

ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER
EDITION

WHAT'S
NEW?



PRELOVED UNIFORM:

You may have noticed the new mini shed at the front of the school. This is for parents to donate preloved uniform - please do help yourself to what you need. If it is full, bring your donations at another time. We will also be adding a Book Swap Box next week!

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Autumn Show and Harvest Event. There were some very artistic entries and delicious bakes in the competition this year. A big thank you to the edible garden team and Wessex water for providing some engaging activities to help us all think about our water useage.

Autumn Show



Notices

FIDDLES:

We know that fiddle toys can be very helpful for some pupils in supporting them to focus in class. We have a stock of these in school for pupils to use. If you feel your child requires one please discuss with the class teacher in the first instance.



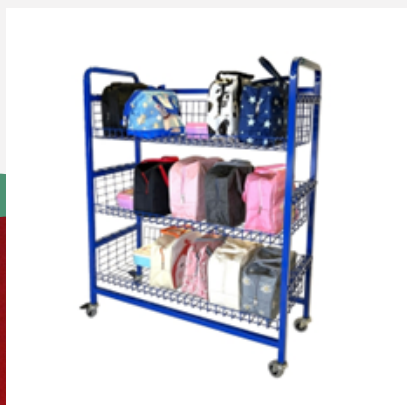
LATES

A reminder that gates shut at 8:50 each morning. Children start their class learning at this time so if they are late they are missing this part of the day. We have a new set of attendance information on our website - you can access this [here](#).

BAGS

We recently had a health and safety audit of the school. The number of belongings coming in to school is increasing with pegs now overflowing and items falling on the floor regularly. We are purchasing some new lunchbag trollies to help reduce the amount on pegs.

Please use a drawstring bag for PE kits as these hang on pegs without falling off. Please consider whether a rucksack is needed as children keep their water bottles in class with them during the day.



Upcoming Events

- School Discos next Wednesday - look out for the PTA flyers.
- Parents Evenings 17th & 18th October - booking slots will go live on the My Child at School App later this week.



WILDSIDE RESIDENTIAL

On the first day we were able to hold an owl. They gave us special gloves to protect our arms. It felt so light when we held it. We also played bats and moths - the bats had to find the moths with a blindfold on. We made it even harder after while by the moths having blindfolds too!

On Wednesday night we went on a night walk - it was pitch black! At one point on the walk we turned off our torches and were given a glowstick. We had to hold on and follow a rope. At the end of the rope was a trail of glow sticks to lead us back to camp.

On Thursday night we made our own own pizzas. All the vegetables came from their garden and the base was homemade. We could choose our own toppings; mushrooms, mozzarella, pepperoni, salami and cheese. They had their own pizza oven for us to cook them in. They were delicious!

Poppie Willday

