



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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St Mary's News letter 21.6.24

Headteachers Update 21st June 24

Sports week was an amazing week, well done to all of our children who took part with great enthusiasm and enjoyment! A huge thank you too for all of our teachers, particularly Mrs McNulty who has led the team so well and organised a great sports day for all pupils! Thank you too for coming along to cheer on all of our children; it was also great that the sun was shining!

We have also received excellent news today that the school has achieved the **Green Flag award for Eco Schools**; we passed with merit which is fantastic! Thank you to our Eco School champions and our Year 5 teacher Mrs Callaghan who has done a tremendous job putting it all together.

The letter is attached below from the Eco Schools council. Well done St Mary'!

Next Friday is our Friends of St Mary's Summer Fair- we look forward to welcoming you all. Please look out for fliers on Dojo during the week and don't forget to submit a cake for judging on Friday the 28th June in the morning so we can judge for a winning entry. **There are two categories- Cup Cakes and Large Decorated Cakes.** It is up to you which one you enter, please make sure that your names are on the cakes so we can appoint the winners. Good luck!

As always thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend when it comes!

Best wishes,

Alison McDonald

Eco Schools letter to the school

Green Flag award June 24

Congratulations!!!

Fantastic work!

We are very pleased to tell you that you and your Eco-Committee at St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Bodmin have been successful in meeting the requirements for the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award.

We reviewed your application and noted the following:

It's wonderful that you have appointed such a representative Eco-Committee, this shows your school's excellent commitment to both the programme and the eco-cause. It's great to see that you had such a group of eager, enthusiastic volunteers.

It was also wonderful to see that they were supported by a member of staff.

We love that you kept minutes from your meetings and that they helped to track, guide and prompt your activity, and thank you for including the excellent example. It was great to see that young people were responsible for completing those meeting minutes – this helps them develop new skills! This is a mature and professional approach. Great work!

It was wonderful to see how completing your Environmental Review helped to raise the level of awareness in your school and helped your Eco-Committee to identify the issues and spot gaps in your school's existing environmental activity. It was also brilliant to read that the Environmental Review helped your pupils appreciate everything that your school is already doing to benefit our environment and identify areas to work on in the future.

Your Action Plan shows that your Eco-Committee have carefully considered how they can involve their entire school in their planned Eco-Schools' activities to achieve maximum impacts and raise awareness amongst their school community.

We love the range of activities that you and your Eco-Committee planned for delivery. The fact that they cover both indoor (energy monitors and a 'switch-off' campaign with awareness posters) and outdoor (regular litter-picks, planting flowers and herbs and developing a school pond) activities is excellent. It was also great to see accountability and monitoring and evaluation clearly marked in your Action Plan. Great work!

Your Curriculum Link examples are imaginative, practical and fun, making environmental education accessible and engaging, well done! We loved seeing the excellent examples of your teaching materials and the photos of your pupil's work, posters, and of them enjoying their activities. This is a great example of layering in sustainability and climate change into your studies.

We loved reading about how you had incorporated learning about global issues not only into the Geography Curriculum in your school, but also into other areas such as English. Great work!

A challenge for next year might be expanding this to incorporate these issues into other areas of learning like Maths, Art or D&T!

Your Eco-Board is great. Your board is incredibly visual and engaging and promotes your work in a very attractive way. It's also good to see your Eco-Committee members on the board. This is a great way to raise their esteem and make their schoolmates feel like they can approach them and get involved with your Eco-Schools work!

We love how active your Eco-Committee was in communicating their activities school-wide with both assembly and class feedback and use of the school Class Dojo and social media as well as the Eco-board itself. These all combine to make a great approach! We are certain that your pupils will have greatly benefitted from your involvement with such outside organisations as Surfers Against Sewage and writing letters to your MP.

The parent quote is a great testament to the work that you are doing with your Eco-Committee, that they are taking their Eco-Schools work home with them and getting their families on board is something to be proud of!

Your Eco-Code is really smart and concise. It's a great message and its punchy nature will definitely help it be processed by everyone passing by your Eco-Board.

I hope you and your Eco-Committee take great pride in your achievements, when listed it's surprising how many there are – however, the improvements to your school environment with the various litter reducing, energy saving and lovely biodiversity initiatives (we loved those) all nicely stand out!

Congratulations to everyone for the great work you have managed to do, earning your Green Flag with Merit in style. You should all be very proud of your work and the application you have submitted!

