



## St Mary's C of E Primary School & Nursery Newsletter – Issue 15 – 08/4/2022



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**This term's Christian Value is Respect:**

**'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.'** *Philippians 4:1*

### Calendar events:



#### April

- 6<sup>th</sup> PTA Easter Trail and Bake Sale 3-4pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> End of term 4: 2.30pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> **Start of Term 5**
- 25<sup>th</sup> Young Voices Concert at The O2 London (KS2)

#### May

- 9<sup>th</sup> SAT week
- 19<sup>th</sup> Class photos
- 20<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Lifeskills Trip
- 27<sup>th</sup> **End of Term 5**

### St Mary's Stars

**Little Acorns:** Lilly-May for growing in confidence and Darcey for trying so hard to form letters correctly.

**Little Oaks:** Ayden for his reading at home and always making the right choices.

Ezra for great reading, handwriting and drawing.

Lexi for great talking to adults and her friends.

**Class 1:** Aeryn for always trying her best and being kind and caring.

Alfie for always having a smile every day and always working so hard.

**Class 2:** Jacob for having a positive attitude to his learning.

Otis for working hard on his writing, becoming more independent and listening/responding to feedback.

**Class 3:** Phoebe for her super writing

All of class 3 for excellent behavior on our school trip.

**Class 4:** Kenny for representing the school so well on the school trip.

**Class 5:** All of Class 5 for outstanding behavior on our school trip

Alfie for excellent use of figurative language in his writing.

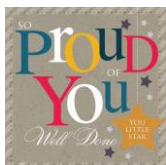
**Class 6:** Luci for always being so thoughtful and helpful to her peers.

Riley for being a great school representative on our visit to Bath Abbey

**Other Achievers:** Felicity for making her Brownie promise

The Cross Country Team: Beth, Will, Autumn, Oakley, Alice & Esme.

The Dance Umbrella Crew.



### School Visits and Events

After several months of COVID-19 enforcements and lockdowns St Mary's have welcomed back the opportunity to enjoy school educational visits and events again, an invaluable educational tool which give pupils experiential learning opportunities.

It's been a busy few weeks across the school with several Class trips, Dance Performances and sporting events – and we still have more to come!

Pupils have made us proud with their impeccable behavior and smart uniform whilst representing St Mary's. We'd like to thank parents and carers for their continued support and recognising the importance of these visits to the wider curriculum.



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### Class 5 Trip to Shepton Mallet Prison

As part of their Crime and Punishment topic Class 5 spent the day at HMP Shepton Mallet, a former prison dating back over 400 years. Pupils learnt all about prison life for modern prisoners as well as those who were incarcerated and punished many years ago. As part of their experience they also enjoyed escape room activities - luckily everyone managed to 'get out of jail' and no one was left behind in the cells!







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### Class 4 Trip to The Bristol Museum

Class 4 enjoyed a lovely sunny day in Bristol when they visited the Bristol Museum and Art Gallery discovering the works of Amelia Edwards and her study of Egyptian archaeology.

### Class 3 trip to The Roman Baths

As part of their Rotten Romans topic Class 3 enjoyed a visit to The Roman Baths where they enjoyed a tour of the religious spa of the ancient world and had fun creating Roman mosaics, dressing up like Romans and learning all about life in the Ancient City.



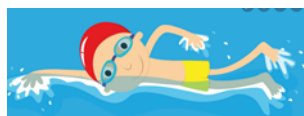


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### Class 6 trip to Bath Abbey

Year 6 pupils visited Bath Abbey to participate in a series of reflective workshops designed to learn and think about the events leading up to Easter as well as enjoying a tour around the Abbey discovering the meanings behind its many features.



### Swimming

Our current Year 5 class have enjoyed swimming this term and Mrs Hazelton was absolutely thrilled to receive positive comments from members of the general public, regarding the positive behaviour and good manners shown by the children whilst at the Sports Centre.

Well done Class 5!

As a reminder, Year 4 will be participating in swimming lessons next term on Wednesday afternoons – don't forget your swimming kit!

