



KEY DATES

Tuesday 26th March - 2pm Ⓟ

Easter Service @ Church

Thursday 28th March

Last Day of Term

Friday 29th March

Bank Holiday - school closed

Mon 1st to Fri 12th April

Easter Break - school closed

Monday 15th April

First day of Term

W/C Monday 22nd April

Miles for Mosaic Event
(new date - details to follow)

Tuesday 23rd April

Willow visiting Wessex Wild

Wednesday 24th April

NHS Dental Survey - R & Y1

Wednesday 24th April

No Stay & Play Club

Thursday 25th April Ⓟ

Oak Class Assembly
(change of date)

Friday 26th April

Donate a Bottle - Odd Socks!

WC Monday 13th May Ⓟ

Parent Consultation Week
(change of date)

W/C Monday 13th May

Walk to School Week

Wednesday 15th May Ⓟ

Willow Class Assembly
(change of date)

Thursday 23rd May Ⓟ

Curriculum Open Morning

Friday 24th May

Last Day of Term

Mon 27th to 31st May

Hal Term Break - school closed

Monday 3rd June

First day of Term

Ⓟ = Parents invited

Friday 22nd March 2024

ST MARY'S NEWS

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

Note from Mr Homer

Well, that was a busy couple of weeks!



On Wednesday 6th March, Willow class had their first school trip to Dorchester Library. They listened to a story and then spent time exploring the books and other facilities.

Also on Wednesday, our superb violinists wowed us all with the progress they have made under Rachel's guidance. They showcased their skills in a fab assembly!



On Monday 11th March, Beech and Maple classes amazed us with their knowledge of the SS Rohilla in their class assembly. There were many proud faces as they shared their stories, artwork and sea shanties.

On Tuesday 12th March, our Year Four children joined with a number of other local first schools to perform at the annual Year Four Music Concert in Thomas Hardy School Theatre. They performed their song, Eye of the Tiger, as well as other group songs and they all did us incredibly proud!

On Wednesday 13th March, Oak class visited Shire Hall on their first school trip of the year. They learned all about the Great Fire of Dorchester and had a fab time exploring.



On Thursday 14th March, some of our Key Stage Two children participated in the West Dorset First Schools Tag Rugby Festival at Dorchester RFC. The whole team had a great time, with beaming smiles all day long!

Finally, this week our Year Four children have enjoyed their residential trip to Hooke Court! All of the children had a wonderful time and behaved impeccably. Staying away from home is a huge challenge for children, but they rose to this and demonstrated just how resilient they really are! A huge thank you to Mrs Thornicroft, Mrs Laval and Mrs Kirby for joining me and the Year Fours on this incredible trip.

Have a restful weekend - I know I will! Mr Homer

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

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

Story-in-a-Box Competition!

Throughout our recent Book Week, many children created entries for our competition. Last week Lyn Paine, our Chair of Governors, judged the competition and awarded Waterstones vouchers to our winners and runners-up. Well done to all who took part!

**THE RESULTS
ARE IN!**

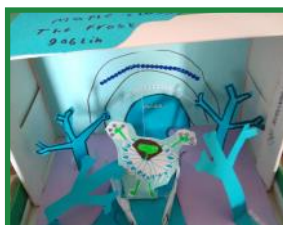
Winners

Reception - Juniper
Key Stage One - Lacey
Key Stage Two - Mason



Runners-up

Reception - Harriet
Key Stage One - Carys
Key Stage Two - Poppy



Easter Service



This year's Easter Service will take place on Tuesday next week at 2pm. This will be held in St Mary's Church and all parents are invited to join us. Please remember that space is limited inside the church.

Following the Christmas Service, we have reviewed our procedures for dismissing children after services held at the church. We now ask that **anyone attending the service collects their child from the church, but everybody else collects their child from school as normal.** We will bring children back to school if their parent has not attended the service, if they are attending a club or if they are on the bus.

Please do not send in book bags on Tuesday and, if possible, please send packed lunches in disposable bags. Reception & Year 1 PE day will move to Thursday next week.



Our school attendance for this academic year is currently:

95.5%

Best attendance recently...



Our Award Winners...



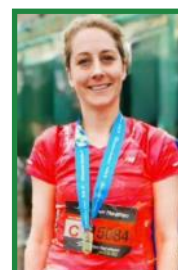
One of our fabulous parents, Charlie, is running the Brighton Marathon and would like to use this as an opportunity to raise money for us to buy PE equipment!

Providing more equipment for our school will help to improve our children's exposure to an increased variety of sports. As well as promoting the importance of sports and exercise for mental and physical well being.

At the time of writing, Charlie has already raised an incredible £440 and we would like your help to raise even more!

If you are able to donate, please follow this [LINK to Charlie's Just Giving page.](#)

Good luck and thank you, Charlie!



**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.....**

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ODD SOCKS DAY!!

FRIDAY 26TH APRIL

DONATE A BOTTLE IN AID OF OUR
FAMILY FUN DAY

PLEASE POP THEM IN THE BOXES LEFT OUTSIDE EACH CLASSROOM

HOOKE COURT 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:

