



Friday 7th July 2023

# ST MARY'S NEWS

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

## KEY DATES

**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 26th September**  
Scholastic Book Fair

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**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

**Tuesday 2nd Jan**  
First Day of Term

**Mon 18th to Wed 20th March**  
Year Four @ Hooke Court

## Note from Mr Homer

Thank you to everybody for your positive feedback regarding your children's reports which were sent out last week. It's great to hear that many of you spent the weekend celebrating your children's successes. There was an huge spring in many children's step on Monday, as a result!

This week, we have spent a lot of time thinking about September and the children had a fab afternoon on Thursday in their new classroom, with their new class team. I hope, from my letters, that everybody now has an understanding of the rationale behind the decisions made for next year. The new class structures will enable us to better develop a broad and ambitious curriculum for all, ensuring that no child is 'held back' and that everyone is challenged to reach their full potential.

We hope that you are all planning to join us this Sunday for our Family Fun Day! It is sure to be a fantastic event due to the hard work and dedication of our wonderful Fun Day Committee. We would like to invite all St Mary's children to come and join us at 3:30pm to sing a few songs in the central display area. The songs we will be singing are as follows (words will be available):

- All my love
- Turn on the tap
- Gospel medley
- Peace like a river

On Monday, we will be holding our annual Sports Afternoon, which we hope many of you will be able to join us for. This year, the event has been designed to ensure that participation is maximised by combining the best of Potted Sports with traditional, competitive races. We ask that all children wear their PE kits on Monday, please. The forecast isn't looking great, but we have everything crossed for sun!

Have a fab Saturday and we will hopefully see you Sunday!  
Mr Homer

# Reading CHALLENGE

Well done to all  
of our winners!



All of our Reading Challenge winners (and our School Ambassadors) were awarded with a book from the book fair today!

A HUGE thank you to everybody who has supported our book fair this week!

Some of the profits from this, go back into funding books for our school.

We will have another book fair in the Autumn.



Our school attendance for this academic year is currently:

**94.6%**

*Last week's winners were...*



# Peter and the Wolf

...and what Peter did next

FRANCE FINLAND RUSSIA AMERICA BRAZIL

**SATURDAY 8th JULY 2023**

THE UNITED CHURCH, SOUTH STREET  
DORCHESTER, DT1 1BY

PROGRAMME

**CONDUCTOR:** David Ansell **LEADER:** Rachel Greenwood **NARRATOR:** Robert Sansom

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www.dorsetsinfonia.co.uk

If you are looking for something to do on Saturday, there is a performance of 'Peter and the Wolf' taking place in Dorchester.

Our violin teacher, Rachel Greenwood is leading this and our very own Mrs Drysdale will be there playing the violin!

£10 for adults and children go free - [LINK](#)

## This Week's Awards for Growing and Flourishing



**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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# Charminster Family Fun Day

SUNDAY, 9th July 12 – 5pm

## Live Music



**Nathan-Jon Snell**

**12:15 til 12:45**



**KOAST**

**13:30 til 14:00**

**16:00 til 17:00**



## Central Display Area

**Twirl Academy – 12:50**

**The Dance Studio – 14:00**

**Strawberry Jam – 14:30**

**School Performance – 15:30**



# Ready Steady BAKE

**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

Final call for the return of raffle tickets! Please bring all sold and unsold raffle tickets along with you on Sunday.

Also, if you wish to donate freshly baked cakes, please drop these off to school on Saturday (2-6pm) or on the morning of the Fun Day.

## 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.**