Dates for the Diary

Following queries from some parents, just to clarify on the last day of term we will finish school at the usual time of 3.15pm. Year 6 graduation is at 1.45pm.

Dates for the Diary Summer Term 24

Weekly Mass at St Mary's and St Petroc's Church Wednesday at 10 am—all welcome

Monday 6th May– Bank Holiday– School closed

Monday 13th to Friday 17th May Year 6 SATS week

Wednesday 15th May Year 1 Newquay Aquarium

16th May Fiesta Theme Menu whole school

20th-24th May Year 2 optional SATS

Wednesday 22nd May Class Photos

27th to the 31st May Half Term week

Monday 3rd June back to school

10th to the 12th June Year 5 Residential Porthpean

17th to the 21st June Olympics week

Tuesday 18th June Year 3/4 sports day am and Year 5/6 sports day pm

Wednesday 19th June Reception and Nursery Sports Day am and Year 1/2 Sports Day pm

1st July-4th July St Mary's Mission week

1st July 'Welcome Day' Bodmin College Year 6's

Transition date for school to follow soon

8th July Year 6 Leavers Mass (CAST) Plymouth Cathedral

16th July Year 6 End of Year Play Afternoon/evening

22nd July Year 6 Leavers Mass (St Mary's Church) 2pm

23rd July Year 6 Graduation 1.45pm and end of school



Nursery and Reception Class News

Nursery and Reception took part in an action packed sports day this week. We are so proud of them all, they showed great determination and participation!

Thank you for all of the families that came to cheer them on, it was a fantastic morning with beautiful sunshine.



















Year 1 News





Year 1 have had a very exciting week this week!

Year 1's sports day was a huge success. The children participated in a variety of races, including sprints, hurdles, egg and spoon. Each race was met with cheers and encouragement from the crowd, and it was heart-warming to see the sportsmanship among the students. Year 1 also demonstrated their skills in events such as the long jump, javelin, discuss and shotput. The event was a lovely celebration of fun and teamwork. We were delighted to see so many of you there supporting the children.

We have also been on a trip through our Bodmin High Street. This trip was a fascinating exploration of how our town has evolved since the 1950s, providing the children with valuable insights into history and community development.

Finally, Year 1 learned about making healthy snacks for their bodies. This hands-on experience was not only fun but also an important step in teaching the children about nutrition and healthy eating habits. While making their snacks, the children also learned about the importance of each food group. They discussed how fruits provide essential vitamins and minerals, how carbohydrates give them energy, and how proteins help build strong muscles. This interactive lesson helped them understand how different foods contribute to a healthy body.

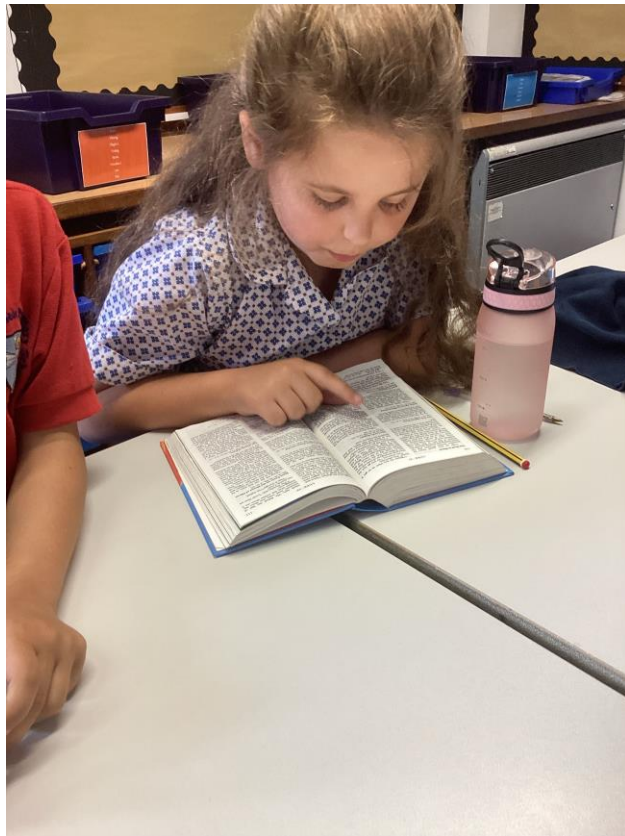
Thank you, Year 1, for a fun filled week :D

