approach at St. Marys and specific time to talk to the SEND team. This will be an informal event around a cup of coffee and some cake with time to chat and mingle. It would be great to see lots of you at this event.



### Gardening Club

Please contact the school if you have any gardening expertise or equipment you'd be willing to offer. In addition, any plants and bulbs you'd be willing to donate to the school would be warmly welcomed! The children in the Gardening Club are hoping to plant as many plants, bulbs, shrubs and trees as possible this Autumn, which will benefit the school and the community for years to come. If you would like to give any time or ideas to support the development of the school planting, please let the school office know. Thank you.

# Hedgehog Nursery

@ St Mary's Primary School



We have sessions available for 2  
& 3 yr olds  
from January 2025



[Hedgehogs Interest Form 24/25](#)

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