

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



13th October 2023



Maiden Castle class drawing in chalk



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you found your Meet the Teacher sessions useful this week, it was great for the Teachers to be able to meet with so many of you.

This week, Anning Class had a brilliant trip to Lulworth Castle, they were able to learn more about their topic this term, Castles.

Many thanks to the parents/carers who came along & helped on this trip, your support is really appreciated.



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Maiden Castle & Icení class visited Manor Park School to take part in a music workshop run by the Benedetti Foundation. The children really enjoyed this experience, they clapped in time to the beat of a drum, explored how music made them feel & talked about what images it made in their minds.



Movie Night

We hope all the children coming along to the PTFA's Movie Night tonight have a fantastic time. Thank you to the PTFA for all their hard work organising this event.

St Mary's new Chaplains

Congratulations & welcome to our new St Mary's Chaplains. They are our GIFT team, Growing In Faith Together. They enjoyed a drink & a chat with Mrs Williams & myself & will be undertaking duties within school, as part of the Parish & within the local community.



Nuts & Seeds

Just a reminder, please can parents/carers note that due to allergies within St Mary's, please can any snacks/packed lunches that are brought in not contain any nuts or seeds i.e. actual nuts/seeds, Nutella, peanut butter, seeded rolls/bread, etc. – many thanks for your support.

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Upcoming Events

Support St Mary's PTFA at your next Tesco shop.

If you shop at Tesco in Dorchester, please can we ask that you pop any blue tokens you receive in the St Mary's collection box to help us raise funds for new playground equipment. This is running between October & January next year.



Date	Event
October to January 2024	Tesco community project open for St Mary's
Monday 16 th Oct	Iceni class attending an Author workshop with Author Richard Pickard (afternoon)
Tuesday 17 th Oct	Open Morning for prospective Reception 2024 parents/carers – 9.30-10.30am

Wednesday 18 th Oct	Anning class attending an Author workshop with Author Neal Layton (morning)
Thursday 19 th Oct	Maurward Class parents/carers invited to a Phonics Workshop 9.00-9.30am
Friday 20 th Oct	Children finish for half term
Monday 30 th Oct	School Closed – staff training day
Tuesday 31 st Oct	Children return to school
Thursday 2 nd Nov	Maurward Class going on an Autumn walk (afternoon)
Monday 6 th Nov	Laudato Si Day – outdoor home clothes, waterproofs, etc
Wednesday 8 th Nov	Maurward Class visit to Dorchester Library (morning)
Friday 17 th Nov	Bling your Bike to school
Monday 20 th Nov	Individual school photos for pupils in Maurward to Iceni class plus any siblings who are in any of those classes

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Kingston

During Kingston's forest school this week, the children each made a 'Forest Friend' with sticks and leaves and other natural objects they found. They shared the story 'Stick Man' with their new creations.

Whilst down in the forest the children spotted some other new friends hiding in the trees - Goldilocks and the Three Bears have moved in! The children shall be seeing and looking after them each week, building dens and making mud porridge for them.



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

I enjoyed Maths,
we counted the
chimes in Hickory
Dickory Dock

Emma

I enjoyed playing
with the mud
kitchen

Penelope

Have a lovely weekend.

P. Fearn

Paula Fearn
Headteacher

We enjoyed
planning the route
for our walk to the
community Orchard

Oliver, Bea & Lucia

We have enjoyed
playing outside

Tallia & Amelie