



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

A huge well done to our year 6 children who have completed their SATs week. They have shown amazing resilience and we are all so proud of them. Thank you to everyone who came to our celebration for the Coronation it was lovely to see so many of you there and I hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

\*In Robins this week, after reading the book *The King's Pants*, they designed a pair of pants that they thought King Charles III would wear if he came to visit St Mary's. They thought about what was special about their school as well as what they associated with the King. The children suggested that their school values were important and they were able to explain what they were. They also thought about what they enjoyed about school, they mentioned reading, maths, PE, music, explore and learn to name but a few. The following day, they wrote a few sentences about what they had chosen and why. In their maths they have been learning about teens numbers and using Numicon and tens frames to represent teens numbers. In RE they have been exploring the story of Pentecost.

\*This week Woodpeckers have been writing their stories based on 'The Day Louis got Eaten'. They have really enjoyed using their imaginations to create their own monsters. We have really enjoyed learning about the physical features in Axminster and comparing them to the physical features in Sydney. We also had a very exciting visit from some lambs earlier in the week.

\*This week, Owls have explored the different patterns they can create in the art collage. The children experimented with block, half-drop and mirror patterns. In science, the children chose what equipment was needed to measure each other's shadows. They discussed how shadows are created when they block the sun. They have continued researching about Neil Armstrong and Christopher Columbus in history, next week they will compare their lives.

\*Kestrel's class enjoyed seeing a small group of lambs brought in by Miss Hooper. They found out that you can tell the age of the lambs by their teeth! In History they found out how farming was changed with the arrival of the railway and had a go at making butter.

\*Year 5's in Eagle Class have been amazing this week. They have worked superbly in the hall, whilst the year 6 have been doing their SATs. They have also been thinking about the Mother Mary and getting ready for our Crowning of Mary Mass on Monday.

\*Year 6, this week you have sat your SATs and we are so proud of the way that you have all risen to the challenge. You are near the end of your primary school journey and you have learnt so much more than verb tense, long multiplication and how to answer 3-mark questions.

You've learnt about the past; you've learnt the continents of the world; you've learnt how to mix colours. You've learnt how to conduct a science experiment, how to balance and even how to program!

But, beyond the skills set out in the curriculum, you've also learnt life skills - how to tie your shoelaces, to tidy up your mess - you've learnt the power of a paper towel! You've learnt how to make friends and how to keep them. You've learnt to listen, to show empathy, to care for your peers.

You've learnt about learning - that it's a journey, not a destination. You've learnt how to be role models to other children, and how to do your parents and teachers proud.

SATs only tell us how you did on one day, in one area. We know so much more about you and about how amazingly special you are. A huge well done to all of you!



## PE class days- Summer term 2023

\*Robin Class – Swimming Monday & Wednesday PE

\*Woodpecker Class - Monday & Tuesday

\*Owl class - Monday & Wednesday

\*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

**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** - Florence

**Woodpecker class** – Amelia

**Owl class** - Skyla

**Kestrel class** – Rafferty

**Eagle class** – All of year 6

**Music award** – Charlie D and Isabelle

**Sports star of the week** – Freya

## IXL Star of the week

**Woodpecker class** - George R

**Owl class** – Jenson

**Kestrel class** - Neiva

**Eagle class** – Leo

### Homework

#### Robin

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

#### Woodpecker

##### IXL

Maths

Year 1: S4-7

Year 2: O13-16

English

Year 1: DD1-4

Year 2: R 1-3

#### Owl

##### IXL

Maths:

Year 2: M 1-5

Year 3: Y 3-5, BB 1-7

English:

Year 2: AA 1-2, BB 1

Year 3: JJ 1-5

### Homework

#### Kestrel

Reading at least 3 times a week to someone.

IXL Maths - Q3 Q4 G5

IXL English - Z8 DD4 DD5

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.

#### Eagle

##### IXL

Maths Y5: S 1-3

Maths Y6: D1-3

English Y5: S1-2

English Y6: S1-2

## Useful Links

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

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

#### Fixtures

If your child comes home with a letter regarding a fixture that needs a response, please fill it in and return promptly so we have time to sort teams. Thank you for your support.

Good luck to our girl's teams who have fixtures coming up on Monday 15th May (Year 5 & 6 only) vs Mrs Ethlestons and on Monday 22nd May (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) vs Colyton Primary School. Football club will run as normal and a letter will be sent out if finishing later than normal.

Good luck to our Year 3/4 Quad Kids team who are competing at King's School, Ottery St Mary on Wednesday 17th May.