



ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter 4 - Friday 14th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The second half of the Autumn term is well under way and lots has happened already. This week has been **Anti-bullying week** and the children have had time in assembly and in classes to talk about **'use your power for good'**. Read further in the newsletter to find out more. We have also taken the opportunity this week to remind everyone about our behaviour charter and expectations. To ensure our expectations are clear and understood, we have created the charter with visuals support. We have also talked about how reflection time will be used for more serious incidents that SLT are involved which aoretns would also be made aware of. Our Behaviour policy and guidance as well as the Anti Bullying Policy can be found on the website [here](#).

Staffing update

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Mr Byrne, Yr 4 class teacher and Miss Haynes, Yr 1 class teacher. I would like to thank them both for being such committed teachers who always want the best for every child in the class. I know that St Mary's has particularly benefited from the musical expertise that Mr Byrne has provided and this will be greatly missed! I have sent letters to each class introducing them to the new teachers that we have appointed for January. Miss Begum will be joining us in Year 4 and Mrs Norton will be joining Year 1 and they are both very excited to get to know their class and join our fantastic team.

Today we have seen lots of spots in school in support of Children in Need. Thank you if you have been able to support this charity and donate directly. Wishing you a lovely weekend,

Katharine Anstey

Key Dates for this term

Thursday 20th November - Flu vaccination

Tuesday 9th December - Non school Uniform day - for PTA Fayre

Thursday 11th December - Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 12th December 3.15pm - PTA Christmas Fayre- All welcome

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 - 76.5%

Year 1 - 92.6%

Year 2 - 97.9%

Year 3 - 94.1%

Year 4 - 97.9%

Year 5 - 98.7%

Year 6 - 91.9%

Whole School - 92.8%

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



Our whole School assembly on Monday focused on the theme 'Use your power for Good'. We used the opportunity to help the children understand what bullying means and our well being ambassadors lead conversations in each class which were then celebrated on Thursday. You can see below the themes each year group focused on.

Reception: Tell a grown up at home or at school

Year 1: Say Stop!

Year 2: Be inclusive and include children in a different game

Year 3: Explain how the words/actions make us feel- When you say/do ..., it makes me feel....

Year 4: Ask a well-being ambassador for help

Year 5: Watch out for younger children- if you see something in another year group which doesn't seem right let an adult know.

Year 6: Report cyberbullying- Let someone know if there is unkindness online in your games or in chats.

THIS WEEK AT ST MARY'S

Rec , Year 1, 2 and 3

This week...

Reception have been enjoying the story 'The tiger who came to tea'. The children have been talking about all the food the Tiger ate!

Yr 1 have been learning the story of the 3 little pigs and writing letters to the wolf.

Yr 2 have been learning to write command sentences and write instruction linked to George's marvellous medicine.

Yr 3 have been reviewing different poems with a focus on alternative rhyming patterns.

Yr 4, 5 and 6

Yr 4 have been planning a shared write with a focus on a persuasive advert about an imaginary vehicle.

Exciting!

Year 5 have been learning how to write an explanation text about how to survive in the woods.

Year 6 have been working hard on Mock SATS tests in preparation for the real event in May. We are incredibly proud of how well they have approached the tests and tried their best.

Year 2 Visit to Bridport Library.

On Thursday 7th November, Year 2 enjoyed a wonderful trip to Bridport Library to meet the author and illustrator Charles Fuge, known for his delightful books such as 'The Adventures of Little Wombat' and 'Gilbert in the deep!' The children were captivated as Charles demonstrated his incredible talent, sketching a range of their favourite animals right before their eyes. He also read two of his picture books, inspiring the children to create their own artistic masterpieces afterwards. Charles even commented to Mrs

Samuel that St Mary's has some exceptionally talented young artists in Year 2! We would like to say a huge thank you to the Bridport Literary Festival for organising this special visit and for their donation of books and funds for our school library.

Bridport Town Council meeting

On Friday 14th November, we were invited to join Cllr Bolwell with other local schools as part of Dorset Youth Voice, to consider how to improve the spaces in Bridport for young people and families.

Our Yr 6 Junior Leadership Team represented St Mary's and gave a fantastic short speech to share the ideas and thoughts of Yr 6.

We will keep you updated with the next steps from the meeting!



Bridport
Town Council



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FIRST CLASS PHOTO SPECIAL

Thursday 13th November 2025

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AT

Bridport United Church

Thursday

27th November

3.30 - 5.30pm

Crafts, Story, Meal, Fun.

Free for children

aged up to 11 - accompanied
by parents and carers.

STARTING SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2026



**IS YOUR 3 OR 4 YEAR OLD STARTING
SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026?**

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