

# St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



26<sup>th</sup> April 2024



## Anning class weaving willow in forest school



Dear Parents/Carers,

Our Kickboxing group have been working hard and really improving their skills. To warm up this week and build teamwork, the children held hands in a line and had to help each other pass a hula hoop along the line without letting go of their hands or dropping the hoop. They did very well and had lots of fun.





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children are going to take and use on their residential next week!

Here are some photos from the trip.



Maiden Castle and Iceni classes visited the Dorset County Museum this week.

They spent the whole morning taking part in Science Learning Activities with our school adults and members of staff from the museum. They were so lucky because they were able to see exhibits that are not available to the general public.

They used magnifying glasses to examine insects, learnt about local naturalists and asked lots of fantastic **Science Questions** which impressed the museum staff. The children were also able to make our own "Field Journals" which Iceni





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We have been joined in the office by Mrs Bowles, who previously worked at St Osmund's. Mrs Bowles is just covering for the rest of the summer term to help support you in the office.

## Kingston

This week in Kingston the focus story has been 'Jaspers Beanstalk'. The children have used a 'paper pot maker' to roll newspaper into a plant pot, which is ready to plant their own seeds.

In the garden the children have helped to plant beans, which will hopefully grow into a 'Teepee'. They have also made a giant beanstalk in the classroom, cutting and sticking strips and leaves. They are all very curious to see who lives at the top!



The PTFA are organising a disco after school for our children on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May. Please see the poster above for times.

Tickets will be on sale in advance but not on the door.





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## Upcoming events

Date	Event
Wed 1 <sup>st</sup> - Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Iceni class residential trip to the Springhead trust.
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Bank Holiday – School Closed</b>
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Children return to School
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> May	PTFA School Disco – details to follow

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Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Class photos being taken
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Children finish for the Half Term break
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children return from Half Term break
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Maiden Castle attending the D-Day 80 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary flag raising ceremony at County Hall in the morning
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Iceni children orienteering at St Osmund's School in the afternoon
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Wessex Wild Farm visiting Kingston preschool during the morning to look at where food comes from and healthy lunch boxes
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Iceni class visiting Wessex Wild Farm – <b>packed lunches required</b> (can be ordered via Food Links)
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Anning class visiting County Museum for the Mary Anning experience – <b>packed lunches required</b> (can be ordered via Food Links)
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – families invited for a picnic lunch from 1200 noon or 1.00pm for the afternoon races. <b>Packed lunches required</b> (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 <sup>th</sup> June	Dr Bike is visiting St Mary's to check over your bikes for free – please bring any bikes in from home.
Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Shire class visiting Wessex Wild Farm – <b>packed lunches required</b> (can be ordered via Food Links)
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> and Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Iceni children's 'Meet the Tutor' days at St Osmund's Middle School – information from Claire Hudson to follow.
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Swimming galas for Shire, Anning, Maiden Castle and Iceni classes during the mornings – <b>children only event</b>
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Shire class visiting the Sealife Centre – <b>packed lunches required</b> (can be ordered via Food Links)
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Children finish for the Summer Holidays
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Children return from Summer holidays

Have a good weekend.

*P.Fearn*

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**Headteacher**