

# St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



8th March 2024



## Iceni class Forest school activities



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a great week at St Mary's, with visits to Wagamama, celebrating World Book Day, with some brilliant costumes and enjoying some sunshine.

We hope those families coming along to the PTFA quiz night have a great time tonight. Thank you for supporting St Mary's and a big thank you to the PTFA for organising and running this event.

Anning class visited Wagamana and learnt about world food, how to cook a variety of their dishes and smoothies. The children had a fantastic time learning and enjoying the experience and food.



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Thank you to all the parent helpers that supported our trip.

## World Book Day

We are celebrating reading and World Book Day by encouraging the children to read their favourite books throughout the day, whenever the 'big bell' rang.

The children started the day by showing their costumes in a big assembly and talking about the books they had brought in. In pairs the children talked about a favourite book character and the other children add to guess who the character was.

Iceni class took part in a football quiz, Kingston, Maurward and Anning mixed and shared books with one another. They enjoyed listening to a story in the library and took part in a CBBC World Book Day live session.

The children watched a video demonstration by Quentin Blake on how he illustrates books. He has illustrated over 300 books



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including 18 by Roald Dahl. The children then worked collaboratively to create a mural of book characters.

It was a lovely day. There were amazing costumes from all the children, thank you for supporting your children and thank you for all the great photos of reading in usual or favourite places, which were put on display.



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St Mary's is taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel over the next two weeks. Please can we encourage children to walk, ride or scooter to school. If you live a drive away, perhaps park a little further away from St Mary's and then walk, ride or scooter from there.

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## Upcoming events

Date	Event
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Maiden Castle class attending Commonwealth Day service at County Hall in the morning
Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Life Education sessions from Coram Life for all classes
11 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel to School
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Wessex Singing Schools Festival performance starts at 6.30pm – Icen parents/carers invited to the Thomas Hardy School – doors open at 6.00pm, children to wear school uniform (rehearsal in the morning at THS)
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Two teams from Maiden Castle & Icen playing Tag Rugby at Dorchester Rugby Club
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Maurward class day trip to Falmer Palmers - please pay on parentpay & children need a packed lunch (can be ordered via Local Food Links)
Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Shire class day trip to Shire Hall - please pay on parentpay & children need a packed lunch (can be ordered via Local Food Links)
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> & Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Icen class taking part in Level 1 Bikeability

Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Icen parents meeting Claire Hudson from St Osmund's
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Kidszone is closed today for mandatory staff Safeguarding Training
Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Children finish for Easter Holidays
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Holidays
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school



Our bike it bears this week, who found the golden padlock were James L and Ida. Well done James and Ida.

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## Kingston

Kingston class has had a great world book day, bringing stories from home to share with their friends. They also met with Maurward class to listen to stories together.



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This week's kids' Corner comes from our Shire class, telling us what they have enjoyed and learnt this week.

I enjoyed using water colours in Art.

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Have a good weekend.

*P. Fearn*

Paula Fearn  
**Headteacher**

Celebrating World Book Day.

All of Shire Class

Measuring and looking at 'full and empty' in Maths.

George

I enjoyed English, listening to the story 'Market Place'.

Grace