### Staff News

HUGE congratulations to Mrs Webb and Mrs Clapperton who have been successful in gaining new positions.

We will be sorry to say goodbye at the end of this term and thank them both for their commitment to the education of children at St Mary's.

We wish them well in their new roles.





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### Dance Umbrella

A massive well done to our KS2 Dance Club members who shone on stage at The Bath Forum as part of Dance Umbrella performance. Thank you to our parents and helpers for your support with costumes, hair, make up and generally making this event a success.



### Gymnastic Competition

A HUGE well done to our gymnastic team who represented St Mary's at a recent competition at Writhlington. Thank you to Mr Pile who supported the children in their training and Mrs Edgell who accompanied the children to compete.

The children trained and practiced showing commitment and determination. Their resilience and perseverance was impressive to see. Well done team – we are proud of you!

### New Picnic Benches

We mentioned in a previous newsletter that Curo had donated £1200 towards new picnic benches, and this week, we were excited to receive a delivery from D.S.Benches based in Radstock.

Pupils have already been enjoying them in the sunshine !

Thank you again to Curo and to Mrs Dobson and the current Class 5 !





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## PTA Easter Trail

Thank you to those who supported the PTA Easter Trail. Despite the weather, all enjoyed the activities, cakes and café. A wonderful end of term celebration for the children of St Mary's.





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### School Uniform

We still have some stock of smaller sized uniform which can be purchased via the school office at a slightly cheaper rate. Please note these are on a first come first served basis.

### Young Voices

We are all super excited to be sending a huge number of children from Key Stage 2 to take part in the Young Voices music concert in the O2 on 25<sup>th</sup> April. All of the children across the school have enjoyed learning the songs (and dances) and will have an opportunity to perform these to parents at the Summer Fayre and Platinum Jubilee celebrations – look out for more information to follow.

Children attending Young Voices have received final information and we will see them at school by 7:15am, with their packed lunch and tea, on the morning of the 25<sup>th</sup>. The bus will be leaving promptly at 7:30. Those children not attending will be taught in school by Mrs Gallimore and our regular supply teacher – Mrs Askew.

### Science Club

Pupils have had carried out some exceptional experiments during the term in Science Club as well as making bug hotels for the conservation area and exploring ink densities through chromatography - maybe we have some future budding scientists in our midst...



### Policies

**All school policies have a cycle of review. They are available for parents and other stakeholders on request.**

At the most recent Local Governing Board meeting governors approved the following policies and they are available on the school website.

- First Aid
- Designated Teacher for Looked After Children (LAC)
- Children with health needs who cannot attend school
  - Supporting pupils with medical conditions
  - EYFS Policy suite
  - Sex and Relationships education
  - SEND Policy





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### Absence from school

Parents are reminded that all absences from school should be logged with the school office who update all registers accordingly. Failure to inform the school of any absences results in the office having to contact all individual parents separately and as I am sure you can appreciate this is a timely task. Please do not report children absences on Class Dojo as these messages may not be picked up by staff in time.

### Community Notices:

*(We bring these to your attention, without necessarily recommending them)*



Dear Parent / Guardian,

BreakOut, the schools holiday activity and food programme commissioned by B&NES Council (from central Government funding), is back during the Christmas holidays and operating in various community venues. The BreakOut programme sees Bath Rugby Foundation lead a consortium of highly skilled practitioners to deliver a multitude of sporting, creative play and youth work activities over the holiday period, whilst providing free nutritious meals, all free of charge, for young people aged 5-16 whose families are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

Bath Rugby Foundation are working in partnership with Bath Area Play Project, FareShare South West, and Youth Connect South West. Together they will deliver a package of activities each day for young people to engage in, providing them with an opportunity to thrive and socialise in community sessions.



**Junior BreakOut:** Parents/Guardians can book to drop their children aged 5-11 years of age to one of the morning hubs where children will be able to enjoy 4-hours of fun, supervised activities followed by a delicious and nutritious lunch. Hubs are available in; Keynsham, Twerdon, Midsomer Norton, Peasedown St John, Snowhill, Paulton and Odd Down.



