

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



15th September 2023



**Some great painting
with balloons in our
Kidszone club**



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a really great week at St Mary's with all our children settling in well & enjoying lots of different activities.

Thank you for your support with our drop off routines, it is much appreciated.

St Mary's received an anonymous donation earlier this year, which has been put to really good use in Kingston's garden. They now have some great new decking, which the children are really enjoying.



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Swimming Pool

We hope that your children enjoyed & benefitted from the school pool. We have now closed the pool for the winter & will open it again next summer.

We would like to say a big **thank you** to Andrea Dabbs who is a qualified swimming teacher & came in throughout June & July providing all the classes with regular swim lessons – many thanks.

Also a big **thank you** to the mostly unseen pool committee who ensure our pool is safe & maintained. They work hard behind the scenes when the pool is open but they also continue throughout the rest of the year, regularly ensuring the water stays healthy & the pool is cleaned regularly to ensure it is maintained for when we open it again next summer, so thank you.

After School Clubs

Our after school clubs started this week with performance arts including dance, multi-sports & ball skills. If you would like your child from Shire to Icenii class to join any of these clubs, please see the newsletter email from last Friday with the links for booking a place.



Our golden padlock winner for being a great bike it bear this week is Millie in Year 2. Well done Millie.

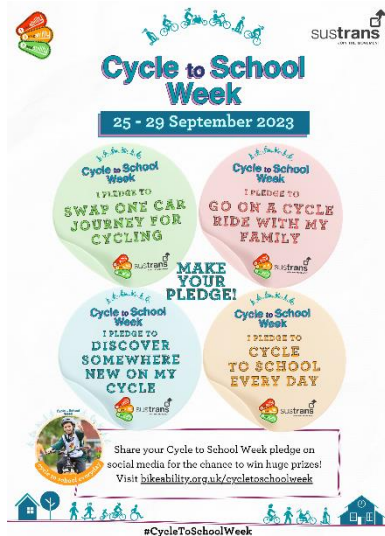
Upcoming Events

Cycle to School Week – 25th-29th September



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Please see the flyer below & attached to the newsletter email, Please encourage your child to cycle to school as much as they can during this week & if possible see the flyer about making a pledge. If you make a pledge, you will be entered into a draw for some great prizes.



**St Mary's PTA Movie Night
– Friday 13th October –
details to follow**



Streets Alive

Our Icen class will be attending the Streets Alive event on Friday 22nd September. They will need a packed lunch on this day. Please see the poster attached to the newsletter email. If any more Icen parents/carers can help on this event, please message through google classroom – many thanks.

For other parents, please note that this event runs until 5pm if you wish to pop along after school.

Flu Vaccinations

You will have received an email to register your child to receive their flu vaccination at school on 22nd September. The deadline for completing the online form is next Tuesday 19th.

Date	Event
October to January 2024	Tesco community project open for St Mary's
Friday 22 nd Sept	Flu Vaccinations for Maurward to Icen
Friday 22 nd Sept	Icen class attending Streets Alive event in Dorchester Town – afternoon. Children need a packed lunch

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	from home or ordered via Food Links
Monday 25 th - Friday 29 th Sept	Cycle to School Week
Friday 13 th Oct	St Mary's PTA Movie Night
Friday 20 th Oct	Children finish for half term
Monday 30 th Oct	School Closed – staff training day
Tuesday 31 st Oct	Children return to school



Kidszone Corner

The children have been experimenting with paints, rolling balloons in paint and using stampers to create different effects. They really loved this!

We have been making the most of the outside area as the weather has been so nice.

The children have also enjoyed playing with bubbles.



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Kingston

The children experienced the first Forest School of the year, exploring the environment and getting used to the forest school camp.

They then went on a hunt to find natural resources to decorate a tube.



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This week's Kids Corner comes from our Icení class, telling us what they have enjoyed & learnt this week.



We have enjoyed
Maths, we have
been learning about
four digit numbers

Ruby & Teodor

I have enjoyed
English, we are
making up a story
& writing about a
girl called Alison

Ida

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We have been
making a leaflet
about St Mary's,
which has been
really good

Brooke

I have enjoyed
listening to our
stories this week

Maddie

Have a lovely weekend.

P. Fearn

Paula Fearn
Headteacher