



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – 31st March 2023



It has been a wonderful and busy Spring Term at St Mary's. The children have achieved so much and it is such a joy to see them develop their self-belief and make so much progress in all areas. A huge thank you to everyone for the continued support in making St Mary's such a special place to be.

Next Term we will begin to: open up the class assemblies to share what the children have been learning; have a meeting to organise some PTA events for the summer; have our Easter Mass on the first Friday back and get ready for transitions into next year.

Have a lovely Easter Holiday and I hope that the weather improves so you can get to spend some time outside in sunshine.

Robins have been immersed in Easter activities this week. They started off on Monday enjoying Forest School with Mrs Foley where they wrapped wool around an egg shape. A fabulous activity for their fine motor skills. In explore and learn, there was a maths treasure hunt and a phoneme treasure hunt if the children wanted to complete them. They completed their Easter cards choosing their design and making them independently. As well as this they have listened to the Easter story numerous times and have enjoyed making Easter Gardens. Finally, on Thursday, they completed an Easter Egg Hunt where they took turns to read and complete challenges before reading the next clue. When we got back to their outdoor area, we searched hard for some mini eggs. What a wonderful week!

In Woodpeckers this week they have really enjoyed painting the aliens that they made in DT. They have also been exploring the parts of the human body and the parts that are associated with each sense.

The children have had a busy last week of term. They have shown off their learning to the other classes through their class assembly where all the children read so well. They have finished lots of their topics this week and the children have been enthusiastic right until the end. On Wednesday, the children showed self-belief while performing their gymnastics routines to other schools at Colyton Grammar School and the children were respectful whilst watching the other performers.

The second group in Kestrel Class went litter picking with volunteers from Plastic free Axminster. They were shocked by the amount of litter they picked up, particularly the glass bottles. The pupils who stayed discovered that glass bottles that end up in landfill, rather than being recycled, take over 4000 years to decompose. In English and RE, Kestrels have been exploring the stations of the cross. Writing a poem about Jesus' journey to Calvary.

This week has been a busy week and Eagle's class have been superstars! They ended the week with a forest school experience with Mrs. Foley, which was brilliant. The year 5's absolutely loved bikeability and James the instructor was amazing. They went out on the roads and practised U-turns, overtaking cars and checking behind them before they manoeuvred.

PE class days- Summer term 2023

- *Robin Class - Monday & 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

- 17th April** - **INSET DAY**, school closed to children
- 18th April** - First day back for children – No after school clubs this week
- 21st April** - Easter Mass
- 24th April** - Clubs start back this week.
- 1st May** - Bank holiday

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

Stars of the week!

Robin class - Arlo

Woodpecker class - Anya

Owl class - All of Owl class, Jenson

Kestrel class - All of Kestrel class, Rafferty, Isaac & Ruby

Eagle class – Megan

Music award – Jenson

Sports star of the week – Ivy

IXL Star of the week

Woodpecker class - Charlie

Owl class – Livvie

Kestrel class - Lilly

Eagle class – Rupert

Homework

Robin

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

Woodpecker

IXL

Woodpeckers Easter holiday and the first week back after the holiday jobs:

Practice reading and spelling the common exception words:

Read

Play on IXL any areas that you think you want to work on

Owl

IXL

Homework:

Maths:

Year 2: IXL Review Time and Money

Year 3: Use Maths Flex on ActiveLearn

IXL English Year 2 and 3:

Recap any missed skills

Homework

Kestrel

Reading at least 3 times a week to someone.

IXL Maths – EE7, EE8, EE9

IXL English- KK7, SS1, SS3

Practice times tables

using 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 18/25

Eagle

IXL

Year 5 IXL Maths for the Easter holidays

A: 4, 7, 8, 9, 10, 17, 18, 19, 20

B: 9, 10, 11

C: 4, 5, 6, 7

D: 7, 8, 9

AA: 5, 9, 11

Year 5 IXL English (Reading) for the Easter holidays

D: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

H: 1, 2, 3, 4

Year 5 IXL English (SPAG) for the Easter holidays

MM: 1, 2

NN: 1, 2

OO: 1

PP: 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 School tel: 01297 32785

School website: www.stmarysaxminster.devon.sch.uk

IN OTHER NEWS

Music



In October 2021, we were very lucky to be awarded funding from Devon and Torbay Music Education Hubs for a 'Kick-Start' project to start flute lessons in school. 11 children applied to be part of the project and began lessons that term. 10 elected to continue with tuition, and 4 of those have entered for their first flute exam this term. This is an amazing achievement as they have all practised well to reach the standard of the Initial Grade so quickly. They were rewarded well with two passes with merit and two with distinction! Well done to you all. Charlotte Gibbs