**Teen BreakOut:** Teens can book to enjoy social time, music, art and sports activities, as well as health & wellbeing and food workshops that have been designed specifically for their age group. Teen BreakOut is open to young adults aged 12-16, with hubs available in; Keynsham, Southdown and Midsomer Norton.



**Family BreakOut:** Will offer 2-hour fun sessions with a variety of festive activities to enable families to enjoy fun and valuable time together. These sessions are for families with children aged 5-12 years of age with places prioritised for families eligible for free school meals. There are venues in Twerdon and Keynsham.

**Food Parcels:** - There will also be an opportunity for parents/guardians to select free food from the venues during the collection of their child or teen from sessions.

Participants must adhere to all Covid-19 safety and behaviour protocols while on site. If any participants demonstrate Covid-19 symptoms while they are attending, the parent/guardian will be asked to collect their child. BreakOut sessions are currently based on current Government Guidelines and subject to change. Booking is essential. We anticipate high demand for places so please book as soon as you can – bookings open on 1<sup>st</sup> December.

#### How to book...

All sessions are FREE to attend, simply click on the link below to confirm eligibility and to secure the hub sessions of your choice.

[www.bathrugbyfoundation.com/winterbreakout](http://www.bathrugbyfoundation.com/winterbreakout)

For any questions about BreakOut, please email: [breakout@bathrugbyfoundation.com](mailto:breakout@bathrugbyfoundation.com) or call: 07443767555.







## **LEAP is a free programme for families of children and young people who are above a healthy weight\***

Face to face, group support for children aged 5-10 years (with family), receive a **FREE 3-MONTH leisure centre pass** upon completion for the child and nominated adult\*\*.

### Topics covered:

- Healthy food and drink swaps
- Physical Activity/active play
- Impact of screen time
- Food choices

### Upcoming course dates:

- Wed 27th April- Wed 15th June, Bath Leisure Centre, 4-5pm
- Thurs 26th May-Thurs 14th July, Writhlington Leisure Centre, 4-5pm

To book a place or find out more contact the Community Wellbeing Hub:

t: 0300 247 0050

e: [BATHNES.thehub@hcrpgcaregroup.com](mailto:BATHNES.thehub@hcrpgcaregroup.com) or



\*Referral criteria apply  
\*\*Terms and conditions apply





## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

w/c April 11 2022 &  
w/c April 18 2022



Here's what is happening in  
your Libraries this Easter

For any ticketed events, the link will be  
online via Social Media or via the blog.

### Bath Central Library

**Easter Holiday Crafts, Family Fun Drop In**

Monday - Saturday 9 - 23 April

**Lego Lab, Ages 6 + Drop In**

Monday - Saturday 11 - 23 April

**Art in the Library – Nina & Christine Davis,  
Textiles and Mixed Media**

Monday - Saturday 4 - 29 April

**Reusable Nappy Week Display with  
Bath Cloth Nappy Library**

Monday - Saturday 20 - 27 April

### Keynsham Library

**Easter Holiday Crafts, Cracking Card Making,  
Family Fun Drop In**

Saturday 9.30 - 4.30pm 16 April

**Cubing Club, KS2 & 3 Drop In**

Thursday 10.30 - 11.00am 14 & 21 April

### Midsomer Norton Library

**Easter Egg Hunt and Quiz, Family Fun Drop In**

Monday - Saturday 09 - 23 April

### Mobile Library

The Mobile Library may stop near you! Pop in for a visit, return your books, collect a reservation & choose something new to read. You can do all this & more with your B&NES or LibrariesWest library card.

For the Route Timetable, please visit:

<https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/mobile-library-service>

### Digital All Social Media

**Unboxed Festival**  
March - October

**Children's Book Review**  
16, 23 April  
**Bathnes Libraries Blog**

**World Book Night**  
23 April

### 'Share a Memory'

We're asking for you to share your memories and photos of the Coronation, Jubilees and Royal visits in BaNES

Online or in Libraries  
1 March - 18 April



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