



ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter 4 - Friday 24th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of the first half of the Autumn term and I can't believe how quickly it has flown by and how much we have packed in! Last week it was wonderful to see everyone join together at St Mary's Church for our Harvest thanksgiving service. It was wonderful to have the children share messages, poems and songs, including our new Reception children. Didn't they do well! Thank you to everyone who participated in the super Autumn Show. The contributions were incredible and made it very difficult for the judges to choose winners. Thank you to the PTA for organising the display and holding the cake sale at the end of the day and thank you to two of our LSC members for the difficult job of judging.

This week it was a pleasure to host the first parent consultation meetings of the school year. It was fantastic to see books and learning being shared and to be able to celebrate how well the children have settled into their new classes this term. Thank you for coming into school. If you were unable to attend, please talk to your child's class teacher to make a time to talk.

Thank you for your kindness and support and I wish you a restful and happy half term break,

Katharine Anstey

Key Dates for this term

- 27th - 31st October Half term** - No children in school
- Monday 3rd November** Inset day - No children in school
- Tuesday 4th November** Children return to school
- Thursday 20th November** - Flu vaccination
- Monday 15th Dec 9.30am** - Reception Nativity
- Tuesday 16th December 9.30am** Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance
- Tuesday 16th December 1.30pm** Year 3,4,5 and 6 Christmas Performance
- Last day of term** Thursday 18th December
- Friday 19th December and Monday 5th January** Inset day - No children in school
- Tuesday 6th 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 - 94.38%

Year 1 - 95.88%

Year 2 - 94.64%

Year 3 - 99.23%

Year 4 - 94.05%

Year 5 - 96.67%

Year 6 - 91.88%

Whole School - 95.3%

Our Whole school target is 97%

Dorset Inclusion lead came to St Mary's this week to support us with our attendance reviews. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance please come and talk to us about support we can provide.



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



Sporting events

Congratulations to all the children who have attended recent sporting events. There was a great turn out for the Colmer Hill run and lots of fun at the Colfox cross country event. Congratulations of the girls who came 2nd in the team event at Colfox and to Harry for 2nd Place in the Colmer Hill run.

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Year 1,2,3,4,5

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This week, Years 1-5 took part in fire safety workshops delivered by the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service. The children in Year 1-4 learnt about key messages regarding fire prevention in the home, looking at fire hazards and the importance of having a clear bedtime checklist. The children learnt rhymes and listened to stories that hopefully they have come home and told you all about. The Year 5 children were invited to be trained as a 'Fire Investigation Officer' and in groups used evidence to investigate their first case.

Reception and Yr 6

Year 6 have been continuing to read 'letters of the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll and in their narrative writing focusing on using speech to advance the action.

Reception - have been learning to blend their sounds to say and then write words and short phrases - amazing!

Year 5 and 6 Meet Author Justyn Edwards

On Thursday, our Year 5 and 6 pupils had a fantastic opportunity to meet children's author Justyn Edwards, creator of the exciting Great Fox series. As part of the Bridport Literary Festival, Justyn entertained everyone with a wonderful mix of storytelling and magic tricks, giving us a glimpse into the inspiration behind his books and the clever illusions that feature in his stories. The festival organisers also generously provided signed copies of his books for our school library, which we're sure will be very popular! It was a truly inspiring visit that left everyone eager to read more and maybe even try a few magic tricks of their own.



EDWARD MORELLO MP'S **CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION**

ENTRIES MUST BE NO LARGER THAN
A4 AND MADE USING PENCIL, PEN OR
PAINT (NO GLITTER!)

EMAIL TO EDWARD.MORELLO.MP@PARLIAMENT.UK
OR POST TO EDWARD MORELLO MP, HOUSE OF COMMONS,
LONDON, SW1A 0AA

PLEASE SUBMIT ENTRIES BY FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER



FUNDED SPACES NOW ADDED!



Half Term DAY CAMPS

AT BRIDPORT LEISURE CENTRE

Fun and exciting camps for children aged 5 to 12 years, with a variety of sporting activities that will encourage, engage and get children working together as a team.

Plus Halloween themed craft sessions!

TUESDAY 28TH TO THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2025
8.30AM TO 5.30PM

We have now acquired funding for a limited number of fully funded spaces to those eligible and in receipt of benefit-related free school meals in Bridport and the surrounding area.

[Scan here for more info](#)



Lunch included plus Fresh Fruit
kindly donated by Washingpool Farm.



Please note:
There is a 7-day cancellation policy on Day Camps



Spaces are limited
call (01308) 427464
to book

Remember to bring: snacks and plenty of drinks. Please wear trainers and dress for the weather.

Bridport Leisure Centre, Brewery Fields, Bridport, Dorset DT6 5LN
Tel: (01308) 427464 www.bridportleisure.com

After School Club

WEDNESDAYS
3:30 TIL 5PM

games, craft and food!

Sparklers

Kid's church

SUNDAYS 10:30



£1 a family for popcorn and drinks

SATURDAYS @ 10 AM
8TH NOVEMBER
13TH DECEMBER

Family film club

