



St Mary's C of E Primary School & Nursery Newsletter – Issue 11 – 27/1/2022



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This term's Christian Value is Perseverance:

I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.'

Philippians 4:13

Calendar events:



February

- 14th Book Week
- 16th Bedtime Stories 6pm-7pm
- 16th 6pm-7pm Introduction to our new phonics scheme for parents. Suitable for parents of children in Nursery (there are no bedtime stories for Nursery children – they are too little, but parents welcome), Reception, Year 1, Year 2.
- 18th 3.15 End of Term 3
- 28th Inset day

March

- 1st Start of term 4
- 16th Parents evening
- 17th Parents evening
- 24th Class 5 visit to Shepton Mallet Prison
- 28th Dance Umbrella at Bath Forum
- 29th Class 3 visit to The Roman Baths

St Mary's Stars

7th January:

Little Acorns: Harry and Daisy for settling in so well.

Little Oaks: Joey for improved speech and handwriting.

Class 1: Effie for being 'on the ball', being focused and answering questions all week.

Class 2: Aelfie for showing perseverance in his sewing and creating new stitches.

Class 3: Jess for being an amazing part of St Marys in so many ways.

Class 4: Tori for persevering in her writing.

Class 5: Chesny for his excellent attitude to maths and his multiplication work.

Class 6: Caitlin for her fabulous writing from the perspective of a character.

Other amazing achievers: Class 2 for all of their amazing holiday homework.

Ezra for settling back in so well.

14th January:

Little Acorns: Fern for settling in so well.

Little Oaks: Imogen for acting out her story so well

Mason for great behavior and being so helpful.

Class 1: Nova for persevering and trying so hard with her writing and her beautiful presentation.

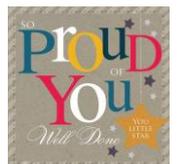
Class 2: Skye for working really hard on her writing.

Class 3: Erin for her continued positive attitude towards getting herself ready for lessons.

Class 4: Olivia for having a fantastic time in the great outdoors.

Class 5: Nikodem for his positive attitude and excellent improvement in swimming.

Class 6: Esme for her fabulous writing in English and her decimal work in maths.





21st January:

Little Acorns: Wilf for settling in so well.

Little Oaks: Oaklee for amazing behavior on the school trip and for fabulous reading. Oliver for being a super friend and terrific handwriting.

Class 1: Delilah for fantastic improvement in reading.

Class 2: Sienna for working really hard to improve her reading.

Class 3: Baylee for a real confidence boost in his English learning.

Class 4: Leo for his re-telling of the Emperor Penguin.

Class 5: Leah for her use of relative clauses to create complex sentences.

Class 6: Will for his fabulous enthusiasm and brilliant views during our class debate.

Other amazing achievers: Archie for his improvement in reading

Konor and Leo for being so helpful at lunchtimes in the dinner hall.

Other amazing achievers:

Sparkle Trail Winner: Beth who has won an Entertainer Toy Shop voucher! Well done Beth!

Aeryn for winning not 1 or 2, or 3 or 4 BUT 5 medals in her recent gym competition



Phonics Evening

Mrs Martin, Miss Hamblin and Ms Lampert would like to invite all parents of children in the Early Years (Little Acorns + Little Oaks) and Key Stage One (Classes 1 and 2) to an information session in the school hall during Bed Time Stories on 16th February.

This will be an informal event explaining the new phonics scheme we have chosen – Little Wandle, a chance to look at the resources and find out how you can help at home.

Refreshments will be available.

Young Voices

As you are aware we have been issued a new date for the Young Voices Choir. Our new concert date is scheduled for Monday 25th April 2022, this is the first day back following the Easter break.

New numbers have now been confirmed and all travel arrangements remain the same.

A reminder of the details:

- 25th April 2022
- Coach will leave St Marys at 7.30am
- Leaving London at 9.30pm to arrive back at St Marys at approximately midnight where an adult will need to collect.

We are all very excited the concert can still take place and are busy practicing the songs.

Playtimes

As you can imagine, it is hugely beneficial to children's play if they can make use of the field for the majority of the year, not just the summer months. We have been speaking to all of the children about bringing and wearing wellies so they can access the field and also about trying to minimize the amount of mud on their clothes. Today everyone had a great playtime with very little mud! Hooray!

As it is currently very cold, please ensure your child comes to school with a coat!



COVID Updates

We are continuously tracking those in our school who have tested positive for COVID. Currently our numbers are extremely low (1 pupil and no staff) and with regular testing (2x weekly for everyone and daily if you believe that you are a close contact of someone with COVID) we believe that we are able to monitor the situation carefully. A huge thank you to all for helping with this.

Please ensure you continue to stay away from school if you have any symptoms of COVID and test regularly so that we can minimize large scale disruptions e.g. class closure and staffing shortages.

Thank you for dropping your children off at the school gate and/or outside the classroom too.



It's 'Book Term' which can only mean one thing....The Gruffalo is in the building!
All classes are reading a class book and using this as a basis for all work in class. The pupils really enjoy this term and it highlights the importance of reading and the joy that can be gained from reading a good book. Please encourage children to keep reading regularly at home. It is certainly true that the more you read, the cleverer you become.

LITTLE OAKS VISIT TO NUNNEY CASTLE

Little Oaks enjoyed a trip to the picturesque village of Nunney last week and enjoyed exploring the moated medieval castle ruins.





