



Friday 16th June 2023

# ST MARY'S NEWS

The latest news from St Mary's CE VC First School

## KEY DATES

**Monday 19th June - 9am**

Potted Sports Morning

**W/C Monday 19th June**

New-Reception Home Visits

**Thursday 22nd June - 9am**

Oak Class Assembly

**Mon 26th to Wed 28th June**

3:30pm - 4:30pm

New Reception Inductions

**Thursday 29th June**

Ash Ukulele Assembly

**Friday 30th June**

Reports home to parents

**W/C Monday 3rd July**

Scholastic Book Fair

**Tues 4th & Wed 5th July**

Parent-Teacher Consultations

**Thursday 6th July**

DASP Transfer Day

**Sunday 9th July**

Charminster Family Fun Day

**Monday 10th July - 1:15pm**

Sports Afternoon

**Thursday 13th July - 1:30pm**

DASP Citizen Awards

**Thursday 20th July - 9:15am**

Leavers' Service

**Friday 21st July**

Last Day of Term

**Mon 24th July to Thurs 31st Aug**

Summer Holidays

**Friday 1st September**

INSET Day

**Monday 4th September**

First Day of Term

**Friday 20th October**

Last Day of Term

**Mon 23rd to Fri 27th October**

Half Term Holidays

**Monday 30th October**

INSET Day

## Note from Mr Homer

What a scorcher it has been this week! Throughout this heatwave, we have spent time talking with the children about staying safe in the heat. Please continue to ensure that your child is wearing sun cream and brings a hat and water bottle to school each day.

On Monday, the children had a fantastic morning with Maddi, our visiting athlete. Lots of children raised a fantastic amount of money (£1125 in total!) which will be split between our school and supporting unsponsored athletes. We thank each and every one of you for supporting this event and Miss Thornicroft for making this happen.

Recently, we have begun collaborating with Symondsburry Primary School on their initiative which they have entitled 'Change the World in 100 Ways!'. They have challenged 100 schools to do 100 small (or big) things to change the world. Over the coming months, we will be encouraging our community to share ideas of ways in which we can have a positive impact on the world around us. This week, we kicked this off by creating a large banner to raise awareness of climate change. This will be displayed at Glastonbury Festival, next week! With extreme weather currently the 'hot' topic of conversation, we decided to base our banner around the idea of 'saving our seasons'. A HUGE thank you to Mrs Middleton and the ECO committee for leading on this project.



Have a fabulous weekend!

Mr Homer

# welcome

On Wednesday evening this week, we had the privilege of welcoming the parents of our new Reception cohort, into St Mary's. The Welcome Evening was very well attended and gave us all a lovely opportunity to meet our newest members of the St Mary's family.

Thank you to all of the staff who attended our Welcome Evening and to all of our new and returning families who attended.

Our Willow team look forward to meeting the new Reception children during the home visits, next week!

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Our school attendance for this academic year is currently:

**94.4%**

*Last week's winners were...*



### Regular events at St Mary's in Term Time (for families and adults)



#### Tuesdays:

9am to 12noon - T@SM (Community Café) in church  
3pm to 4pm - T@SM afterschool session in Community Centre  
4.30pm to 6pm - 4UP! Youth Group (year 4's upwards)

#### Wednesdays:

11am - Choir (open to all)  
2.30pm - Prayer Group

#### Thursdays:

8.40am to 9.40am - School Run Café for parents and tots

#### Sundays:

11am - Main Service (+ Sunday School or Activity Corner for young children)  
3rd Sunday each month - Evensong (timings in the Pilot)  
4th Sunday each month, Sept to May - 4pm - Messy Church

## PLEASE REMEMBER

Now that Summer is in full swing, please remember to apply suncream to your child before school.

We would strongly recommend that every child brings a hat to school, if they have one.

Please also ensure that your child remembers to bring their water bottle with them each day.

Thank you all for your support.

## Nearly New SALE

We are looking for donations of your 'nearly new items' for our Charminster Family Fun Day.

Items can be donated every Friday from 9th June at 3pm at Fab Friday shack.



#### YES

- Toys
- Complete Games/ Puzzles
- Soft toys
- Books
- Household items
- Sports Items

#### NO

- CDs
- DVDs
- Videos
- Electrical items
- Clothes
- Bedding

## This Week's Awards for Growing and Flourishing



# Congratulations!



**FREE  
ENTRY**

**DONATIONS WELCOME**

In aid of:  
**Charminster Pre-School &  
St Mary's First School Charminster**

# *Charminster Family Fun Day*

@ St Mary's First School Charminster

**SUNDAY 9TH JULY  
12 – 5pm**

(Stalls close at 4pm – Music & Food til 5pm)



**Live Music & Performances • Fun & Games • Prize Draw  
Trade Stalls • Inflatable Fun • Creepy Crawlies  
Goats • Tombola • Forest School • Cake Sale  
Hot Food • Licensed Bar • and much much more.....**



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# This week in pictures



Have a lovely weekend





# Are you concerned about a pupil?

If you are worried about a child,  
you must share your concern without delay.



**Mick Homer**

Headteacher

**Designated  
Safeguarding Lead**



**Lisa Thornicroft**

Teacher & SENDCo

**Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead**



**Karen Bennett**

Parent Support Advisor

**Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead**

**Our Safeguarding Governor is Reverend Pene Kennedy**

If you are concerned about a child's welfare or worried they  
are being abused, you can make a referral directly to:

**Dorset's Children's Advice and Duty Service**  
Call: 01305 228866

**In an emergency, or if you believe a child is at  
immediate risk of harm, call the police on 999.**