

This term's Christian value is

FRIENDSHIP.

We will be thinking about sticking together, making time for each other and learning to listen.

Encourage one another and build each other up

(1 Thessalonians 5.11)

Achievers of the week:

Nursery	Archev for taking turns well
Class 1	Murphy for making progress in his learning
Class 2	McKenzie for exceeding all his reading, writing & maths targets! Yay!!
Class 3	Josh F for REALLY knowing his Times Tables Star tables! Using this knowledge for cutting fractions of Josh D-R's birthday cake!
Class 4	All of Class 4 for making Miss Magee so proud in completing their assessments
Class 5	Imogen for such confidence in her singing audition - such a beautiful voice!
Other:	Times Tables Stars -
	BRONZE: ☹
	SILVER: ☹
	GOLD: ☹

School diary dates:

May

w/c 22nd Maths Week - more details on the flyer!
 Fri 26th 9.00 Friends of St Mary's coffee - all welcome to our planning meeting!
 3.15 end of Term 5

June

Mon 5th Term 6 starts - Health Week
 Weds 7th pm class photos
3.15-5.15 WPA Cook & Eat family sessions start (invitations sent out last week)
 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!)
 w/c 12th Phonics tests (Y1 & 2) - please do not take any holiday or make avoidable appointments
 Weds 14th Class 1 Longleat trip
 2.00 Sports Day (Years 1-6)
 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
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 after the holiday
 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 are looking for a few more helpers to man stalls etc. - please volunteer for just an hour! Many thanks to all those of you who have already ☺
- 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 after the holiday - SIGN UP NOW! ☺
- Look out for the Friends of St Mary's newest plan - selling **ice creams** from the shed outside the school entrance on Fridays after school!
- **Maths Week** is still on throughout the whole school this week. Children are taking part in lots of hands-on, practical maths experiences including creating their very own maths-inspired art masterpieces. Come and join us - please see the separate flyer sent out or ask class teachers for specific details...
- 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 ☺

Class organisation 2017/2018

This September we will be re-structuring some of our classes to accommodate our provision for some small year groups:

Class 1	Reception & Year 1	Miss Hamblin
Class 2	Year 2	Mrs Adamson
Class 3	Year 3	Mrs Roberts & Mrs Martin
Class 4	Year 4 (re-united!) & Year 5	Miss Magee (Mrs Dart)
Class 5	Year 5 & Year 6	Miss Hull

Parents of the children in the year groups which will be affected have already been advised. All year groups follow our school plans based on the Early Years Goals and the National Curriculum Programmes of Study. Staff have discussed what would work best for the children and are experienced in planning for mixed-year classes. Work is always appropriately differentiated so we ensure all are supported and extended to the best of their ability. Our strong team of Teaching Assistants will be busy, working to support groups according to their strengths. We will also ensure they all children are offered further enriching opportunities.

All children will spend time in their new classes on transition day (6th July). Either of the Headteachers, or classteachers, will be happy to answer any questions you may have. Please make an appointment to see us, or call in after school.

We can assure you that the children's interests are always our prime concern and we consider this arrangement to be of benefit to all. The following year we will review the class organisation arrangements, and keep you posted.

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...

The teachers are getting excited...!!



School Funding

As you may have heard on the news, school leaders and teachers all over the country are campaigning to challenge the government's proposed cuts in education funding over the coming years, which will amount to £3 billion by 2019-20. We are already living with the impact of increasing costs in schools, but this is set to get worse, which will affect the service we can provide for the children. If this concerns you, what can you do as parents?

The advice is:

- visit the website www.schoolcuts.org.uk
- share your concerns on social media
- sign the petition on the website
- email your MP using the link on the website

One of the biggest challenges in our school is that external support for children is underfunded, so we are increasingly stretching our budgets to provide additional support in school. Education is an investment in our future - we mustn't short-change this generation of children. Any support you can give will be of value.

Community:**The FA Lidl Skills Centre Writhlington School**

Please see details below for The FA Lidl Skills Centre which will be held at Writhlington School.

To register please visit www.TheFA.com/Skills

Email: Andrew.Horne@TheFA.com

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Venue:	Writhlington School, Knobsbury Lane, BA3 3NQ	
Lead Coach:	Andrew Horne	
Day:	Thursday	
Time:	4:00pm – 5:00pm (Ages 5 – 7) (Girls Only ages 7 – 11)	5:00pm – 6:00pm (Ages 8 – 11)
2016/17 Block 3 Dates:	11 th May – 13 th July	
No session in May half term		
Total Cost:	£27 (-£6 for any child registered for Block 2)	