



## KEY DATES

**Monday 11th March** Ⓟ

Beech & Maple Class Assembly

**Tues 12th March - Morning**

Year Four Rehearsals @ THS

**Tues 12th March - 6:30pm** Ⓟ

Year Four Music Concert

**Wednesday 13th March**

Oak visit Shire Hall

**Thursday 14th March** Ⓟ

Key Stage Two Rugby Festival

**Friday 15th March**

Unwanted Gift Amnesty!

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**Mon 18th - Wed 20th March**

Year 4 Residential - Hooke Court

**Friday 22nd March**

Progress Reports sent home

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**Tuesday 26th March - 2pm** Ⓟ

Easter Service

**Thursday 28th March**

Last Day of Term

**Friday 29th March**

Bank Holiday - school closed

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**Mon 1st to Fri 12th April**

Easter Break - school closed

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**Monday 15th April**

First day of Term

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**Monday 22nd April** Ⓟ

Oak Class Assembly

**Tuesday 23rd April**

Willow visiting Wessex Wild

**Wednesday 24th April**

NHS Dental Survey - R & Y1

**Wednesday 24th April**

No Stay & Play Club

**Friday 26th April**

Donate a Bottle - Odd Socks!

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**WC Monday 29th April** Ⓟ

Parent Consultation Week

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Ⓟ = Parents invited

Friday 8th March 2024

# BOOK WEEK 2024

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

## Note from Mr Homer

What a week we have had, here at St Mary's! We have spent the week exploring books and developing our love of reading through a wide range of activities.

On Monday, Key Stage Two joined Michael Rosen for a virtual lesson on fairy tales and traditional tales. Other classes shared stories with one another and some even played 'Drop Everything and Read' throughout the day!

On Thursday, everybody had great fun coming to school dressed as a book character or a word. Thank you everybody for your incredible effort in supporting this. We had a jolly good laugh and the buzz of energy around the school was superb! We kicked off the day with a parade in the school hall and we also gave out the prizes from the recent Readathon. Thank you to the many families who supported this and helped to raise a fantastic total of £695 for our School! Check out page five of this newsletter for some photos of this fantastic day!

In the afternoon on Thursday, children mixed across the school to share stories with one another. This was a lovely moment for children to engage with stories that they may otherwise not have read and for all children to realise that whatever your age or interests, there is a book for everyone.

This morning, we have been wowed by the incredible 'Story in a Box' entries which were sent in. It is clear that many families have put a great deal of effort into these and really enjoyed creating them with the children. Thank you all for your support of this competition— winners will be announced next week!

Lastly, I just want to say a huge thank you to our team for organising this year's Book Week and a special thanks to Mrs Joslin, our English Leader, who led the team so fantastically.

Have a wonderful weekend,  
Mr Homer

Be the best that you can be. Shine God's love for all to see.

• Friendship • Joy • Service • Hope • Compassion • Courage •



# Readathon 2024



**WE CAN'T THANK  
YOU ENOUGH!**

Together we've raised

**£695**

This week we wished a fond farewell to Mrs Enikova who has supported our inclusion work in Beech and Oak class throughout the past two years. We wish Mrs Enikova all the best for her new job - she will be missed!



## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



In Collective Worship this half term, we are focusing on our school value of 'Hope'.

Our BIG QUESTION for this week was...  
How can we give hope to each other?

Our BIG QUESTION for next week will be...  
What gives us hope when things get difficult?



Our school attendance for this academic year is currently:

**94.8%**

*Best attendance recently...*



## Vision and Value Award Winners...





**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 14TH 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.....**





ST MARY'S CHARMINSTER  
SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

# UNWANTED GIFT AMNESTY



REGIFT REUSE RECYCLE

## FRIDAY 15th MARCH

CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE AN EXTRA PLAYTIME AS  
A THANK YOU FOR THEIR DONATION.

DONATE YOUR NEW / NEARLY NEW UNWANTED GIFTS!

THESE WILL BE USED AT OUR FAMILY FUN DAY

GIFTS SUITABLE FOR ADULTS OR CHILDREN.

PLEASE POP THEM IN THE BOXES LEFT OUTSIDE EACH CLASSROOM



# BOOK WEEK 2024







# 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:

