



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023



I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well and that you are looking forward to the extended weekend - let's hope that the rain stops and we get some much needed sunshine to enjoy the coronation festivities!

It was great to see the children enjoying themselves on the bouncy castle today. I would like to extend a big thank you to Father Jacek and the parish community for paying for these. It has been wonderful to see the school and church coming together through joint celebrations this year.

I would like to wish the Y6 children all the very best with their SATS next week. I know they have been working really hard in the build-up and are ready to do their very best! We are all so very proud of them! A big thank you to Mrs Bray and Mrs Matthews for all of your hard work preparing the children.

Since September I have really enjoyed immersing myself in the school and working closely with Mrs Gill and the wider staff to make St Mary's the best school it can be. I have been humbled by the hard-work and dedication of the staff - they really do go the 'extra mile' to ensure your children are happy, safe and making excellent progress with their learning. On your behalf, I would like to thank them for everything they do.

The children are a credit to our school community. They really do reflect the values and ethos of the school. They show care and respect for one another and without fail make the most of their time at school. Their behaviour is exemplary.

I am looking forward to the rest of the school year and all the exciting activities the summer term will bring. You can rest assured that myself and Mrs Gill will continue to work hard for your children to ensure we are providing the very best school experience possible, not only for the rest of this term, but into the next academic year and beyond.

Mr Meech  
Executive Headteacher

In Robins this week, most of their work has been around the coronation. In their English they looked at a photo of King Charles III and thought of questions they could ask him. They also wrote him a letter sending him their best wishes for the coronation. The highlight of their week has to be their coronation party with preschool on Thursday afternoon. Before the party, they made crowns to wear and sandwiches to eat. Together they sang songs, listened to a story and enjoyed eating their food together.

This week Woodpeckers have been enjoying learning about different types of trees in science and planting their own pea plants. They have also enjoyed planning their stories which they are looking forward to writing next week.

Owls have shown great resilience in the start of this busier time of year. The children have started writing some amazing descriptive sentences about dragons in their English unit. In Geography, the children have thought about why Neil Armstrong may have wanted to go to the moon. In art, the children were able to explore using different textures that they may choose to use in their forest collage.

This week kestrel class have explored texture in their art lessons. They have experimented with using fabric as well as paper in a collage. In PSHE they have been discussing medicines and vaccines. They learnt that medicine bottles have labels which tell us how much medicine they can take and how often they can take it. They learnt about the importance of vaccines and found out about how vaccines were able to eliminate smallpox worldwide.

This week in Eagle's class, the year 5 children have been writing zoo stories based on 'The day the crayons quit,' by Oliver Jeffers. The children have loved being creative and are beginning to write some wonderful pieces. The year 6s are working amazingly hard on their reading skills! In the afternoons, they have been enjoying PE, music and science.

## PE class days- Summer term 2023

\*Robin Class – Swimming Monday & PE kit Wednesday

\*Woodpecker Class - Monday & Tuesday

\*Owl class - Monday & Swimming Friday

\*Kestrel class - Thursday & Friday

\*Eagle class – Wednesday & Thursday

## Ten:Ten Resources

Please follow the link below to the parent's newsletter.

[Parent Newsletter – Ten Ten Resources](#)

## Dates for your diary

**8<sup>th</sup> May**- Additional bank holiday

**9<sup>th</sup> May**- Year 6 breakfast week starts

**19<sup>th</sup> May**- woodpeckers first swim-PE KIT

**24<sup>th</sup> May**- Eagle class, Wyld solar farm visit

**26<sup>th</sup> May**- last day of half term.

**5<sup>th</sup> June**- Children return to school

St Mary's Values			
Living, loving and learning with God			
Safe	Trust	Achievement	Resilience
Forgiveness			
Respectful	Aim high		
Responsible	Have a go		
Caring	Curious		
Value each other	Self-belief		

## Stars of the week!

**Robin class** – River-Rose

**Woodpecker class** - Genevieve

**Owl class** - Arty

**Kestrel class** – Archie

**Eagle class** – Gracie

**Music award** – Charlie D

**Sports star of the week** – Rupert

## IXL Star of the week

**Woodpecker class** - Arthur

**Owl class** – Ava

**Kestrel class** -Rhys

**Eagle class** – Amelie

### Homework

#### Robin

Please encourage reading and remember to write your comments in their learning journals.

#### Woodpecker

##### IXL

Maths

Year 1: S1-3

Year 2: O11-16

English

Year 1: X1-2

Year 2: R set 4

##### Owl

##### IXL

Maths:

Year 2: V 1-11

Year 3: Maths Flex - Length

English:

Year 2: JJ 1-2

Year 3: GG 1-3

### Homework

#### Kestrel

XL Maths - K6 T1 T2 T3

IXL English- Z7 VV1 RR4

At the end of the term they will be giving a presentation about something they are passionate or curious about. They will need to research and write this as part of their homework. The presentation can be read and have PowerPoint slides to go with it. They should aim for it to be a couple of minutes long.

Practice times tables using this website [www.timestables.co.uk](http://www.timestables.co.uk) or <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check> Your target this half term is to get more than 20/25

#### Eagle

##### IXL

Y6 Maths: S 6-9

Y5 Maths: CC 1-4

Y6 English: EE 8-12

Y5 English: R 1-2

## Useful Links

The Catholic Children's Society support funding for essential household items.

[Grant Giving - Catholic Children's Society \(Plymouth\) \(ccsplymouth.org.uk\)](http://ccsplymouth.org.uk)

Devon County Financial Support and Advice

[Financial Support and Advice - Help with household bills - East Devon](#)

Do you need help with childcare costs? Please click the link below.

[The Government's Childcare Choices lists all the schemes available here](#)

Axminster Foodbank

**Contact:** Hanover House, Chard Street, Axminster EX13 5DZ Tel:01297 32331

School office email: [admin@stmarysaxminster.devon.sch.co.uk](mailto:admin@stmarysaxminster.devon.sch.co.uk) School tel: 01297 32785

School website: [www.stmarysaxminster.devon.sch.uk](http://www.stmarysaxminster.devon.sch.uk)

## IN OTHER NEWS

### Sports Newsletter

#### Year 3/4 Quad Kids

Last week we reported that the children took part in the quad kid's athletics event. We had the results through this week and one of our teams came second and the other came fifth out of six schools. Well done to everyone who took part.

