



Friday 14th July 2023

# ST MARY'S NEWS

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

## KEY DATES

**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

**W/C Monday 25th September**

Scholastic Book Fair

**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 January**

First Day of Term

**Friday 9th February**

Last Day of Term

**Mon 12th to 16th February**

Half Term Holidays

**Monday 19th February**

First Day of Term

**Mon 18th to Wed 20th March**

Year Four @ Hooke Court

## Note from Mr Homer

Thank you to everybody who joined us last Sunday for our Charminster Fun Day! It was a hugely successful event due to your generosity—check out the total on the next page!



I particularly want to thank Jodie, Glenn, Becky and Kate for their constant support and dedication. Thank you, also, to the rest of our School Association Fun Day team - you are all AWESOME!

Our school will be using the money to further develop our learning environments and enrichment of our curriculum. We are determined to ensure that the children see the benefits of this money and will do all we can to ensure that its use is carefully considered and impactful.

Sticking with the fundraising theme, we would also like to announce that we have just been awarded £3,000 from the local authority to develop our sensory spaces across the school! Sensory spaces can benefit all children, especially those who have been exposed to trauma, adverse childhood experiences and those with specified sensory needs. They provide a safe environment where the children can be supported to calm and regulate, therefore optimising learning and participation in the school environment. Watch this space for updates on this work!

Finally, we'd like to thank everybody for supporting Monday's Sports Afternoon. We were very lucky with the weather until the final few minutes. I was ~~relieved~~ gutted that the ground conditions were not suitable to hold staff and parent races, but I'm sure you'll agree that the toddler race stole the show! We hope that you liked this new format. Next year, we will be looking to combine Potted Sports and the Sports Afternoon to into one festival of sports.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mr Homer

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

# Charminster Family Fun Day

We are proud to have raised:

A total of:

**£9609.12**

A **BIG** Thank you to all!



Our school attendance for this  
academic year is currently:

**94.7%**

*Last week's winners were...*



## *This Week's Awards for Growing and Flourishing*





# Winners

1. JVC LT-24CA120 LED TV  
**Anne Smith - 0847**
2. Sealey Pressure Washer 130bar 420L/hr with Snow Foam  
**Margaret Talbot 4341**
3. Tool Hamper  
**Vicky, C/O Karen Bennett 4392**
4. OTC Watersports 1 hour SUP Taster Session for 2 people  
**Sue Wild 0061**
5. Hall & Woodhouse £50 voucher  
**Angela James 1638**
6. Farmer Palmers – Entry ticket for 4 people  
**Leanne Branch 2757**
7. Palmers Brewery Tour for 2  
**Zara Dinham (Esmaya) 4108**
8. Abbotsbury Swannery Family Ticket  
**Daunton 2015**
9. Yalbury Cafe Cream Tea for 2  
**L Cowling 3160**
10. Vurlands Farm Family Day Pass  
**Auntie Chris C/O Jake 3570**
11. Thatchers Tour for 2  
**Louise Fisk 1750**
12. £30 Olive et al Voucher  
**Gemma Bevins 0018**
13. Corfe Castle Family Ticket  
**R Gillingham 0259**
14. £25 Love to Shop voucher  
**Abbie Mcculloch 4143**
15. Dorset County Museum – 2 day passes and guidebook  
**Carolyn Trevett 1260**
16. Nothe Fort Family Ticket  
**Loving 1166**
17. Lulworth Castle Family ticket  
**Jamie Randall 3057**

## Treasurer Wanted

Our School Association need a new treasurer from November 2023

The treasurer role is a wonderful way to support the School Association support our children.

### Main responsibilities:

- Banking School Association funds and preparing floats for events.
- Making payments (predominantly via online banking).
- Keeping a detailed record of monies in and out.
- Preparing year-end accounts and submitting for audit and then to the Charity Commission.
- Preparing a financial report and attending each meeting including the AGM.



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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.**