

Friday 6th October 2023

ST MARY'S NEWS

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

KEY DATES

Tuesday 10th October - 2pm
Harvest Festival

Monday 16th October
Curriculum Open Morning

Tuesday 17th October
Flu Immunisations

Tuesday 17th October
Year Two - T@SM Church visit

Friday 20th October
Last Day of Term

Mon 23rd to Fri 27th October
Half Term Holidays

Monday 30th October
INSET Day – School Closed

Tuesday 31st October
First Day of Term

Mon 6th & Tues 7th November
Life Education Days

Tuesday 7th November
Year Three - T@SM Church visit

Wed 8th November - 2pm
Remembrance Service

Monday 13th November - 9am
Linden Class Assembly

Friday 17th November
Children in Need

Monday 20th November
Spirituality Day

Tuesday 28th November
Year R & 4 - T@SM Church visit

Friday 1st December - 3-5pm
St Mary's Christmas Market

Wed 6th December - 9:15am
Christmas Performance

Thurs 7th December - 9:15am
Christmas Performance

Thurs 7th December - 5:30pm
Christmas Performance

Friday 8th December
Christmas Jumper Day

Introducing our new School Ambassadors...



We are extremely proud to announce that this week we have appointed our new School Ambassador Team! Many of our Year Four children applied to be an ambassador this year. After reviewing their applications and interviewing each candidate in turn, we chose these six children to go through to the final round of voting. Amazingly, the votes were so close that the staff team decided to break from tradition and award the position to all of them, forming a team of school ambassadors! These children will take it in turns to represent our school on tours and at events. We know that they will represent our school with great pride and we are very proud of them all!

Note from Mr Homer...

This week I have thoroughly enjoyed showing a number of families around our school who are looking for September 2024 school places. It has been lovely to show off what our school has to offer and I am proud to say that all of our children represented our school wonderfully. At the end of each tour, I was able to present each family with a copy of our brand new school prospectus - [LINK](#). Compiling this prospectus and touring our school this week has given me a fantastic opportunity to take stock and appreciate just how far our school has moved forward and how much our children have progressed.

We hope that you may be able to join us next Tuesday for our Harvest Festival. This will take place in the school hall. Doors open at 13:50 for a 14:15 start. Space will be limited.

Have a wonderful weekend! Mr Homer

Is it ever too early to start talking about Christmas?

As Mr Homer is a big kid when it comes to Christmas, he has come up with the bright idea of having a Christmas Market this year!

This will be held on our school playground (weather permitting) straight from school on the afternoon of Friday 1st December.

As well as the all important bratwursts and Glühwein, we will also be joined by Father Christmas himself!

There will be stalls available to local businesses/organisations for the price of £10 per stall.

Just email the school association for more details:
schoolassociation@charminster.dorset.sch.uk

ST MARY'S SCHOOL CHARMINSTER

1ST DEC

CHRISTMAS MARKET

3-5PM



SANTA SLOTS ARE FOR ST MARYS CHILDREN & SIBLINGS ONLY

SANTA | BRATWURSTS | MULLED WINE

CHILDREN'S CAROLS - CRAFT - GAMES - RAFFLE - STALLS



Our school attendance for this academic year is currently:

97.2%

Last week's winners were...



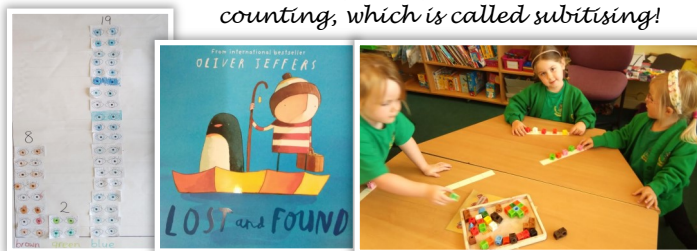
This Week's Awards for Growing and Flourishing



This week at St Mary's

This week in Willow...

...we enjoyed listening to the story *Lost and Found* and thought about the importance of friendships and what makes a good friend. We have made a friendship tree with all our ideas and pictures of our friends. We also celebrated how we are all unique and looked at similarities and differences between us, including eye colour which we made into a bar chart. We were surprised at how many children in Willow have blue eyes! We have been investigating different ways to make 5 and getting quicker at the skill of recognising an amount without counting, which is called subitising!



This week in Oak...

...it's been another busy week completing ladybird challenges, ordering numbers in maths, sorting materials by their properties in science, remembering to use capital letters and full stops and learning about time lines in History. We also had a delivery of sand and gravel which was kindly donated for our outdoor learning environment which the children love!



This week in Beech...

This week in Beech class we began an exercise experiment to link with our science learning on human survival. We managed to hold a plank and a one legged balance for 30 seconds each. We got practical in maths and spent the week experimenting with numbers and building different totals in tens and ones!



This week in Maple...

...we have had a really interesting week! In Maths we have continued to work on numbers up to 100. We have been looking a variety of problems that required us to think about the number of tens and one and to use our understanding to explain our answers. We have loved writing our own version of *Stone Girl, Bone Girl*. We made sure our writing included important vocabulary and phrases from the story we read as a class. In history we have been considering our significant people in much more detail and trying to rank them according to the most and least significant. This required us to think carefully about the qualities of each individual and what they achieved. We have looked at the artist, Giuseppe Arcimboldo, and have created lots of fruit and vegetable pictures using oil pastels. He was famous for creating portraits out of fruit and vegetables. Our final pictures will be revealed during our Harvest Festival!

This week in Linden...



This week in Ash...

...we travelled back in time to the Stone Age through our trip to New Barn Field Centre. We had a fantastic day grinding wheat to make flour, making butter, creating poultice, carving chalk and making fire!





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

Family 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 on 01305 228866

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

Click or scan this QR code
to go straight to Dorset
Council's website:

