



# ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY

## NEWSLETTER



Newsletter 3 - Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy few weeks and we are all so proud of how brilliantly the children are working this year. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child is in school everyday as we work together to ensure attendance in school is a priority. Clubs are now starting up, JLT has been voted in for this year and meeting with myself, Star Club are getting ready for Harvest and our well being Ambassadors working hard with Mrs Samuel. We will be offering more after school clubs shortly. We also look forward to you attending parent consultation meetings before half term.

I hope you were able to enjoy some of the produce that the Edible Garden shared with us last week. It is wonderful that we can have fruit and vegetables grown onsite to share. Sporting events are starting with some children involved, the Colmer's Hill run, Tag Rugby and cross country running at Colfox. Good Luck to those involved!

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend,

*Katharine Anstey*

### Key Dates for this term

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**- Individual and sibling photos 8 am for all sibling photos please come in with your children to the office

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October** PTA disco see PTA flyer

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2pm** Harvest Service in St Mary's Church - All parents/carers welcome

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October** PTA Harvest Show - See PTA flyer

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October 3.15 -4.30pm** FLOURISH Harvest - all welcome - See flyer

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October and Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October** Parent Consultation Meetings  
Booking via Arbor

**27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> October Half term** - No children in school

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** Inset day - No children in school

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November** Children return to school

**Last day of term** Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January** Inset day - No children in school

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026** First day of term of Spring Term for children

**BUILDING A CARING COMMUNITY WHERE ALL CAN LEARN AND SHINE**

# THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

## Attendance

Everyday Every lesson

This week our attendance is...

Reception - 91.6%

Year 1 - 90%

Year 2 - 96.5%

Year 3 - 94.8%

Year 4 - 94.2%

Year 5 - 93%

Year 6 - 93.8%

Whole School - 95.47%

The school gates open at 8.40 and close at 8.50. The school day ends at 3.15.

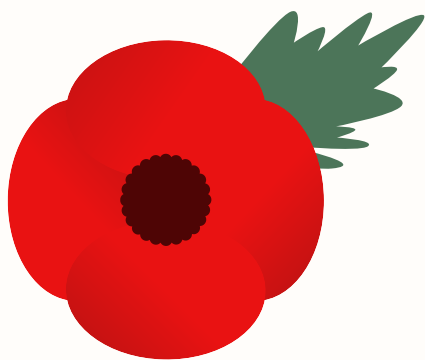
**Our Whole school target is 97%**



## Safeguarding

Our safeguarding team is Mrs Anstey, Mrs Samuel, Ms Barnett and Mrs Gerrard.

We work closely with families and professionals providing support when it may be needed. If you have concerns around the welfare of a child, you can also call Family Support and Advice Line on 01305 228558



The Royal British Legion have provided the school with poppies. These will be available after half term for a donation.

## Open days

We are holding open morning visits for families who have a child starting Reception in September 2026. Contact the school office to book a visit.

# THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

## Year 3,4,5,6

**Yr 6** have been learning long and short division using knowledge of factors pairs

**Yr 5** have been learning to add numbers that are greater than 10 000 including estimating amounts and rounding

**Year 4** have been rounding numbers to the nearest hundred and thousands in maths

**Year 3** have been adding and subtracting 1, 10 and 100 to different 2 and 3 digit numbers

Miss Smith, Mr Morrison, Mr Byrne and Miss Smith have been very impressed with the positive attitudes. Keep working on knowing your times tables too. Great work everyone!

## Year Reception, 1, 2

**Year 2** have been using their knowledge of number bonds to 10 to learn number bonds to 100 and have been inspired by the work of artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo

**Year 1** have been learning more than and less than a number and made lion masks in art using collage

**Reception** - have been learning to subitise up to 3 which is recognising amounts instantly without counting  
Mrs Geldard, Miss Haynes and Miss Harrison are so proud of all the amazing number work

## St Mary's Edible garden

Join our Growing Community!

Volunteer with us on a Wednesday pm

- + Enjoy light gardening tasks
- +Support our kids' garden groups
- +Be part of a friendly green community
- +Learn new gardening skills

Interested? Contact us today  
[sarahwilberforce@gmail.com](mailto:sarahwilberforce@gmail.com)

## PTA Events

**Please see the posters with the Disco and Autumn Show details.**

**The PTA events can only run with the support of parents so please reach out via the facebook page if you can give even a small amount of time to help.**

**Please click [here](#) to see the PTA facebook page with further details about events and how you can support.**

# Apply for a school place posters

**STARTING  
SCHOOL  
SEPTEMBER 2026**



**Is your 3 or 4 year old starting school in  
September 2026?**

**Welcome to St Mary's School Bridport  
Find out more about our school in one of  
the following open days:**

**Parent/Carer one hour tours**  
**7<sup>th</sup> October 9:15 or 10:30**  
**14<sup>th</sup> October 9:15 or 10:30**  
**21<sup>st</sup> October 9:15 or 10:30**



**Book a space now by contacting the schools  
office :**

**01308423065 /  
office@stmarysceprimary.org**

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shine!**

# Harvest Time fun for all!

## Flourish at Harvest Time!

Come and join the celebration on 17<sup>th</sup> October  
Starting at school pick up time in the Hall, to finish by 4.30 pm.  
Games, reflection, story and treasure hunt.  
Snack and drink provided free of charge.

**Everyone welcome.**

## Autumn Show

**FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER**  
**2pm at St Mary's Church**

*A chance for your child to show off their creative skills.*

*Design a picture, make a creation,  
enter a photograph or Individual Bake  
'Autumn Theme'*

*Some children even enter all the categories!*

### Categories:

Picture (no bigger than A3)

Creation (no bigger than a shoebox)

Photograph 6x4 size

Bake (no large cakes please)

**50p per entry**

Enter as many times as  
you like

Prizes for winner in each  
class/category

**50p per entry**

Name & Year group to be on the back of all entries.

Entries to be taken in to class by the children on the morning of the show.

This year the winners will be told at school during the day, prizes and certificates will be handed out in church during the Harvest Festival service.

Children will return to school where picture & creation entries will be on display and the bakes will be on sale.

(all bake entries will be sold, to prevent any upset please make sure you keep some of your bake for yourself if you wish, in case it is all sold before you get to it)

