

# St. Mary's News

## West Bay Trip-

Our topic is Coastlines, so last week we went to West Bay. First, we walked through the fields to West Bay and saw cows, sheep, llamas and a goat. It was about half an hour to get there. After that, we split into two groups and our group went to the Discovery centre, while the other group did litter picking. Then we went to the caravan shop to get ice lollies- either a Fab or a fruit layer.

Next,, we went to the park and had our lunch and we went to the playground. The best bits were the rocking rope and the climbing frame. Our teacher climbed all the way to the top! Next, we went to the pier for a photo. We also had to find things on the beach and then we walked back. We had to sit down in the middle of the walk because we were tired. It was a really great trip!

Sienna Matthews  
and  
Angus MacGillray



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## Rocks, Relics and Rumbles

We have started a new topic called 'Rocks, Relics and Rumbles'. We are learning about earthquakes, volcanoes and the tectonic plates. Last week we had some visitors in our class, Tony and Isobel. They talked to us about when Bridport used to be underwater. They talked about how tectonic plates moved the surface of the earth. They brought in rocks including limestone, granite, chalk and slate. We got to hold them and feel the layers. They took us back in time to the Jurassic period, and used a computer program to show us what it was like. It is a very interesting topic so far and we are looking forward to learning about volcanos.



Dylan Jeffs,  
Joe Cox and  
Betty  
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## Year 4

### The Easter Show

Just before the Easter holidays the PTA held the Easter show. You could enter a photo, baked item, picture or 3-d sculpture. There were lots of entries this year. I entered a bunny cake with my twin sister Emma and we won. We were given a huge chocolate egg. I hope to enter again next year.

Max Sharp

### Opera Workshop

Year 4 took part in a music workshop at St. Swithen's church in March with Symondsburry and Burton Bradstock schools. We practised songs from the Magic Flute by Mozart, and added actions and speech. We had a brilliant opera singer join us as a surprise, and also professional musicians. We performed to our parents and teachers at the end of the day. We then performed Papageno's Aria in St. Marys church as part of the schools Easter service. It felt strange performing it with recorded music, but most of us performed confidently, and the audience went wild.



Harry Rhodes and Max Sharp

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## Bikeability-

Year 5 are doing Bikeability to help with our skills on the road and to help us cycle safely. The class are split into groups of six. On our first session we practised cycling in and out of cones, but it rained, so we got very wet. We practised braking and indicating and learnt about rights of way. It is important because most of us have a bike and it is useful to know all the rules for going on the road and making sure your bike is safe to ride. Some of us are riding our bikes to school now, so we want to stay safe. We have two more sessions to do, and we are looking forward to it. On the next sessions we will be riding around Skilling and then Happy Island.



Elsie Goff and  
Poppy Gawen



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## The school garden

My Mum works in the school garden, and I often help her by watering plants, planting seeds and putting tools away. In the winter the gardening team do lots of work. Now, in the Spring, they are planting seeds and the potatoes have already been planted. It is important to have a school garden, as the vegetables are used by the kitchen and gardening is really calming and relaxing for some children. There is a gardening club and the children really enjoy it. My Mum used to work for Lady Charlotte, looking after her gardens. Now she enjoys working at St. Mary's with all the lovely children.



Archie Bosher

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## Year 6 SATs-

This year we are preparing for SATs. We have many different ways of remembering things we have learnt this year, such as, LBQ (Learning By Questions) and Revision books. Some people enjoy the revision work, but some people are sad that there is not as much time for fun lessons. In order to encourage us, we have a West Bay trip afterwards. During our SATs week we will be given a morning breakfast, if we arrive before 8.40am. We will be put into different rooms for the tests so we are spread across the school. Some people are excited about the SATs and want to know how well they will do. Other people are looking forward to all the fun events after SATs.

Daisy Pawley and Cody Scadding

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## St Mary's Has Got Talent-

Last term the school held the St. Mary's Has Got Talent competition. First, I did an audition in my class. Only one person could go through in each class, and I was put through by a couple of votes. I did some magic tricks. Then, I had to perform it in front of the whole a few days later. I was very confident and the magic went well, and a lot of people were stunned. I came third and got a certificate. It was my first year at the school and I was proud to get through to the finals, and to share my magic with the school. My best trick is a rope trick, where the string is cut and the put back together. Magic!

Marley England

