

**This term's Christian value is
RESPECT.**

We will be thinking about valuing differences, special places, and others as we would like to be valued.

*Do to others as you would have them do to you
(Matthew 7.12)*

Achievers of last week of term:

Nursery Sebastian for gaining confidence to make friends
All parents who joined in with "Rhyme Time" - thank you

Class 1 Star of the Week - Oscar Nikodem & his mum for fully embracing maths mornings!

Class 2 Olivia for working with real purpose

Class 3 Rhys for focussing on his Lego maths & using lots of maths talk
Cherry for super Lego symmetry

Class 4 Hubert for incredible motivation in Maths Week

Class 5 Wesley for having a breakthrough in swimming lessons - super attitude (& thanks to Helen Gulliford for patiently encouraging him!)

Other: Gethin for trampolining; Kaitlyn for her dance certificate; Aaron for his swimming certificate; Jayden for his purple martial arts belt & Rhiannan for her music badge

Times Tables Stars - **BRONZE:** ☹

SILVER: ☹

GOLD: ☹

School diary dates:

June

Weds 7th pm class photos
3.15-5.15 WPA Cook & Eat family sessions
start (invitations sent out last term)

6.00 new Reception class parents meeting

Fri 9th **mufti day - please send in a donation for tombola prizes for the Summer Festival (a bottle / jar of something for the adults /children stalls!)**

w/c 12th Phonics tests (Y1 & 2) - please do not take any holiday or make avoidable appointments

Mon 12th School Nurse in playground for parent's questions and information on dental hygiene

Weds 14th Class 1 Longleat trip
2.00 Sports Day (Years 1-6) - ALL children need their school PE kit & daps / trainers!

Fri 16th Y6 - Diocese Leavers Day - Wells

Sat 17th 2.00-5.00 - Summer Festival

Weds 21st Class 4 Durdle Door trip

Thurs 22nd 11.00 Class 1 & Nursery Sports Day

Tues 27th Farm to Fork - Class 2 visit Tesco (letters to follow)

July

Tues 4th 6.15 governors meeting

Thurs 6th transition day. Y6 to secondary school

Mon 10th & Tues 11th Jungle Book performance dates - details & ticket information soon

Fri 14th end-of-year reports

Thurs 20th 1.30 Leavers assembly

2.30 end of term!

The Second St Mary's Spectacular Summer Festival!

Saturday 17th June 2.00-5.00

We have a fantastic team planning this fun day for all...but we could still do with YOUR help too!

- Stalls / tables are still available for £15 (2 for £20) - please book with Lesley (Rhiannan's mum)
- We would like to borrow as many gazebos as possible...just in case...! Please let us know if you have one we could use

The plans for the day are looking amazing! New for this year - pony rides, birds of prey display, creative tent, blow-up tennis pods...to name but a few!! Make sure you keep the date, and HUGE thanks to the great team organising it all!

Notices, messages, reminders...

- WPA FREE **Cook & Eat** family sessions start today - SIGN UP NOW! ☺
- Please send any remaining **Active Kids vouchers** from Sainsbury's - we are collecting until 30th June. Every voucher counts towards new cooking and sports equipment, and experiences, so it pays to find them all! Please!!
- **NEWSPAPERS PLEASE!** We need LOADS for scenery for the end-of-year production - please send any to Class 5 - thank you ☺



Outdoor Play And Learning - the new den! Look how proud they all are...they have even created a VIP hammock!! ☺

A huge **THANK YOU** to all the pupils who responded to our **BIG school questionnaire**. We were delighted we got a 56% response rate, representing 66 of our children throughout the school.

They are so positive about so many elements of St Mary's!

- 95% said teachers expect me to work hard and do my best; I am encouraged to do things for myself and be independent
- 94% said I get homework every week; my family believes that doing well at school is important
- 92% said adults are kind, helpful and care about me; I am taught well – I learn something new in most lessons; I want to be successful in the future; I am proud of my school
- 91% said teachers tell me how well I am doing with my work; I feel safe at school

There were a couple of questions that we need to look at in more detail:

When I started school it was easy to settle in; children are well behaved at school; I gain a lot from it being a Church school.

The School Council will be discussing these areas and we will keep you posted as to what we can do to improve these.

Building project

Each newsletter we will keep you updated on what has been happening and what is going to be happening towards the building of our two new classrooms, due for completion in July... scaffolding gone... internal painting started...suspended ceilings suspended!! ☺



Maths Week at St Mary's

WOW what a week! A HUGE thank you to teachers for planning such inspirational activities during our curriculum week.

It was great to see so many parents in school, being hands-on too.

Nursery children and parents had heaps of fun creating shape collage printing, number line dinosaurs and sorting teddy bears to name but a few activities.

