



ST MARY'S CE PRIMARY



NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 13 - 8th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic few weeks in school! The sunshine always makes us smile but so does the incredible work and effort that I see by all our children across the school. This is a very busy term with lots of opportunities to demonstrate what has been learnt. I am particularly proud of the progress I see in children's writing books and the improvement over the year, demonstrating perseverance and creativity.

The focus continues with **Year 6 SATS** next week. These are statutory assessments that check what children know from the Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 curriculum. We are very proud of how hard the children have worked in their time at St Mary's and are well prepared to do their very best. Good Luck!

Last week, Year 5 had the opportunity to participate in **Bikeability** and were fantastic at progressing their cycling skills and knowledge and road safety. Well done to all those involved, what an incredible achievement.

Congratulations to Reception for learning about the importance of oral health. This has included our daily "Big Brush", where the children practise brushing their teeth each day. We recently had a visit from a tooth-brushing supervisor, who was so impressed with the children's positive attitudes and enthusiasm for tooth brushing that she awarded us a "Model Setting" award.

Thank you to everyone who has supported us with keeping our **school car park** as safe as possible and by parking at drop off and pick up times in the leisure car park or football car park. We share the car park with the family Hub and therefore need to keep access to staff members only or those with a blue badge. If you have not done so already, please update information [here](#) with details of Blue badge holders for our records. Thank you for working together as there is nothing more important than our children's safety.

Lastly, today is **Sir David Attenboroughs 100th Birthday**. This week in worship we have been celebrating his incredible work and learning about action he has taken over his life time. His inspirational work to care for our world has reminded us all that at S Mary's we are 'Building caring community where all can learn and shine'.

Happy Birthday Sir David!

Katharine Anstey

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 - 90.64%

Year 1 -90.5%

Year 2 - 97.41%

Year 3 - 95.54%

Year 4 - 91.35%

Year 5 - 93.53%

Year 6 -96.15%

Whole School - 93.7%



Thank you for working with us to ensure that your child attends school every day.



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



Key Dates for this term

W/c 11th May - Year 6 SATS week

Wednesday 20th May - Year 5 Tamarisk Farm Trip

Thursday 21st May - School Disco

Friday 22nd May - School finishes for Half Term

Monday 1st June - Children return to school

Wednesday 3rd June - Year 5/6 Quadkids at Colfox

Friday 5th June - Year 2 Dance Workshop

Tuesday 16th June - Year 3/4 Quadkids at Colfox

Thursday 18th June - Sports Day

Wednesday 24th June - 'St. Mary's Children's Food and Water Fair' 3.15-5pm

Friday 3rd July - PTA Summer Fayre

Wednesday 22nd July - Last day of term 3.15pm finish



This week at St Mary's...

Reception have been reading Granny's special garden and have been using the outside space to go on a bug hunt. I wonder what they found!

Year 1 have been learning how to compare and describe the capacity of objects.

Year 2 have been learning to tell the time to 5 mins on a clock face. I wonder what you can do in 5 mins?

Year 3 have been learning about the effects of tsunami and its destructive force.

Year 4 have produced the most incredibly descriptive sci fi stories. They worked hard to include descriptive language that builds up tension!

Year 5 have been using scratch , a computer programme, to write their own questions with only one answer.

Year 6 have been preparing themselves for next week's SATS test. They have worked incredibly hard and we are so proud of all their achievements.

Attendance

Congratulations Year 2 Amazing attendance of 97%!





Water bottles in school

Now the weather is warming up , please ensure you child brings a water bottle to school every day.

Home School communication

Strong partnerships between home and school are essential and we are very proud to work closely with all our families. If you have any questions or concerns please come and talk to us first. Your child's class teacher is the first point of contact followed by Mrs Anstey or Mrs Samuel.

Attendance

We're all focused on helping your child reach their full potential and a crucial part of that is making sure they are here every day. Regular attendance is the key to maximizing their learning opportunities and helping them grow into confident, emotionally resilient adults who make a positive impact in the community.

