

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



17th May 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

The children took part in a special Mass on Monday, celebrating Mary. Thank you to those who were able to attend. They have all been busy with their learning this week making the most of the great outdoors. With assemblies, sports day rehearsals and wonderful art work sessions, they have been great learners and Go For It Gorillas. Excitement is rising for the use of the pool after half term and information concerning lifeguard training is below. Great attendance at Friday's disco with some fantastic dancing! Thank you to the PTFA .



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Pentecost Display in Anning



£312.90 raised from the disco!



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Learning in Maiden Class

Maiden Class have been planning and making 3D models of their class book Esio Trot. They have been looking at Quentin Blake for inspiration:



Learning in Anning Class

Anning class have been composing music on the computers in their ICT lessons:



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The Wessex Arts Fest - Saturday 18th May

The Wessex Arts Fest is a great opportunity for children to not only be inspired by watching other students perform in music and drama groups, but also to take part in a range of musical activities which may be of interest to them. We don't want the grown-ups to feel left out and most of our activities are open to them too (although we would like people to sign up to take part in advance)! We have drumming workshops, a Big Sing Workshop and many more. The SEND Music workshop will be of particular interest to any families who have children with a range of needs. There will be an opportunity for children to get their hands on some instruments in our drop in 'Come and Try' sessions as well as children (and their parents) to experience some of the music technology on offer at Hardy's. We would like to invite anyone who plays an instrument to join us for our massed orchestra and we also hope that many people will join us for a fun barn dance session. With plenty of refreshments, you can really make a day of it! Plus, it's all FREE! We hope to see you there!

<https://music.wessex.ac/wessex-arts-fest-2024.htm>

Message from the PTFA

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

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarysfirstschool/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

Singing club and Eco club

There are still spaces in our singing club (Thursday lunchtimes for all year groups) and Eco club (Friday lunchtimes for years 1-4). These clubs are free so if your child fancies joining them, please contact the school office. These clubs will be running on the weeks beginning 10th June, 17th June, 24th June and 1st July.



St Mary's Design competition

Win a family ticket to the circus on Monday 17th June 1pm
Worth £50

We are running a design competition for the children. We would like them to create a design for a sensory garden or sensory trail that could be created in our school grounds. The closing date for this is Friday 7th June 2024. Please send designs to the school office or your child can bring the design into school and hand it to Mrs Bowles in the office. Good luck everyone. The winner will win a family ticket to the circus. See the poster above.

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Maiden Class Assembly

On Thursday, Maiden castle put on a lovely Assembly with confident reading and beautiful, catchy singing. Thank you to all of the parents who attended. It was great to see so many of you.



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

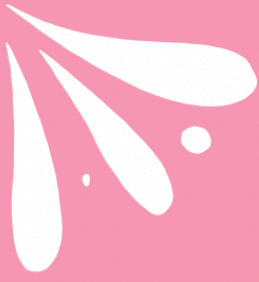
I liked sewing: Oliver

I have been learning about money and time. I'm getting better with both: Isla S

In ICT, I made a cool background on a slideshow: Luka

I enjoyed learning about fractions: Ethan





Friday 24th May
CAKE SALE



**AFTER
SCHOOL**



**PROCEEDS TO
ST MARY'S PTA**



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Good afternoon,

Thank you to those of you who have already attended one of the lifeguard training sessions.

From Monday the rota's will be available in the office until the end of term.

As a reminder we ask that you cover 2 slots in order to benefit from being able to use the pool over the summer holidays.

Once everyone has committed to the sessions, we will be looking for volunteers to cover any gaps if required.

We will create a whatsApp group over May half term to share the rotas and timetables.

Again, thank you for your support in enabling us to open the pool for the children of St Mary's to use and enjoy. Without your help this would not be possible.

Many Thanks

The swimming pool committee

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Kingston

This week Kingston's home corner has turned into a Vets. We have had lots of role play, caring for animals, booking patients in, working at the cash registers counting money in and out. There has been lots of lovely conversation, including talking about our pets at home.



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Upcoming events

Date	Event
Mon 20 th May	Class photos being taken
Fri 24 th May	Children finish for the Half Term break
Mon 3 rd June	Children return from Half Term break
Thurs 6 th June	Maiden Castle attending the D-Day 80 th Anniversary flag raising ceremony at County Hall in the morning
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.

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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.
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 enjoy a relaxing weekend with your family.

Paula Fearn
Headteacher