

Friday 30th June 2023

# ST MARY'S NEWS

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

## KEY DATES

**W/C Monday 3rd July**

Scholastic Book Fair

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

Parent-Teacher Consultations

**Thursday 6th July**

DASP Transfer Day

**Thursday 6th July - 3pm-4pm**

Meet your child's new Teacher

**Sunday 9th July**

Charminster Family Fun Day

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

Sports Afternoon

**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

**Tuesday 12th September**

Individual Photos

**Tuesday 17th October**

Flu Immunisations

**Friday 20th October**

Last Day of Term

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

Half Term Holidays

**Monday 30th October**

INSET Day

**Tuesday 31st October**

First Day of Term

**Mon 6th & Tues 7th November**

Life Education Day

**Friday 15th December**

Last Day of Term

**Mon 18th Dec to Mon 1st Jan**

Christmas Holidays

## Note from Mr Homer

*This week, I had a fab time reading through all of our children's reports, discovering just how amazing each and every child in our school is! Some of the things our children have achieved this year have amazed me and I can't wait to see them continue to flourish next year. My thanks go out to the St Mary's team and all of you for the support our children have received throughout this year. As I have said in the reports, please focus on the positives and enjoy celebrating your child's successes with them.*

*On Thursday, we held our last class assembly of the year as our Year Four children performed what they had learnt with Mrs Joy in their Ukulele Musicianship lessons. This was both our Year Four's and Mrs Joy's last ever class assembly at St Mary's and it did not disappoint! They all performed fantastically and demonstrated just how much children can learn in such a short period of time, when they have a truly awesome teacher!*



*We are still trying to recruit for Mrs Joy's successor, but as with all recruitment in the education sector at current, this is proving challenging. We will do all we can to ensure that we have a specialist music teacher for our school moving forward as we know that music is the heartbeat of our school. Our advert is available online here - [LINK](#).*

*Have a joyful weekend!*

*Mr Homer*



SCHOLASTIC

# COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL



*Coming to St Mary's  
next week!*

Following the success of our Book Fair in Autumn, The Scholastic Book Fair is returning to us next week!

This will be available from Tuesday afternoon, onwards. More details will be sent out early next week.



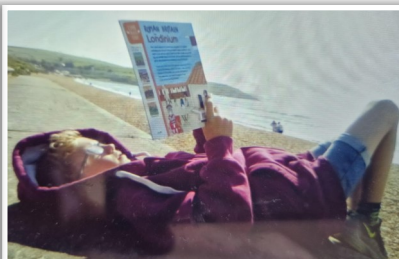
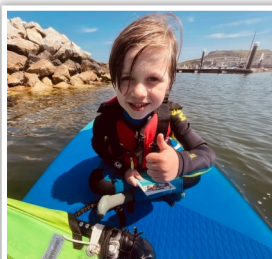
## Reading CHALLENGE

Over the half term break, we challenged our children to read in the most radical of places!

## Here are our winners!

**A HUGE thank you to  
every child who took part!**

Every photo which was entered will be displayed in our library from September! Thank you to Jake and Robyn, our School Ambassadors, for choosing a competition winner from every class. Next Friday, they will present prizes and certificates.



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Our school attendance for this academic year is currently:

**94.5%**

*Last week's winners were...*



## This Week's Awards for Growing and Flourishing



**Congratulations!**

The whole of Ash class were also awarded a 'Flourishing' certificate for their amazing class assembly!



*Just 9 days to go until  
Family Fun Day!*

*We hope that you are all as  
excited as we are about our  
upcoming Charminster Family  
Fun Day on Sunday 9th July!*

*Thank you to everybody who has  
already brought in items and  
sold raffle tickets in preparation  
for the big day! If you have any  
raffle tickets which you have sold,  
then please bring them in ASAP.*

*The sale of these tickets raises a  
substantial amount of money for  
the school each year, so we  
encourage everybody to please  
sell as many as you can!*

*There are additional tickets in  
the school office if you run out.*

*Please place ticket stubs and  
money into the white box in the  
front entrance, in a sealed  
envelope. Thank you!*

# 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

**Charminster Family Fun Day**  
SUN, 9TH JULY, 12 – 5pm

**JURASSIC EMBROIDERY**

**FOX**  
HOME IMPROVEMENTS

**White's**  
PLUMBING & HEATING SERVICES

Main Sponsors

**Cookies  
Brownies  
Flap Jacks  
Cakes etc  
are required  
for our Fun Day  
(No Nuts please)**

**Drop off Point  
St Mary's First School  
Charminster**

These can be dropped off at  
St Mary's First School Charminster  
by 7th July 2023.

Freshly baked cakes can be  
dropped off on Saturday  
8th July between 2 til 6pm  
or on the morning of Fun Day



**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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# Reading CHALLENGE

Here are our runners-up!



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.**