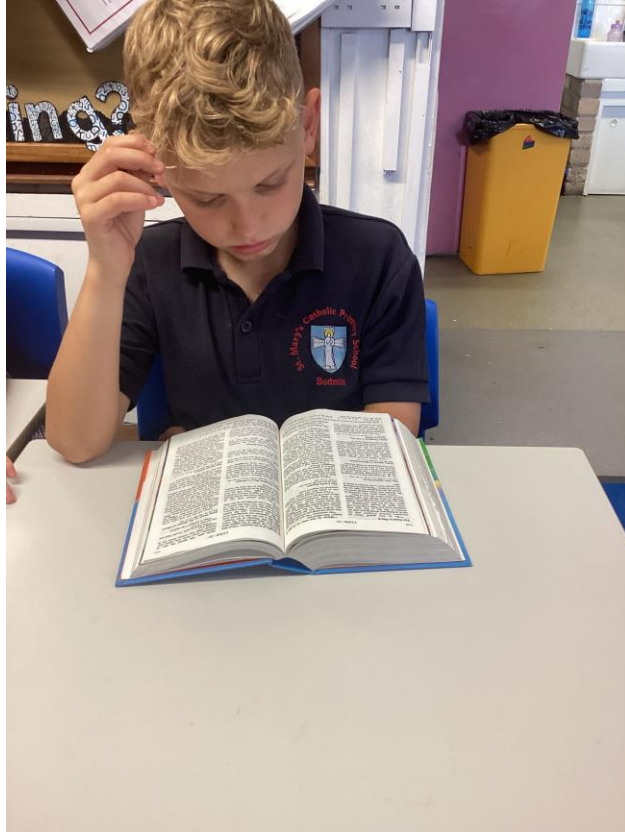
Year 2 News

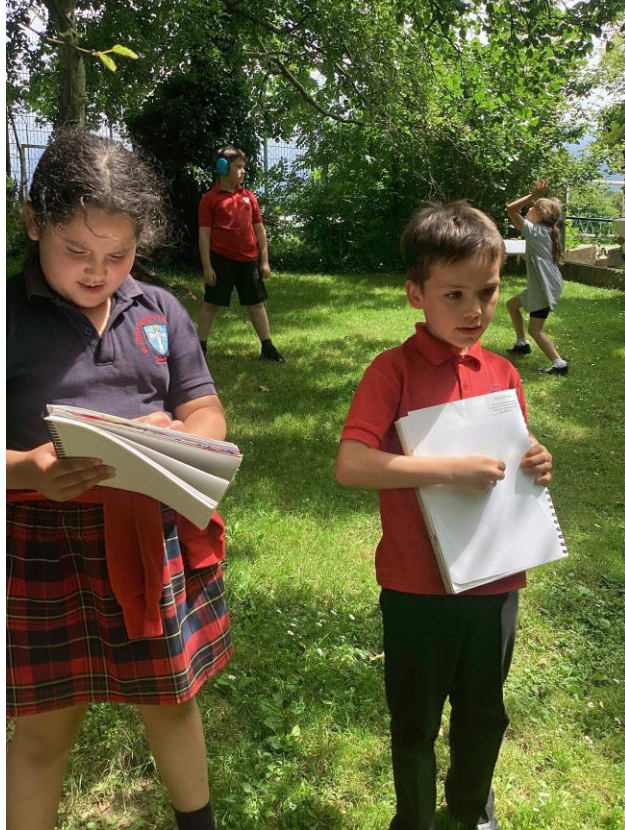
Year 3 News

The highlight of our week was certainly sports day! The children loved getting involved in the different activities and really did themselves proud. Thank you Mrs McNulty for arranging, we are very grateful.

In the classroom, we have started to innovate our class text, adding our own spin on the story. The children have some fab ideas and I can't wait to read their finished versions. In maths we've moved on to money, looking at pounds and pence, and adding and subtracting amounts of money. In science we looked at how a compass works and how they can be affected by a magnet, and in RE we put our bible skills to the test, finding different passages relating to Passover. We loved getting outside in art this week, foraging for different things that we might be able to use for our own art pieces in the next few weeks. What a lovely week, well done, Year 3!







Year 4 News

Wow year 4, we've had a busy, busy week. A great start to the week with everyone taking part in Sports Day with huge smiles on your faces.

The children have been so excited about our English writing. The start they have made to their own World War 1 stories has blown me away. They are very excited to finish these next week. We will share them next week when they have been polished.

In science we have looked at conductors and insulators and carried out an investigation.

We have started learning about the causes of World War 1, the countries involved and the timeline of events.

Keep up the hard work Year 4.





Year 5 News

We have had a busy week in Year 5, this week!

