



# St. Mary's News



## Christmas Fayre

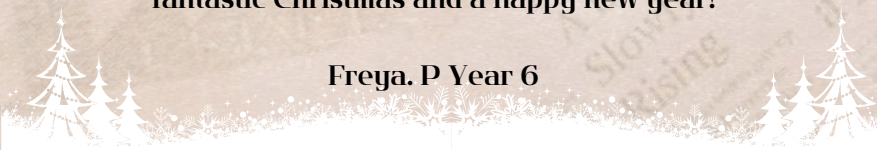
On Friday 7th of December, St Mary's Primary School had an amazing Christmas fair! Some helpful, fabulous, gracious year 6's helped through this event- Freya. P, Poppy W, Marley E, and Eve H. We are very grateful at St Mary's Primary school for everyone who attended.

At the fayre, you could buy things such as fudge (made by four Year 6 children), lanterns with Christmas tree pictures made out of tissue paper (also made by Year 6) and there were games like: 'Guess how many baubles in the jar,' a child and adult Tombola, and a 'Name the Unicorn' game. Multiple teachers helped out at this event such as Mrs Samuel and a school governor Miss Proctor (previous year 1 teacher).

Fudge was the quickest to sell out, but luckily we still had other things to sell! Our fudge was priced at £1.50 and the lanterns were £1.00 each. In the fudge bags were 2 dark chocolate and 2 white chocolate fudge flavours. Mrs Marsh was supervising the children as they made the tasty treats ready for the event.

We hope everyone who attended has a fantastic Christmas and a happy new year!

Freya. P Year 6



# St. Mary's News



## Anti-bullying Week

by Cody Scadding

On the week of the 13th November St Mary's had an Anti-Bullying week. We were rated GOLD because of our efforts to eliminate bullying. On the Tuesday of Anti-bullying week, our Well-being Ambassadors hosted an assembly where we talked about being an 'Upstander' (a person who stands up to bullying behaviour.) We discussed how to be an upstander and suggested different situations which might need an upstander to step in. We learned about the 9 protected characteristics which included: pregnancy, age, race, gender, disability and religion. Later, the Well-Being ambassadors created an Anti-bullying display featuring the protected characteristics we had learnt about. Anti-bullying week is a very important event at St Marys school and we always do as much as we can for our school. We often go further than the rest of the country and adapt the national ideas for St. Mary's.





# St. Mary's News

---

## *New School Library*

In the first half of the Autumn term of 2023, St Mary's Primary School received a new school library. When the library actually started, Mrs Samuel recruited the St Marys reading champions! We've got about 14 reading champions. The year 6 reading champions were given special priority scanning in and out year six books-We felt very privileged! In our second meeting, Mrs Samuels explained that Miss Jessopp had kindly, over the half term holiday, made everyone in the school a library card. We were very pleased with Miss Jessopp and her hard work!

We have many more books than we have had before. The champions asked for some of their favourites and also different genres such as information books about subjects such as football. We also got some new 'Little People, Big Dreams' titles and some new best-selling children's books.

We have a new desk with a box, which the children can put their finished books into, labelled 'book returns'. We have a comfy, cubby hole, (which everyone loves) for maximum relaxation and cosiness for our reading. On the outside, we have some cupboards and special shelves for storage.

Another privilege about this library is that it is a quiet learning area because children are encouraged to be quiet when reading.

If you have any old books, in good condition, that you don't read anymore, you can give them to Mrs Samuel to donate to the library.

Reported by Cody Scadding



# St. Mary's News

---



## New Playtime Equipment

The new school equipment is for people to play with so they can enjoy their playtime and have fun. We must take care of this equipment, because we have spent a lot of money on it.

The sports ambassadors help the younger children to use it properly and carefully so they do not break it. Everyone is having a lot more fun at playtime now.

## Quick Sticks Hockey

A few weeks ago, some of the Year 5 children from St Mary's went up to Colfox to compete in a hockey tournament. We didn't win but we tried our best. We were all very excited but nervous as well. All of us learnt new skills like teamwork and shooting.

We all enjoyed it but it was nerve racking at times. We worked well as a team [most of the time!]. All of the other schools seemed to enjoy it as well and we are looking forward to the next one.

Reported by Scarlett Day



Reported By Lauren Hawkins

---



# St. Mary's News

---

## Kenway Cup

St.Marys year 5 and 6 travelled to Bridport primary to compete against other schools last Wednesday. The teams were BPS, Burton Bradstock, St.Catherines, Thorners, and Symondsbury. The scores were 1st BPS, 2nd Symondsbury, 3rd Thorners, 4th St.Catherines, 5th St.Marys, and 6th Burton Bradstock.

We had to wear black shorts, a short sleeved top, a long sleeved top on top, long red socks, and studded football shoes.

Everyone was amazing. There was some really good team work and lots of passing. It was amazing!

Reported By Charlie Brown

A big well done to our Cross Country team too for their excellent efforts at the recent event.

**This half term's cross country team**