Because consistent attendance is so vital (and a national priority), we kindly ask that you plan any family holidays outside of term time. Please note that Headteachers are unable to approve absences for holidays taken during the school year.

Thank you for partnering with us to prioritise your child's success



Parent drop-in

Your next drop-in will be on:

Thursday 4th June 2026 9.15am - 12pm

If you would like to book a slot then please

Email familysupport@stmaryscephprimary.org

Or phone the school number and ask to speak to Lucy Gerrard

This will be a 1:1 session with Katy Thomas from the SNT

Your school nursing team can provide non-judgemental and confidential support and advice about:

Healthy lifestyle advice

Emotional health and well-being support

Bedwetting and toileting

Nutrition and growth

Sleep advice

Signposting to various services

Parenting advice

Behaviour support

You can contact us via

- School nursing admin hub on 01929 557 558

- Parentline advice 5-19 texting service on 07312263131

- Website at www.dorsethealthcare.nhs.uk/school-nursing

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We provide a confidential service. This means that you can discuss personal information in confidence. We will not discuss your personal information with anyone else without your permission. This includes parents and teachers. We would only pass on your information in order to protect you or someone else from serious harm. Whenever possible we would discuss this with you first.

SCHOOL DISCO

Reception, Years 1 & 2

Thursday 21st May

3.00 - 4.00pm

Entry £1

(Please ensure your child brings no more than £4.)



Tattoos 20p
Drinks 50p
Crisps 50p
Mini Chocs 30p
Popcorn 50p

If Parents could pack their child's disco clothes for them to take into school, along with their entrance fee and any spending money in a labelled envelope or purse, the KS1 teachers will kindly help them to get changed.

After school club will run as normal.

SCHOOL DISCO

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Thursday 21st May

4.15 - 5.15pm

Entry £1

(Please ensure your child brings no more than £4.)



Popcorn 50p
Tattoos 20p
Drinks 50p
Crisps 50p
Mini Chocs 30p

After school club will run as normal. If your child usually attends this, you are able to send your child to the relevant disco instead, as long as provisions are made to pick them up at the end. (ensure they have a change of clothes and money in a labelled purse/wallet)



STARLAND KREW

BUMPER ZORBS

MAKE A BEAR

POOL ADVENTURES

WATER WALKERS

INFLATABLE SLIDES

INTERACTIVE WATER GAMES

BATTLE BLASTERS

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

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Tailored Fun. Endless Smiles. Unforgettable Memories.

We create one-of-a-kind birthday experiences filled with action, creativity and excitement—built around your child!

- BUMPER ZORBS & BATTLE BLASTERS**
High-energy fun & games!
- WATER ADVENTURES & POOL PARTIES**
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- INFLATABLE SLIDES**
Big thrills & non-stop fun!
- MAKE A BEAR**
Create a cuddly keepsake!
- CREATIVE ACTIVITIES**
Tie-dye, crafts & more!
- INTERACTIVE GAMES & EXPERIENCES**
Memories they'll love!

☆ FULLY CUSTOM-DESIGNED PARTIES
 😊 ACTIVITIES MATCHED TO YOUR CHILD'S INTERESTS
 🏠 INDOOR & OUTDOOR OPTIONS
 🍷 FOOD AND DRINK OPTIONS AVAILABLE
 📅 STRESS-FREE PLANNING—WE HANDLE EVERYTHING!

LET'S PLAN THEIR PERFECT DAY!
 DATES FILL FAST—SECURE YOURS NOW!
 PLEASE EMAIL Kirra.butcher@parkdean-resorts.com TO START BUILDING YOUR BESPOKE PACKAGE!



For children up to 11 years,
with their adult carers.
Songs, Bible stories, craft activities,
a meal and a mess
Come and join in!
Thursday 3.30 - 5.30

Our next Messy Church
will be one week earlier than usual
Please join us on
Thursday, 21st May at 3.30pm
to celebrate Pentecost -
the birthday of the church

Craft
activities



Party
Food

Bridport United Church, East Street

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And so much more!**

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THURSDAY
9.00 - 15.30
8.30 - 15.30
8.30 - 17.30
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PER DAY**



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