

21st June 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

Many of our classes have had a trip to Wessex farm where they have learned about the local habitat and wildlife adaptation. Iceni were told about evolution on their visit and had the opportunity to stroke the lambs. Shire class are looking forward to their visit in a couple of weeks time.



Iceni class had a walk around the farm, looking at the local habitat

Anning class showcased their learning in style with a sharing assembly for parents on Thursday afternoon.



Anning class talked about Mary Anning, Durdle Door, friendship, smoothie making and much more. The assembly ended with a song about love.

#### Swimming has started at St Mary's

Thank you to everybody who has contributed to the funds that enable our children to swim. We are asking for your kind donation of £5 for a child in Maurward class and £10 for children in: Shire class, Anning class, Maiden class and Iceni class. This is for the half term of swimming lessons.

For families who want to make use of the after school swimming slots, there is a £25 charge that will enable your child to swim during this half term.

For **lifeguards only**, we ask for a £40 contribution which includes the summer holidays. Please use Parent pay to make your contribution - Thank you.

Shrek The Musical is coming to Thomas Hardye School. Click on the link below for details:

https://youtu.be/MGZ-\_gu\_zUU

## **Kingston**

Last week Kingston class had a visit from Wessex Farm. Chrissy spoke about her farm and then animals she has. Then we read the story of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. The children also looked at what vegetables and fruits are roots, leaves, stalks and then fruits into flowers, these were carrots, lettuce, celery and apples. The children then got to prepare and try a slice of each. Finally the children got to plant a bean in a pot and take it home to see how tall it can grow.







#### WEDNESDAY 7TH AUGUST 11AM-4PM

Free day of activities for ages 9-14!
The Great Field Poundbury

Activities include Arts and crafts, inflatables, Henna painting, games, football and much more!

BBQ on site for lunch, or use PIPs cafe, or bring a packed lunch.



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

"I have enjoyed making bird sculptures", Jessica

"I enjoyed learning about time", George





St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter

#### Upcoming events

Date	Event
Tues 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Anning class visiting County Museum for the Mary Anning experience – packed lunches required (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. 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.  If you are joining your child for a picnic lunch, please collect them from their classroom door at 12pm.

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 –  packed lunches required (can be ordered via Food Links)
Friday 5th July	Maurward class sharing assembly at 9am. Please come and see the learning that your child has been doing.

Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Swimming galas for Shire, Anning, Maiden Castle and Iceni classes during the mornings – children only event
	Iceni class - "Meet the tutor" days at St Osmund's.

Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Shire class visiting the Sealife Centre – packed lunches required (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

Hoping you have a wonderfully sunny weekend.

Paula Fearn

Headteacher