



KEY DATES

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday - school closed

Monday 13th May Ⓟ

Beech Parent Consultations

Monday 13th May Ⓟ

Linden Parent Consultations

Tuesday 14th May Ⓟ

Maple Parent Consultations

Wednesday 15th May Ⓟ

Willow Class Assembly

Wednesday 15th May Ⓟ

Oak Parent Consultations

Thursday 16th May

THS Instrumental Roadshow

Thursday 16th May Ⓟ

Willow Parent Consultations

Thursday 16th May Ⓟ

Ash Parent Consultations

W/C Monday 20th May

Walk to School Week

Thursday 23rd May Ⓟ

Curriculum Open Morning

Thursday 23rd May - 5:30pm Ⓟ

New Reception Info Evening

Friday 24th May

Last Day of Term

Mon 27th to 31st May

Half Term Break - school closed

Monday 3rd June

First day of Term

W/C Monday 10th June

New Reception Inductions

Tuesday 11th June

Willow Science at THS

Tuesday 11th June

Y4 Orienteering at Ossie's

W/C Monday 17th June

St Mary's Sports Week

Friday 21st June Ⓟ

Potted Sports / Sports Day

Ⓟ = Parents invited

Friday 3rd May 2024

ST MARY'S NEWS

The latest news from St Mary's CE VC First School

Note from Mr Homer

I hope you have all had a good week. We have had another busy couple of weeks here at St Mary's!

Last Tuesday, our Willow class took a trip to the farm at Tincleton. They saw many animals including lots of bears! They learnt all about cows and found out about different habitats. All of the children were absolutely fantastic and a real credit to our school.



After school last Wednesday, all of our staff received updated safeguarding training from a specialist at Dorset Council. Safeguarding children is, of course, our number one priority so we did have to close Stay and Play Club that afternoon. Apologies to those affected by this.

Thursday, last week, we were treated to a wonderful Class Assembly by Oak class. They wowed us with their knowledge of the Great Fire of London and intrigued us with the comparisons they made to the Great Fire of Dorchester which they discovered on their recent trip to Shire Hall. All of the children spoke and sang beautifully - we are very proud!

Last Friday, all of our children (and some staff) took part in Miles for Mosaic. This was a sponsored fund run, raising money for Mosaic Family Support charity. Together you helped us raise an incredible £674 for Mosaic! Thank you all for your support and well done to all who took part!



Finally, Yesterday, our Key Stage Two children had a fab day at Cranbourne Ancient Technology Centre exploring life as a Viking! All of the children (and adults!) had a wonderful day and made us very proud with their superb knowledge.

Please check out the next page for details of the upcoming Parent Consultations as we are trialling something new!

Have a lovely weekend.

Be the best that you can be. Shine God's love for all to see.

• Friendship • Joy • Service • Hope • Compassion • Courage •

Parent Consultations

The week after next (w/c 13th May) is our final parent consultation of the school year. We have decided to try something different this time around to ensure that all parents are able to meet with their child's teacher at a time convenient to them.

We are going to trial having a Parent Consultation Day per class, meaning that you will be able to book an in-person or telephone appointment with your child's teacher from 9am to 6pm on a particular day, as detailed below. The class teachers will be managing their own bookings, so you will need to speak to them or email them to arrange your appointment. Please remember that these appointments are not compulsory and they are designed to enable you to ask questions and raise anything you wish with your child's teacher. Please do not book an appointment if you do not plan to attend.

The details of the days and email addresses for booking are as follows:

Monday 13th May - Beech Class (Mr Holt) - beech@charminster.dorset.sch.uk

Monday 13th May - Linden Class (Mrs Laval) - linden@charminster.dorset.sch.uk

Tuesday 14th May - Maple Class (Miss Webster) - maple@charminster.dorset.sch.uk

Wednesday 15th May - Oak Class (Mrs Joslin) - oak@charminster.dorset.sch.uk

Thursday 16th May - Willow Class (Mrs Crabb & Mrs Beale) - willow@charminster.dorset.sch.uk

Thursday 16th May - Ash Class (Miss Thornicroft) - ash@charminster.dorset.sch.uk

Please contact your child's teacher to arrange a time and please specify if you will be attending in person or if you wish for them to phone you - please note that Bev or Karen will not be dealing with the bookings, so you must contact your child's teacher directly. Please provide your child's teacher with the best telephone number to call you on if you are opting for a phone call. Time slots will be on the hour, quarter past, half past or quarter to and appointments will be ten minutes long. Appointments will be issued on a first come, first served basis. If the time you have requested is no longer available, your child's teacher will suggest the closest possible times.



Our school attendance for this academic year is currently:

95%

Last week's winners were...



Our incredible School Association, who do so much for our school and our children, really do need more help. Last year, a number of the team left as their children moved on to middle school and their number of volunteers has not recovered.

Whether you can lend a hand at Snack Shack, Eco Uniforms, Fun Day, Discos or if you are handy with the tools and want to help out building a shed on Saturday 11th May, please do get in touch -

schoolassociation@charminster.dorset.sch.uk



Saturday 18th May
10am – 2pm
@ Thomas Hardy School

A day celebrating youth music and drama for all the family

Performances, Workshops (for adults and children),
Come and Try instrument sessions, Barn Dance, Big Sing,
Massed Orchestra, Big Drum Groove, BBQ, refreshments
and much more!

For full information (including how to sign up to take part in
workshops)

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BBQ

POPCORN
CANDY FLOSS
SNOW CONES
ICE CREAM

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5PM–9PM

Henna &
glitter
tattoos

GAMES

OSSIE'S
MERCH

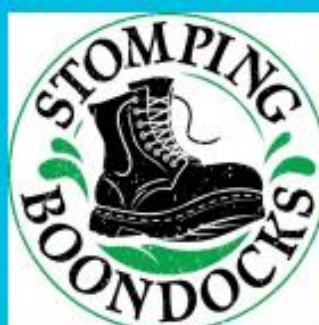


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Festival held on the field at St Osmund's School, Barnes Way, DT1 2DZ

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In aid of:
**Charminster Pre-School &
St Mary's First School Charminster**

Charminster Family Fun Day

@ St Mary's First School Charminster

**SUNDAY 14TH JULY
12 – 5pm**

(Stalls close at 4pm – Music & Food til 5pm)



**Live Music & Performances • Fun & Games • Prize Draw
Trade Stalls • Inflatable Fun • Creepy Crawlies
Goats • Tombola • Forest School • Cake Sale
Hot Food • Licensed Bar • and much much more.....**





Are you concerned about a pupil?

If you are worried about a child,
you must share your concern without delay.



Mick Homer

Headteacher

**Designated
Safeguarding Lead**



Lisa Thornicroft

Teacher & SENDCo

**Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead**



Karen Bennett

Family Support Advisor

**Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead**

Our Safeguarding Governor is Reverend Pene Kennedy

If you are concerned about a child's welfare or worried they are being abused,
you can make a referral directly to:

Dorset's Children's Advice and Duty Service on 01305 228866

**In an emergency, or if you believe a child is at immediate risk of harm,
call the police on 999.**

Click or scan this QR code
to go straight to Dorset
Council's website:

