

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



24th May 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

Some of our children took their First Holy Communion on Sunday. It was a very well attended service; celebrated with family, friends, members of staff and the parish. We are very proud of these children and they all had the opportunity to show off their beautiful clothes to the rest of the school. In other news -some of Maiden class attended a workshop at St Osmund's Middle school where they programmed small machines to move whilst Anning class had an NSPCC session on Friday. Children have had a very busy half term and we wish you a happy break, where hopefully the sun will shine on you.

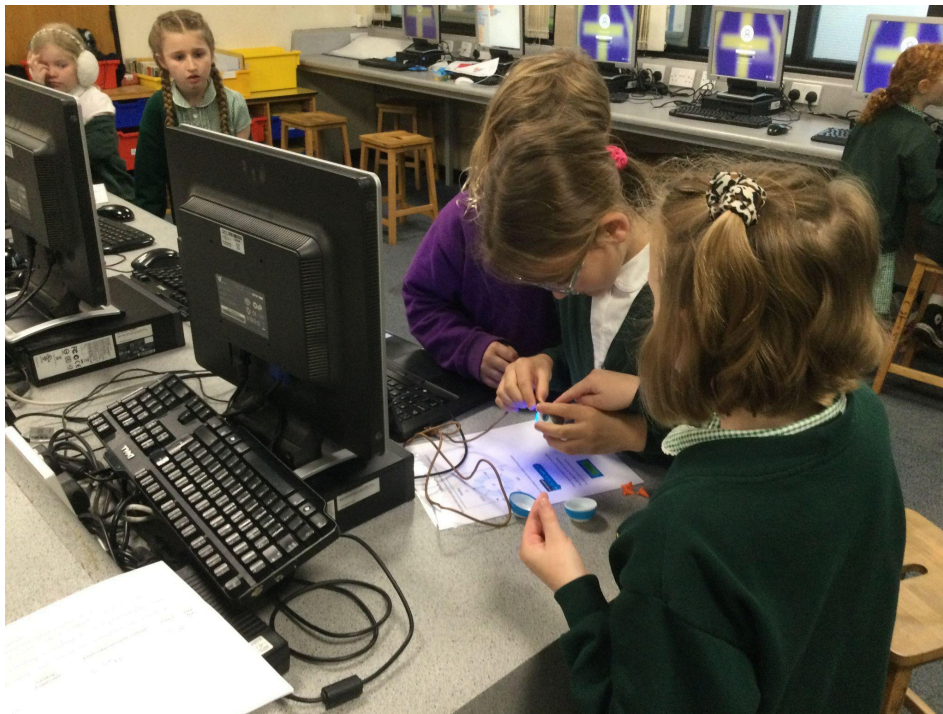


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Coding at St Osmund's with Maiden Castle



“We made music and also programmed a windmill to move”.



“ We made a ball move on the screen and did other coding.”

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Anning class learned about staying safe, with a little help from "Buddy". Buddy taught them to, "Speak out and stay safe".

Health and Safety Governor needed

If you feel that you would like to be a governor of our school and have an interest or expertise in health and safety, we would love to hear from you. Please click on the link below to the office or phone to enquire on 01305 262258:

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Easy Fundraising

St Mary's Catholic First School, Dorchester are registered with **easyfundraising**, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at:

[St Mary's Catholic First School, Dorchester Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#)



There is an opportunity to win, for the school, an exciting sport's day that involves Olympians! For a chance to win, please click on the link below and follow the guidance.

<https://campaign.heart.co.uk/british-gas-positive-energy>

POWSA PRESENTS

HAPPY'S CIRCUS

at

THE PRINCE OF WALES SCHOOL

MONDAY 17TH JUNE 2024 » 4pm



GAMES
STALLS
REFRESHMENTS
BOUNCY CASTLE

TICKETS: ticketebo.co.uk/powsa

Designing a Sensory Garden or trail

To all children: we look forward to seeing your designs for a new sensory garden for our school. The successful designer will win a family ticket for the circus (see above) worth £50 and be involved in creating the garden for our school. The designs can be handed in on paper or sent electronically to the office. Closing date is 7.6.24

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Half Term sporting activities. Please use the link below to book



<https://bookwhen.com/stevetrebleschoolsports>

Mr Knox, from Premier education sport, is offering the following after school clubs after half term. The costing is £30 for 6 weeks, starting week beginning 3/6/24 and finishing the week beginning 8/7/24. Please use the links below to book.

Tuesday Club:

Football

year group 1/2/3/4

Time: 3:15 - 4:15

[After School Football Club – Premier Education \(premier-education.com\)](https://premier-education.com)

Thursday club:

Cricket

year group 3/4

Time: 3:15 - 4:15

[After School Cricket Club – Premier Education \(premier-education.com\)](https://premier-education.com)

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

“ I made a friendship bracelet”, Bea

“ I shared buttons between Gingerbread men”, Alfie

“ I shared the buttons out fairly. I gave 2 Gingerbread men, 5 buttons each”.

“We were learning about springtime in our Forest school lesson”, Lewin:



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“I did a fishing challenge and then I played outside” Hunter



Maurward class have been growing sunflowers.

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Kingston

This week Kathryn has very kindly donated a children's bench to Kingston class, which we have turned into a Friendship bench. We will be talking to the children about how if they are ever feeling sad, worried, or even lonely - they can sit on the bench and it will show their peers that they need a friend to come and support them.



**Please note: The Kingston Maurward Leavers trip will be on the 6th June.
Haycorns will remain open for the younger children.**

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Upcoming events

Date	Event
Fri 24 th May	Children finish for the Half Term break
Mon 3 rd June	Children return from Half Term break School photos
Thurs 6 th June	Maiden Castle attending the D-Day 80 th Anniversary flag raising ceremony at County Hall in the morning Haycorns: The Kingston Maurward Leavers trip
Mon 10 th June	Iceni children orienteering at St Osmund's School in the afternoon
Thurs 13 th June	Wessex Wild Farm visiting Kingston preschool during the morning to look at where food comes from and healthy lunch boxes
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.

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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

Hoping you have a wonderful half term with your family. Thank you for your continued support.

Paula Fearn
Headteacher