At the beginning of the week, the children completed their penultimate sports day. The resilience, determination and sportsmanship shown was amazing – I am immensely proud of each and every one of you!

In English, we have completed our first drafts of our information texts, they are sounding brilliant and the children have ensured to use all the grammatical features that have been taught.

We are coming to the end of our Decimal unit; the children have shown great understanding of this concept.

In History, we delved further into our historical research of all things Cornish Smugglers, the children have loved this topic so far.

Well done!

Year 6 News

Wow Year 6, what a fab week you have had!

At the beginning of the week, the children completed their final, primary sports day. They showed perseverance, determination and sportsmanship shown was amazing – I am immensely proud of each and every one of you!

We are in full swing of our play practice, which is going brilliantly and we can not wait to share it with you.

In science we have been investigating insulators and conductors within our classroom.

Well done, Year 6!



Challenging Behaviour

It can be really tricky to know what to do when your child is displaying challenging behaviour and there are many reasons why your child might be behaving this way. Young Minds have put together this great article with tips on how to support your child and where to go to for help.

Challenging Behaviour | Parents' Guide To Support | YoungMinds¹

¹https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/parents-a-z-mental-health-guide/challenging-behaviour/?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTAAR0ZYLDWUDP8GLfdgQjR7jMZg5i2m2KeA3Ox3JI5haKRwYN_NbLZamEwAHc_aem_ZmFrZWR1bW15MTZieXRlcw

YOUNG MiNDS

Primary Mental Health Support Team Parent Workshops

The primary mental health support team are running some parent workshops. I know some of you have been asking when these will be running again and thank you to those who have attended and given such positive feedback about these sessions. Full details and sign up process is in the pictures.

The Mental Health Support Team invites you to book your place on our Worry Workshop

This 45 minute online workshop introduces the concepts of worry and anxiety in children and young people, and highlights some reasons children might worry.

It will give parents/carers some practical strategies for supporting their child with managing worries and signpost to further support that might be helpful.

This workshop is open to parents/carers of children enrolled in Reception to Yr6 in a Mid Cornwall school.

Upcoming Sessions:
Wednesday 3rd July 11am



To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:



<https://forms.office.com/e/CSm8FGX274>

Sign up will close on Wednesday 26th June

**The Mental Health Support Team invites
you to book your place on our Decider
Skills Workshop**

Decider Skills are a set of life skills based on cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT). The skills are aimed at helping young people to recognise and understand their emotions, and promote positive mental health. They also include basic problem solving and conflict de-escalation skills, and have a strong focus on supporting children in regulating their own emotions.

Upcoming Sessions Online:

Wednesday 24th July - 11am -12pm

This workshop is open to parents/carers of children enrolled in Reception to Yr6 in a Mid Cornwall school.

To request a place, complete
the online form or scan the
QR code provided:

<https://forms.office.com/e/GNSeYHZA8>



Sign up will close on Wednesday 17th July



**The Mental Health Support Team
invites you to book your place on our
Behaviour as Communication Workshop**

This 45 minute online workshop introduces the concept of behaviour as a type of communication, sharing the reinforcement and attention rule and practical strategies for developing and increasing positive behaviours in helpful and happy ways! It will also signpost to further support that might be helpful.

This workshop is open to parents/carers of children enrolled in Reception to Yr6 in a Mid Cornwall school.

Upcoming Sessions:

Wednesday 10th July - 11am

To request a place,
complete the online form
or scan the QR code
provided:

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Sign up will close on Wednesday 3rd July

**The Mental Health Support Team invites
you to book your place on our
Introduction to Resilience Workshop**

This is a single, hour-long session aimed at parents. The online session covers how to encourage young people to develop greater resilience, and provides psychoeducation around what mental health and resilience is.

When young people are resilient, they are more able to cope with challenges and stress, and can therefore be more curious, adaptable and able to extend their reach into the world.

Upcoming Sessions Online

Wednesday 17th July - 11am

This workshop is open to parents/carers of children enrolled in Reception to Yr6 in a Mid Cornwall school.

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:

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Sign up will close on Wednesday 10th July

Attendance Update

Whole school attendance is remaining at 94.9%. This week the class who has won the attendance trophy for highest attendance this week is year 1 with 98.7 % attendance. Amazing work Year 1 !

Could we please remind all parents and carers that we do not encourage term time holidays and that we are unable to authorise these. Please ensure that you complete the leave absence request form for all holidays or non-medical absences. This form can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website.



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Community links and events

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