



St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School



NEWSLETTER

"A Christ-centred school with a child-centred curriculum through wisdom and love"

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What a fantastic Autumn term this has been for St Mary's. We were graded as 'Good' in all areas by OFSTED, we celebrated the school being on this site for 50 years and we raised money for charities to make a difference. We dressed up to mark different events in our calendar, we opened the school for new parents to look around, we celebrated and showcased the wonderful learning that we have done, we have learnt outdoors, we have learnt through expert visitors including authors and poets. Children took on responsibilities to make our school even better, we went out and visited places of interest, KS1 and Early Years performed on a stage to an audience, we competed against other schools in sporting events and we laughed, danced and sang and let off fireworks and as we head towards 2023 we have even more planned.

A big thank you to staff, parents, Governors, PTA and the community for all the opportunities that we have had to make the school the best it can be for the children at our school.

Snow plan - With the threat of snow on the horizon we have uploaded the snow plan to the St Mary's website; please click this link for full details - [St Mary's Snow Plan](#)



Cake sale EWA - We had lots of fun buying cakes with a Christmas theme and it had a link with maths and giving change. The money raised was £137.00, which will be donated to Education West Africa as one of our charities for this year.



Reflection - This week's reflection [\(128\) This Christmas - YouTube](#)

The Anchorage – The choir headed out to The Anchorage this week to spread a little bit of Christmas cheer. We sang some traditional hymns and some more upbeat tunes. Well done to the choir for all your hard work and thank you to Mr Hancock who accompanied the children; the residents were very appreciative.



Vine leaves – Reg H (SA) for showing perseverance and a positive attitude in all that you do - it has been great to see your confidence grow this term.

Freddie B (Ind) for always encouraging others with his insights into our values.

Josie B (Ind) - for growing in courage and always having a cheerful smile in class.

April (SA) you impress me with your humility and dedication to each and every event that school runs – you always give above and beyond. **Charlie M (SL)** for perseverance and going above and beyond with the choir – you really have sung so well. **Darcey (Jap)** for humility as you put others before yourself.



KS1 Nativity – The hall was packed for the performances of 'The Bethlehem Bake-Off' this week, well done to all the children for their hard work in learning their parts and the songs. See the website for more photos.



EYFS Nativity – The children from Early Years were also on stage this week with their production of 'Come to the Manger', performed to a packed hall of proud parents, grandparents and friends. It was lovely to see the confidence that they showed on stage. Well done, EYFS! See the website for photos.



Community Carols – Meet outside Chequers Hotel on **Saturday 17th December at 4.00pm** for the stroll across the Rec to school for carols, mulled wine and mince pies in the playground. All children will need to be accompanied by an adult for this. This is a free community event, but donations would be appreciated. All donations will be split between St Mary's PTA and St Mary's Church. Christmas is coming, what a great way to begin the holiday season! Please, no dogs on the school site, even if disguised as reindeer! Our school choir will sing about 4.30pm so meet Mrs Copus at the school.



Hot School Meals - Order the meal your child would like.



Remember to order your child's meal for the first week back by Thursday 22nd December.

December Cut off Dates

Thu 29/12 for w/c Mon 9/1

January Cut off Dates

Thur 5/1 for w/c Mon 16/1

Thur 12/1 for w/c Mon 23/1

Thur 19/1 for w/c Mon 30/1

Thur 26/1 for w/c Mon 6/2

February Cut off Dates

Thur 9/2 for w/c Mon 20/2

Thur 16/2 for w/c Mon 27/2

Thur 23/2 for w/c Mon 6/3

Achievements

Elba S (USA)

Swimmer of the year!



Niamh

Gained her green belt at karate.



Victoria Castle (NZ)

moved up to stage 5 swimming! She also enrolled as a Pulborough 1st Brownie

Ruben & Caleb

Paracord stall and raised over £80.00 and it's still going up!



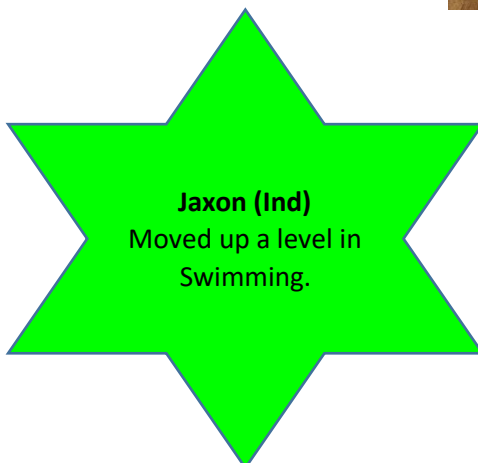
Hettie (Ita)

Took part in her first Karate grading & gained her Red Belt



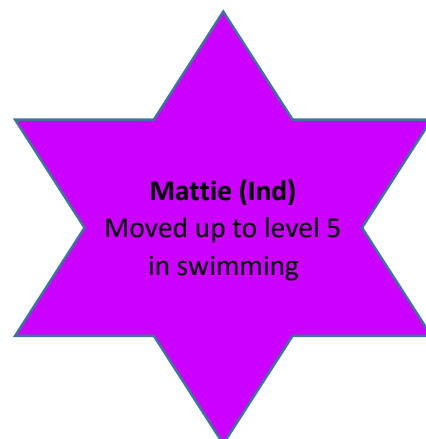
Jaxon (Ind)

Moved up a level in Swimming.



Mattie (Ind)

Moved up to level 5 in swimming



Bea (SL)

Moved up a level in Karate.



Pantomime – Dick Whittington was such a brilliant pantomime. We laughed, danced, sang and joined in with all the key phrases! A great morning together!



Dates for your Diary

Fri 16th Dec	- Last day of term and Christmas Jumper Day for all (no money needed) to wear over uniform (no need for school jumpers) Class parties will be in the afternoon – the children may bring in party clothes in a bag to change in to at lunchtime.
Sat 17th Dec	- Community Carols from 4pm at the Chequers Hotel for the stroll to school where you can enjoy mulled wine, mince pies and carol singing until 5.30pm. (Please see PTA Facebook post)
Sun 18th Dec	Traditional parish Carol Service at St Mary's Church 6pm
Sat 24th Dec	Crib Service for children and families at St Mary's 4pm
Sat 24th Dec	Midnight Eucharist 11pm
Sun 25th Dec	Parish Eucharist with Carols 10am
Tues 3rd Jan	INSET DAY
Wed 4th Jan	Children start back

Celebration Assemblies – These will all start at 9am

Thursday 19th Jan	Ireland class	Thursday 2nd Mar	NZ class
Thursday 26th Jan	Italy class	Thursday 9th Mar	USA class
Thursday 2nd Feb	India class	Thursday 16th Mar	Japan class
Thursday 9th Feb	Mexico class	Wednesday 22nd March	SL class
Mon 13th – 17th Feb	Half term	Thursday 23rd March	UK class
Thursday 23rd Feb	Thai class		

Santa came to visit – Father Christmas paid us a visit and left all the children with a gift. The children were able to tell Father Christmas what was on their Christmas list.



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Christmas Lunch



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Saturday lunch-time
meal for pre-school
and primary school
age children and
their parent/carer.



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If you have any allergies or dietary requirements, please let us know!
The accompanying adult will be responsible for the child at all times.