

Friday 20th October 2023

ST MARY'S NEWS

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

KEY DATES

Mon 23rd to Fri 27th October

Half Term Holidays

Monday 30th October

INSET Day – School Closed

Tuesday 31st October

First Day of Term

Friday 3rd November

Donation Day (see overleaf)

Mon 6th & Tues 7th November

Life Education Days

Tues 7th November - 8:45-9:15

Life Ed. Parent Workshop

Tuesday 7th November

Year Three - T@SM Church visit

Wed 8th November - 2pm

Remembrance Service

Monday 13th November - 9am

Linden Class Assembly

Friday 17th November

Children in Need

Monday 20th November

Spirituality Day

Tuesday 28th November

Year R & 4 - T@SM Church visit

Friday 1st December - 3-5pm

St Mary's Christmas Market

Wed 6th December - 9:15am

Christmas Performance

Thurs 7th December - 9:15am

Christmas Performance

Thurs 7th December - 5:30pm

Christmas Performance

Friday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 8th December

Termly Progress Reports

Tues 12th December - 2pm

Christmas Service

Wednesday 13th December

Local Food Links Festive Lunch

Note from Mr Homer

As this half term draws to a close it is lovely to reflect on all of the wonderful things the children have achieved and experienced. Every class has settled into their routines fantastically and we have been extremely proud to show off our school to our many visitors.

We would like to say a huge well done to all of our violin players who attended a String Day at Thomas Hardye School last Friday. The day was ran by The Benedetti Foundation, a music education charity set up by world-renowned violinist, Nichola Benedetti. During the day, the children were coached by some of the top string players in the country, alongside Key Stage Two string players from across Dorset. The feedback from the day was superb with one parent emailing me to express how fantastic the event was:

"I just wanted to let you know how fantastic the Strings Day last Friday was.

They learnt so much and had a wonderful time. They all worked so hard and did very well concentrating all day! The day culminated in them playing 3 pieces of music as an orchestra - quite an achievement.

_____ had a brilliant day. I think they all deserve a big shout out!"

Well done to all our wonderful string players and thank you to The Benedetti Foundation and Thomas Hardye School!



Have a restful half term!

Mr Homer

PE Days

As we enter a new half term, we have had to adjust some of the children's PE Days to ensure that they all have the opportunity to experience a full range of PE disciplines. Every child currently has two PE lessons per week, one led by a sports/dance coach and the other led by their teacher.

Mr Watts is our multi-sports coach who leads our Tuesday and Thursday sessions and we are delighted to announce that Mrs Russell has just taken over as our new dance coach, leading sessions on Wednesdays. Our previous dance coach, Natalie, has gone off to have her baby and we wish her all the best from our St Mary's family.

PE days for the second half of Autumn Term are as follows:

	Willow	Oak	Beech	Maple	Linden	Ash
Coach-led PE	Thursday	Thursday	Tuesday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
Teacher-led PE	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday	Friday	Tuesday	Tuesday

Please come along and join us at our upcoming School Association Annual General Meeting.

It is taking place on Tuesday 7th November at 7pm, here at school. The School Association assure me that it will finish no later than 8:30pm (but probably 9pm)!

Donation Day...

In preparation for our upcoming Christmas Market (see next page), we will be holding a

'Donation Day' on Friday 3rd November.

On this day, we ask that children bring in a donation towards the children's tombola, if you can.

In return for this kind generosity, we will be awarding the children in school with an extra playtime!

(Children should wear normal uniform or PE kits please)

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION


AGM

Annual General Meeting

EVERYONE WELCOME

Stay informed and get involved

When: 7pm Tuesday 7th November
Where: Charminster School, West Hill,
Charminster, DT2 9RD.





Our school attendance for this academic year is currently:

96.4%

Last week's winners were...



This Week's Awards for Growing and Flourishing



ST MARY'S SCHOOL CHARMINSTER

1ST  DEC

CHRISTMAS MARKET

3-5PM



SANTA SLOTS ARE FOR ST MARY'S
CHILDREN & SIBLINGS ONLY



SANTA |

BRATWURSTS |

MULLED WINE

CHILDREN'S CAROLS - CRAFT - GAMES - RAFFLE - STALLS

This week at St Mary's

This week in Willow...

...we have been learning all about 3D shape in maths and have been amazing at learning the names of quite a few. We have made 3D shape robots, towers and found out which shapes roll and which shapes stack. In English we have read the stories 'Leaf Man' and 'The very Helpful Hedgehog'. We had to decide what shape we would like a leaf to turn into and have some great ideas such as a Lamborghini and a unicorn!



This week in Oak...

...we have been working well together this half term and have earned our final piece of Lego on our reward chart! We enjoyed our teddy bears' picnic day, wearing our pyjamas and we even got to enjoy some crumble! Well done Oak class! You are superstars!



This week in Beech...

...we have had a very busy week! On Monday we welcomed some of our parents into the class to do some still life drawing. In the afternoon we made a gallery of all of our art. We were thrilled that Mr Homer and Mrs Hayes came to look! We also enjoyed going to the church on Tuesday to see Rev'd Leila and learning how to show thankfulness at church.



This week in Maple...

...we have been writing biographies about Mary Anning and publishing our stories on bordered paper. We enjoyed writing neatly and taking pride in our work. In mathematics we have been adding using our known number facts. We are trying to get quicker at answering our number facts up to 10. We have enjoyed some sunshine in P.E focusing on skipping skills. In R.E we have learned the story of how Jesus healed the paralysed man and we discussed kindness, forgiveness and compassion.



This week in Linden...

...we have been learning about The Beaker People and how they helped to change the Stone Age into the Bronze Age. We have painted our pinch pots whilst studying colour theory and the colour wheel. We are also very proud of our home learning and Poppy even tried her quiz out on the class!



This week in Ash...

...we enjoyed our parents visiting us on Monday and helping us to build Biscuit Henge! We used shortbread, custard creams and bourbons and a lot of icing sugar as cement. Some great replicas were made... and then eaten!





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:

