

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



9th June 2023



Kingston & Maurward's trip to Weymouth Beach



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all enjoyed your half term break.

We have had a fantastic start to the half term at St Mary's, the swimming pool is open & the children have completed pool safety & are enjoying lessons. Thank you to our volunteer qualified swimming teacher.

Our preschool & Reception children had a fantastic trip to Weymouth Beach, they had a brilliant time & visited the Lifeguards who talked to them about being safe at the beach and swimming between the flags. Thank you to all the parent/carer helpers who came on this trip, you were all amazing.

St Mary's Clothes Swap

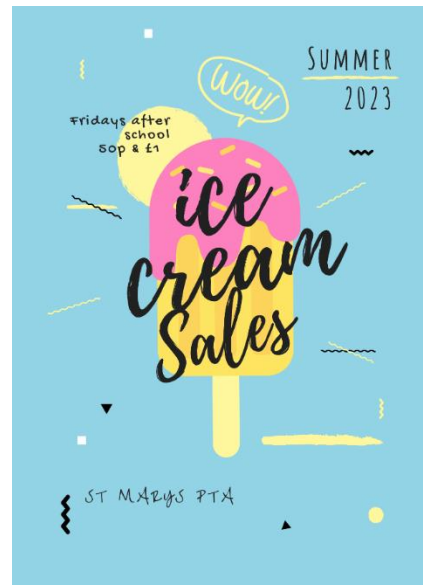
Our first St Mary's clothes swap was a success. All the children who brought clothes in spent some time yesterday looking through the range of clothes & choosing their 'new to them' clothes to take home & wear today on our home clothes day. We hope they all liked their new clothes.

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You will notice that we have a 'Sunscreen Station' at the front of the House of Joy. This has kindly been funded by the PTA.

Please can we ask that children have sunscreen applied at home before coming to school every day during the summer term. If you happen to forget, please use the sunscreen from our sunscreen station – many thanks.



Our PTA will be selling ice lollies at pick up time every Friday for 50p & £1.

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Dorset Music Service is working in partnership with the local charity [Changing Key Dorset](#) to help support young musicians facing challenging circumstances with the cost of their musical activities.

Changing Key Dorset welcomes [applications for funding](#) from any young musician educated across Dorset. The funding can be used to support a variety of musical activities from both private and public providers. Funding awards are for up to £300 and last for three consecutive academic terms.

Applications are made online and can be made throughout the year:

- Autumn Term 2023 closing dates – Round 1 Tuesday 4th July 2023 & Round 2 Friday 15th September 2023
- Spring Term 2024 closing date – Friday 1st December 2023
- Summer Term 2024 closing date – Friday 1st March 2024

Please note that the closing date for Autumn Term Round 1 is just a few weeks away!

Visit www.changingkeydorset.co.uk for more information.

Upcoming Events

Laudato Si day – next Monday – if you have anymore 4 pint milk bottles that are clean & dried, please bring these in on Monday. They will be used on Monday so we will not need any more after this day – many thanks. Home activity clothes for the children.

Date	Event
Mon 12 th June	Laudato Si Day – grounds maintenance, planting, upcycling – children to wear outdoor clothes
Tues 13 th June	Year 4 visit to Shire Hall – Smugglers topic
Thurs 15 th June	Welcome meeting for parents/carers of new Reception children starting in September – 9.15am
Mon 19 th June	Year 4 Orienteering event at St Osmund's School – morning activity – children to wear PE kits
Thurs 22 nd June	Year 1 trip to the Thomas Hardy science lab – morning
Thursday 29 th June	Sports Day at St Mary's – children to wear red, white &/or blue . Families invited to join children at lunchtime for a picnic lunch (11.45am) and/or to watch the afternoon races from 1.00pm – packed lunches needed (available to order via Local Food Links when

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	their menu is live or supply from home)
Tues 4 th July	Reserve date for Sports Day in case of bad weather on 29 th June
Thurs 6 th July	Transfer Day – details to follow
Fri 7 th July	Mums/carers Assembly – 9am
Wed 12 th July	Dads/carers Assembly – 9am
Thurs 13 th July	Year 1 trip to Sea Life Centre, Weymouth
Fri 14 th July	Grandparents/others Assembly – 9am
Tues 18 th July	Year 4 leavers Mass – 6pm at St Mary's – Year 4 parents/carers invited
Thursday 20 th July	Year 4 leavers celebration day during school day – children can wear party clothes – packed lunches needed – can be brought from home or ordered via Food Links
Fri 21 st July	Year 4 leavers Assembly – 9am at St Mary's – Year 4 parents/carers invited.
Fri 21 st July	Year 4 leavers parade – 1.15pm – Year 4 parents/carers invited
Fri 21 st July	Children finish for Summer holidays
Mon 4 th Sept	Children return from Summer holidays



This week we had our Foundation trip with Reception. We all travelled by train and spent the day at the Beach!

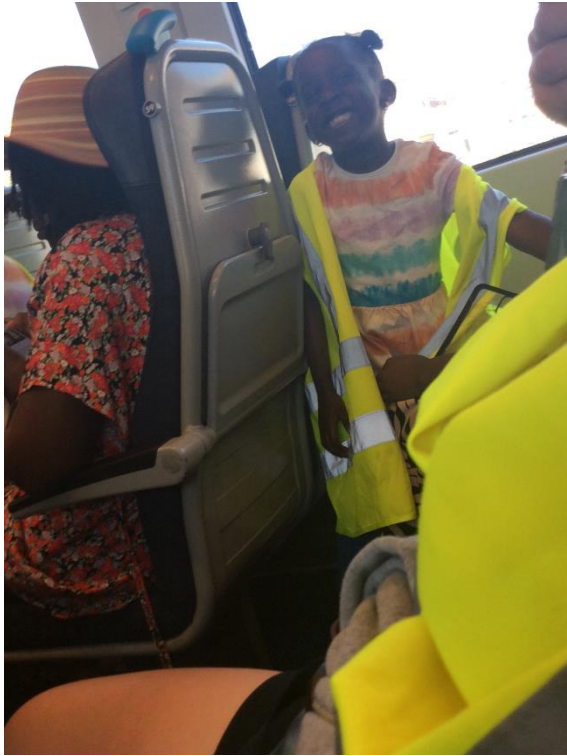
The children all worked really well together, being safe, and sharing. They built sandcastles, found seashells, made flags, paddled their feet and collected water.

They also built a moat, and even the parents got involved!

The children visited the Lifeguards, and had a talk about being safe at the beach and swimming between the flags. A good time was had by all.



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I enjoyed DT, we
designed a litter
picker

Max

This week's Kids Corner comes from
Anning Class (Year 2), letting us know
what they have enjoyed learning & doing
this week.

I enjoyed Maths,
we were adding in
3s & 5s
Freddie

Have a good weekend.

P. Fearn

Paula Fearn
Headteacher

I enjoyed swimming
in the warm pool, it
was great fun

Harper