

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



20th October 2023



Thank you to everyone who supported our Movie Night and a big thank you to the PTFA for all their hard work organising this great event. The children had a really fun time & raised over £200 towards new playground equipment.

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a lovely week at St Mary's, we welcome many parents/carers to our Open Morning for Reception Class next year, and it was lovely to meet new families.

Anning & Icení class attended Author workshops at the Thomas Hardy School. Anning class saw Author Neal Layton & Icení class saw Richard Pickard. The children enjoyed hearing from the Authors, how they work, develop ideas & create their stories.

The children found these workshops very interesting & it was exciting to visit Thomas Hardy School.



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Morning Snacks

Just as a reminder, children in our Maurward, Shire & Anning classes all receive free from the government, a fresh fruit or vegetable snack in the morning. Please can children in Maiden Castle & Icení classes bring in from home, a piece of fruit for their morning snack.

Poppy Appeal



Thank you to all the parents/carers who helped this week from providing tea & coffees for our Open Morning, walking & travelling with our classes to the Author workshops. Your help & support was much appreciated.

It was great to have some of our Maurward Class parents/carers attending our Phonics Workshop on Thursday, we hope you found this useful.

St Mary's Chaplains will be visiting our different classrooms with the RBL items during the week after half term so that any children who would like to make a donation for an item, can choose one. The RBL suggest a donation of £1.

If you would like your child to have an item, please send them into school with their donation & the Chaplains will take the box round the different classes.

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Our golden padlock winners for being great bike it bears this week are Jessica & Tucker. Well done Jessica & Tucker.

Upcoming Events

Laudato Si Day – Monday 6th November – children to come in home outdoor activity clothes

Bling your bike 'bike it breakfast' – Friday 17th November - decorate your bike or scooter with bright or festive items from home, if you arrive at 8.30am there will be croissants, fruit, juice or hot chocolate as a treat outside.

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 |
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| October to January 2024 | Tesco community project open for St Mary's |
| 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 'bike it breakfast'. Arrive at 8.30am with your bike or scooter decorated with bright or festive items from home. |

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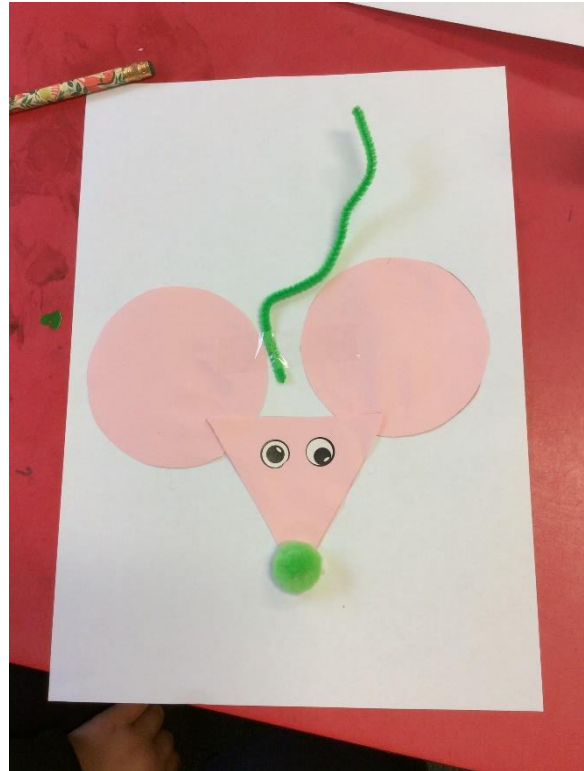
Monday 20th Nov

Individual school photos for pupils in Maurward to Icen class plus any siblings who are in any of those classes

Kingston

This week Kingston's focus Nursery rhyme was 'Hickory Dickory Dock'. Alongside learning and singing the song, the children have made small mice using shapes, pom poms and pipe cleaners.

Towards the end of the week the children have collaboratively painted and made a large clock.



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I loved the
singing in music.
Ivan



I enjoyed choosing
my new book from
the library and
reading it.
Ffion

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


I enjoyed Forest
school, we collected
leaves to make a
collage hedgehog.

Robin

I enjoyed playing
on the climbing
frame at playtime.

Millie

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I enjoyed making
swirling patterns in
Art.

Emilie

Have a lovely half term holiday with some quality family time. We look forward to seeing the children back at St Mary's on Tuesday 31st October.

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Paula Fearn
Headteacher