Reminder - Great Wood Camp

Please note that the deposits for camp are **now due**. The deadline is the 31st January.



Book Fayre

Exciting news. The Scholastic Book Fayre will return on 15th – 18th February.

We have not been able to hold a book fayre for a number of years and are pleased to be able to welcome Scholastic back into school. For those who have not been to the book fayre there are a range of books available for children and parents to purchase and for every book sold the school benefits from being able to choose books. We will use these to add to our new school library.

Dance Umbrella Tickets

Tickets go on sale at 10am 2nd Feb to parents via:

<https://bathboxoffice.org.uk/whats-on/dance-umbrella-2022/book>

Trespassers at St Mary's

We are sorry to note that a few weekends ago we had unwanted visitors on site. Some Early Years resources have been damaged, toys strewn about, there is damage to the Polly Tunnel in the Sensory Garden and graffiti on the Play Shed. We are saddened that this has happened and would ask that if you are near the school and witness any trespassers on site that you inform the police who have been informed. Over the previous years we are pleased to note that the school has rarely suffered this sort of unwanted intrusion and we are sure that through being vigilant it will cease.

HUGE thanks to Miss Hamblin, Miss Buchan and the children in Little Oaks for tidying up the Polly Tunnel and making it useable again. Also, to the offer from parents (PTA Green Team) to help plant and brighten our school grounds. If you could lend a helping hand please let the school office know.





St Mary's Library – at the HEART of the school

We have started the process of developing our new school library. Transforming the old ICT suit (we now use banks of laptops and ipads) into a lovely space to celebrate our love of books. As you can imagine there are many stages to this development. During the last holidays, the computer network cabling was tidied up and boxed in, George, our caretaker has removed the worktops (these are available free if anyone can make use of them – please see photo below), we have a volunteer who has offered to plaster the walls and Mrs Lampert and staff are going to paint over the coming weeks. New carpet and blinds will improve the aesthetics of the room prior to ordering new bookshelves and furniture. We can't wait for an official opening - hopefully before the new academic year - to be able to share this with you.

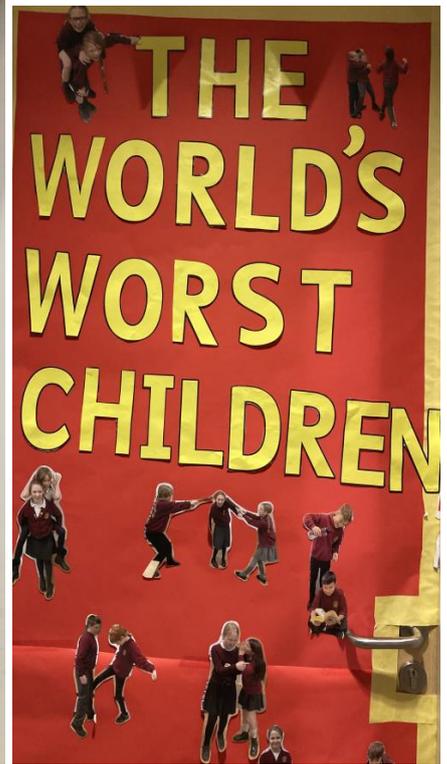


Approx sizes 720 x 2090mm and 720 x 1420mm. **FREE** to anyone who may be able to make use of them – please contact the school office.



Book Week

As part of our Book Week activities, each class has decorated their doors to celebrate the book they are studying. Here are some of their amazing creations:



Community Notices:

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



ARE YOU HAVING A CLEAR OUT? ARE YOU MAKING ROOM FOR NEW CHRISTMAS PRESENTS?!! ANY JUMBLE, NEARLY NEW, BRIC A BRAC AND ANYTHING UNWANTED

JUMBLE SALE SATURDAY 5th February

For more information contact the Chairman Mr R Langley 01761 431406 or the Secretary Mrs H Gulliford 01761 420417 or any Flower Show Committee Member

All proceeds go to Writhlington Flower Show Funds



Books, Toys, Household, Bric'a'brac, & white elephant, Good Clothes
 Come and find lots of Bargains

**Saturday 5th February
 11.00am at Writhlington
 Village Hall**

We regret that there will be no refreshments this time

For more information contact the secretary Mrs Helen Gulliford 01761 420417 or the Chairman Mr Rob Langley 01761 431406 or any other committee member or go to our Writhlington Flower Show Facebook Page

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Positive wellbeing for primary age children

Online
 Wednesday 16th February 2022
 7pm – 8.30pm

A one-hour session, with the opportunity to remain online for half an hour of questions and answers.

Julie Turner and Debbie Spens, from The Charlie Waller Trust, will discuss practical strategies for parents to help promote wellbeing with their primary age children.

[Click here to register for your ticket](#)

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STARTING 26th JANUARY 2022




FAMILY FOOD HUB GROUP



Calm Corner

There will be a quiet space for the children to do homework, read, other activities and get support from our workers.



Play

Bath Area Play Project will organise games and play opportunities for you and your children to enjoy together.



Cooked Meal

Our Professional Chef will prepare a freshly cooked meal for us all to sit down and enjoy together.



Support

Our Family Support Workers will be on hand to provide practical and emotional support.

Where: Writhlington Village Hall Manor Rd, Writhlington, Radstock BA3 3LU

When: Every Wednesday during term-time from 3:15pm-5:15pm

For more information please call Southside on 01225 331243 or 07929 350243 to speak to Group Worker, Michelle Morrissey