

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



19th April 2024



The sunshine has finally arrived at St Mary's



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to our Summer term. We hope you all enjoyed your Easter break, it is lovely to have all our families back at St Mary's.

The children have enjoyed PE on the school field this week. They started athletics and are already looking forward to our Sports Day on Thursday 27th June. Children will take part in various sporting activities during the morning on this day and families are invited to join us from 1200 noon for a picnic lunch on the field or from 1.00pm for the afternoon races. Children will need packed lunches on this day, there will not be any hot lunches. You can of course order a packed lunch from Food Links. Please can children wear something either red, white or blue or a mixture of these colours to celebrate our 'Olympics' sports day.

Thank you from Maiden Castle Class

Thank you to everyone who donated toys and came along to support Maiden Castle's toy sale on Monday, this raised a fantastic £125 towards School in A Bag.

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Our Maurward class had a visit from the School Nurse this week as part of the national heights and weights programme.

Maurward have been planting sunflower seeds in forest school and enjoying learning through play in their outside area in the sunshine.



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Anning and Shire class enjoyed a lovely Liturgy this week, looking at the Easter story and the theme was 'Being true to yourself'.

Anning class have been learning about non-flowering plants in Science and sentence stacking based on a new and engaging book 'The Building Boy' in English.

In Geography they will be starting their topic of the Jurassic Coast.

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Mrs Hartnup

Our lovely Mrs Hartnup leaves St Mary's next Thursday after 7½ years. She is relocating to St Albans to be closer to family and has been appointed as Secretary at St Columba's College.

Sharon has been an integral part of our school over the years and the fountain of all knowledge for you as parents.

We shall miss her warm personality and calm nature. I know you will join us in wishing her all the very best for the future.



The PTFA will be organising a disco after school for our children on Friday 10th May. There will be more details to follow, please put the date in your diaries.

Upcoming events

Date	Event
Mon 22 nd April	Maiden Castle and Iceni classes on a Science trip to the County Museum
Fri 26 th April	Iceni class starting their ten week musician programme learning the Samba drums and percussion.
Wed 1 st - Fri 3 rd May	Iceni class residential trip to the Springhead trust.
Mon 6 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tues 7 th May	Children return to School
Tues 7 th May	A team of players from Maiden Castle and Iceni classes will be taking part in a football tournament at Dorchester Town Stadium
Fri 10 th May	PTFA School Disco – details to follow
Mon 20 th May	Class photos being taken
Fri 24 th May	Children finish for the Half Term break
Mon 3 rd June	Children return from Half Term break
Thurs 6 th June	Maiden Castle attending the D-Day 80 th Anniversary flag raising ceremony at County Hall in the morning

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Mon 10 th June	Iceni children orienteering at St Osmund's School in the afternoon
Wed 19 th June	Iceni class visiting Wessex Wild Farm – packed lunches required (can be ordered via Food Links)
Tues 25 th June	Anning class visiting County Museum for the Mary Anning experience – packed lunches required (can be ordered via Food Links)
Thurs 27 th June	Sports Day – families invited for a picnic lunch from 1200 noon or 1.00pm for the afternoon races. Packed lunches required (can be ordered via Food Links). Please can children to wear something either red, white or blue or a mixture of these colours to celebrate our 'Olympics' sports day.
Fri 28 th June	Dr Bike is visiting St Mary's to check over your bikes for free – please bring any bikes in from home.
Tues 2 nd July	Shire class visiting Wessex Wild Farm – packed lunches required (can be ordered via Food Links)
Mon 8 th and Tues 9 th July	Iceni children's 'Meet the Tutor' days at St Osmund's Middle School – information from Claire Hudson to follow.

Mon 8 th and 9 th July	Swimming galas for Shire, Anning, Maiden Castle and Iceni classes during the mornings – children only event
Fri 12 th July	Shire class visiting the Sealife Centre – packed lunches required (can be ordered via Food Links)
Fri 19 th July	Children finish for the Summer Holidays
Wed 4 th Sept	Children return from Summer holidays



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

I am enjoying the story 'Building Boy' in English and using alliteration.

Scarlett

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I liked making up my own music in ICT using a new programme.

Arabella

I am enjoying the challenges of guided reading and the comprehension.

Olivia

I enjoyed learning something new in Maths about statistics and recording the information using tally charts.

Maisie

Have a good weekend.

P.Fearn

Paula Fearn
Headteacher

I enjoyed PE, we were getting ready for sports day.

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