



Friday 21st July 2023

# ST MARY'S NEWS

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

## KEY DATES

**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

**Friday 15th September**

Year Two trip to Lyme Regis

**W/C Monday 18th September**

Parent Consultation Week

**W/C Monday 25th September**

Scholastic Book Fair

**Friday 29th September**

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

**Tuesday 10th October - 2pm**

Harvest Festival

**Monday 16th October**

Curriculum Open Morning

**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

## Note from Mr Homer

*There are no words which can describe how fantastic, yet emotional, this week has been. Through a number of events and assemblies, we have celebrated the time which our fabulous Year Four children and our wonderful Mrs Joy have spent at St Mary's.*

*This year's Year Four cohort have been truly awesome and have, in the words of our team, been an absolute pleasure to teach and to spend time with. There is nothing quite like leaving your first school but we know that each and every one of them is ready for the leap into middle school!*

*As you all know, Mrs Joy is retiring today after inspiring children with music for 44 years - 23 at St Mary's! Yesterday, many former pupils and colleagues returned to give Mrs Joy a wonderful send-off. She will be hugely missed but her legacy will live on for many years to come. To ensure that our school continues to share the happiness, laughter and positivity which Mrs Joy has brought to our school for so many years, yesterday we announced the first of our new school values - the value of JOY!*

*Throughout autumn term we will continue to develop our school vision and values which will help to drive our school forwards.*

*May I wish you a wonderful summer and leave you with these words from Dr Seuss...*

**"You're off to Great Places!  
Today is your day!  
Your mountain is waiting,  
So... get on your way!" Dr. Seuss**





*Just remember...*

*Once you're part of the St Mary's family,  
you're always part of the St Mary's family.*



# This week in pictures



Have a lovely summer



# 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.**