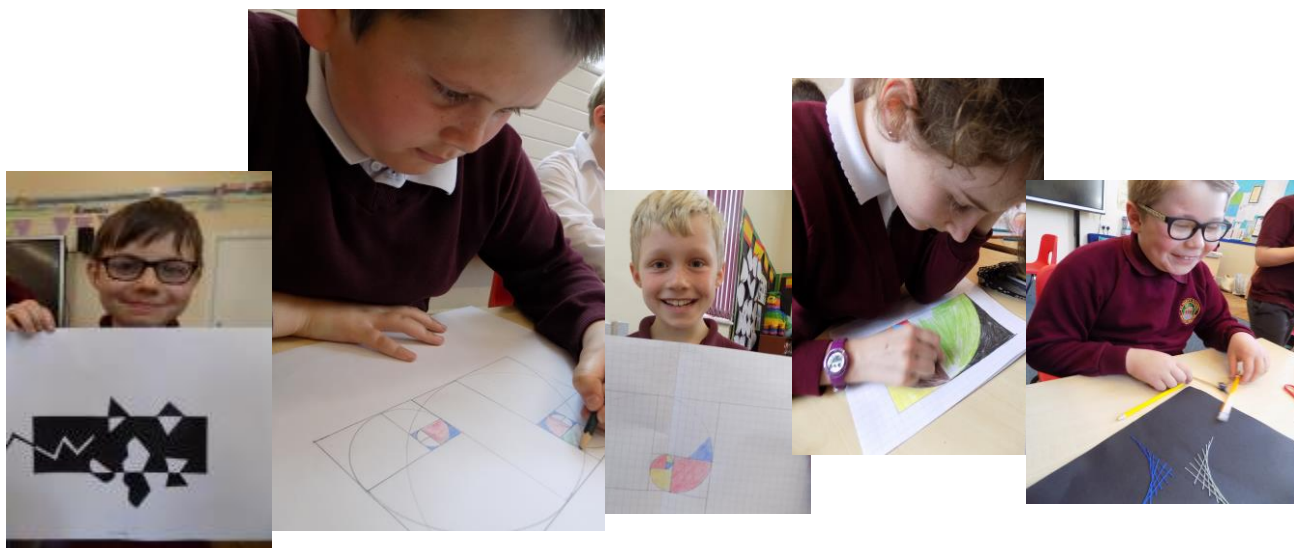
Class 1 invited parents into class every day to enjoy many different learning activities, including Numicon painting, creating number bond rainbows and hunting for shapes.

Class 2 spent the week becoming entrepreneurs: children budgeted, shopped, weighed, measured and became café owners for the week, ensuring that they made a profit. It was lovely to see parents enjoying their visit to the café.

Class 3 enjoyed learning mathematical concepts through Lego. It is amazing just how much children can learn through play. In addition, they created fantastic mathematical bubble art and designed and made board games.

The children from Class 4 couldn't agree on their favorite part of the week because they loved them all: from creating fraction people, to making letters out of shapes and computer programming shapes. Most agreed though that being outside, creating Andy Goldsworthy-inspired mathematical art, with parents, was fantastic fun.

Class 5 focused on tessellations, rotational symmetry and Fibonacci spirals - the pictures below show how much the children enjoyed the week...



Notes from School Council:

- St Mary's Got Talent **heats** are next week in classes so get practicing children! The best three acts, voted for by classmates, will go through to **the final, in the hall, on Tuesday 20th June** (children only). Children, please bring **£1 donation** on the day to watch this AMAZING show! All money raised will go to Children's Hospice South West.
- School Council would like to introduce a school WORRY BOX to be kept centrally in the link way corridor; if children need help or are worried about *anything*, they can add it to the worry box and it will be addressed by Ms Lampert.
- Next time at School Council: the 'Learning Investigators' will be reporting back on what 'high quality learning' looks, sounds and feels like at St Mary's. A report for parents will follow.

We are excited about having so many visitors in school this week to talk to the children about keeping themselves safe and healthy:

- Nurse Tracey will be visiting Classes 1, 2 and 3 to ensure children understand teeth hygiene, the importance of hand-washing and the difference between safe and unsafe medicines
- June, our crossing-patrol, will be making an appearance during assembly to discuss road-safety
 - NSPCC will deliver an age-appropriate assembly and workshop to all children
 - Wandsdyke Play Association will begin a series of cooking sessions in the hall
- Class 5 begin SRE (Sex and Relationship Education) sessions with Maria, our school nurse

In addition, throughout the week, all classes will be carrying out activities around 'Keeping safe'.



During assembly this week, the children were reminded about ESafety and how to stay safe on-line. The benefits and risks of the internet/playing games were discussed. Children also thought about HOW LONG they should play on computers/tablets etc. each day. Many children thought that time should be limited (some thought one hour a day was realistic). In addition, we discussed playing age-appropriate games or having access to social networking sites, and the reasons that some are restricted to older children/adults.

If you wish to discuss E-Safety at home the www.thinkuknow.co.uk website has a host of age-appropriate ideas.



Community:

As you may know, parents can now check their eligibility for 30 hours Early Years Education from September 2017. You need to check your own eligibility via the HMRC checker:

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/>

For any parents who are unable to access the internet, there is a help line available 0300 1234097

If you are eligible, you will be given a code which you will need to give to the school office, along with a NI number.