

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



24th November 2023



Iceni class playing hockey in PE



Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have had a good week at St Mary's, they started the week having their school photos taken. Proofs for ordering any school photos were sent home yesterday or will come home today. Photos can be ordered online, the deadline for ordering the photos is Tuesday 5th December.

Nativity Plays

Our Nativity Plays will be on Monday 11th & Tuesday 12th December. All children from Maurward class to Iceni class will be involved on either the Monday or the Tuesday, not both days.

Class teachers will let you know by google classroom nearer the time, what each class will be wearing for the performances. These will be items you will have at home. Any child in Iceni or Maiden Castle who has a specific role, will be given details of their costumes.

Early next week, we will email you to let you know which day your child will be performing, they will perform twice on the same day, once at 2.15pm and again at 6.00pm, when they will come back into school. We invite two adults per family for each performance

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to watch, unfortunately we have to limit the number due to the size of our hall and for safety.

New Bike Shed

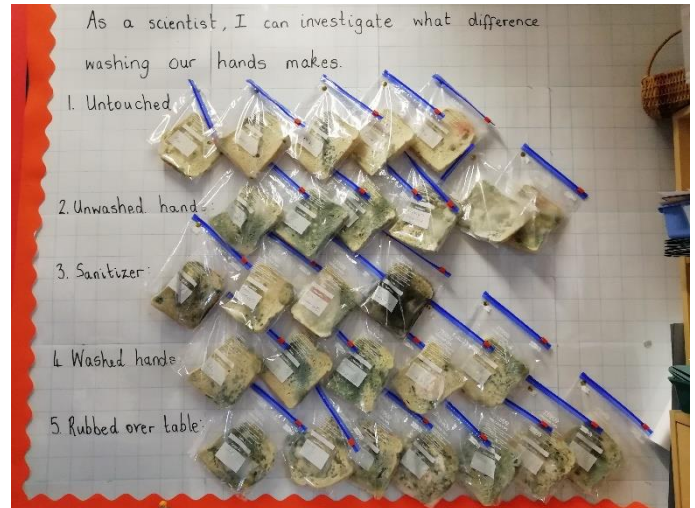
We will soon have a new bike shed at St Mary's. To make ready for this, next week, the local council will be on site (in the car park) preparing a concrete base for the new shed to go onto.

Please can we ask that you keep an eye out for any signs about safety and make sure that your children are not near the area being worked on – many thanks.

Fun in Maurward Class

Maurward children have been busy this week with Science experiments and learning in Maths.

In Science they finalised a two week experiment where they were testing slices of bread and looking at the difference that washing their hands made to how mouldy the bread became. The least mouldy were the slices untouched by hands, the most were the ones that were rubbed over the tables before putting them into the bags. The children really enjoyed doing this experiment and learnt a lot from it.



In Maths, the children were also looking at the composition of the number 5 by signing the song, Five Little Speckled Frogs.



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Upcoming events

Date	Event
October to January 2024	Tesco community project open for St Mary's

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Tuesday 28 th Nov	Liturgy at St Mary's for In November we Remember – 2.40pm, parents/carers invited to join us		Christmas production – Kingston & Maurward parents/carers invited – 10.00am
Friday 1 st Dec	PTFA running the Christmas Shop	Thursday 14 th Dec	Christmas Party Day – children to wear party or festive clothes. If children want to bring in a special treat to eat with their hot lunches or add a treat to their normal packed lunches, they are welcome to.
Friday 1 st Dec	Shire class visiting Maumbury Rings during the morning	Friday 15 th Dec	End of Term Service – children only (morning)
Monday 4 th Nov	Some of our children will be singing carols at Culliford House Residential Home in the afternoon	Friday 15 th Dec	Children finish for Christmas Holidays
Monday 4 th Dec	Christmas Stories Night 5.00-6.00pm – children to come in their PJs, snuggly dressing gowns & clothes to listen to Christmas Stories & have hot chocolate & biscuits.	Tuesday 2 nd Jan	Children return to school
Tuesday 5 th Dec	Advent Carol Service for families – 6.00-6.30pm at St Mary's		
Friday 8 th Dec	Iceni class – Journey to the Stable event at United Church (morning)		
Mon 11th & Tues 12th Dec (changed from 12 th & 13 th)	Nativity Plays – information to follow		
Wed 13 th Dec	Kingston & Maurward		



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

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Playing outside with
Emma is good fun

Rosie

I have enjoyed
playing with the
train track

Llewyn

I like going in the
Book Nook with

Bea

Oscar

I enjoyed the
kitchen and playing
outside

Isabel

I loved playing
outside with

Duplo

Jacob

I like doing the
challenges

Amelia

Have a good weekend.

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Headteacher