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St Mary's News letter 7th June 24

Headteachers Update 7th June 24

Welcome to the first news letter of the last summer term. It is a very busy term with lots of activities planned and many events taking place.

One of those that are planned is our **Summer Fair which will be held on the 28th June from 3.30pm.**

As part of the preparation we would like to have a **non-uniform day with a bit of a difference on Friday the 14th June.** We are keen to collect coloured prizes for our raffle prizes this year (these need to be new and unopened prizes and not reused). Each class has a colour theme and we would like the children to come in that colour and bring a prize with them as their token for colour day!

The colours for each class are:

Nursery- Red

Reception- Pink

Year 1 - White

Year 2 - Yellow

Year 3 - Green

Year 4 - Blue

Year 5 - Purple

Year 6- Black

Thank you ever so much for your help and support, let us hope we have sunshine to enjoy the summer fair this year!

Other details will follow soon.

All of the children have had a great week, they have worked extremely hard and achieved many steps in their learning. We are all very proud of them all. As always, thank you for supporting us the way you do, St Mary's is an amazing school!

Have a great weekend!

Mrs McDonald and the team at St Mary's

Dates for the Diary

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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

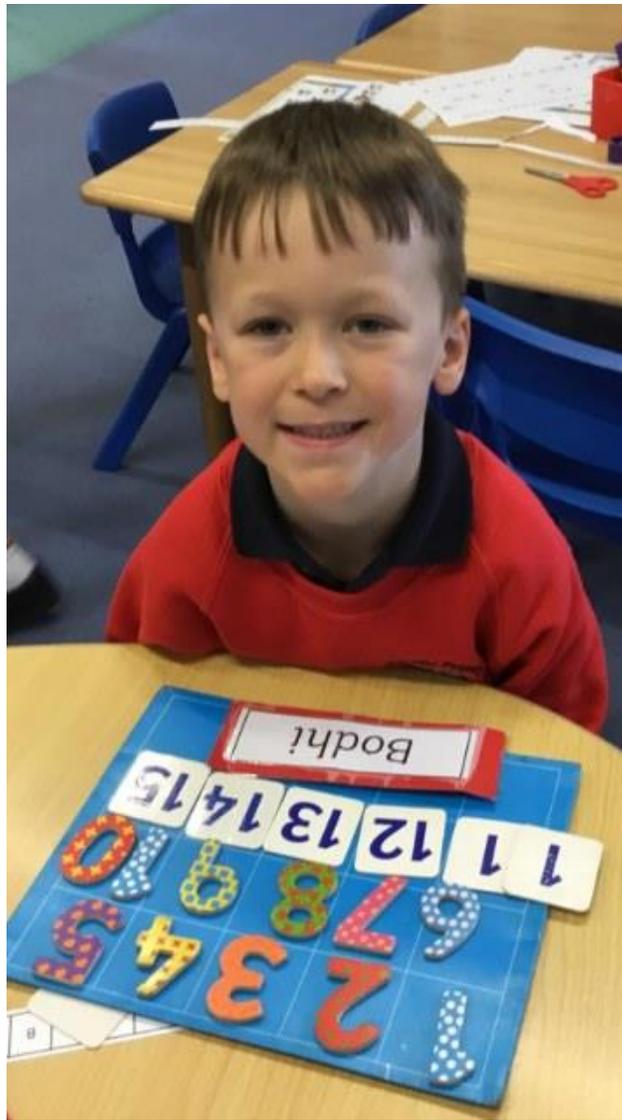
We have had a fantastic week in Nursery and Reception class reading the story of 'The Train Ride'.

Nursery have explored lots of train themed activities, including creating junk modelled trains, ordering numbered carriages, drawing what they would see out of a train window and going on an imaginative train journey outside.

Reception class have been learning numbers to 20. They have been counting to 20, recognising and ordering numbers to 20 and finding one more and one less.









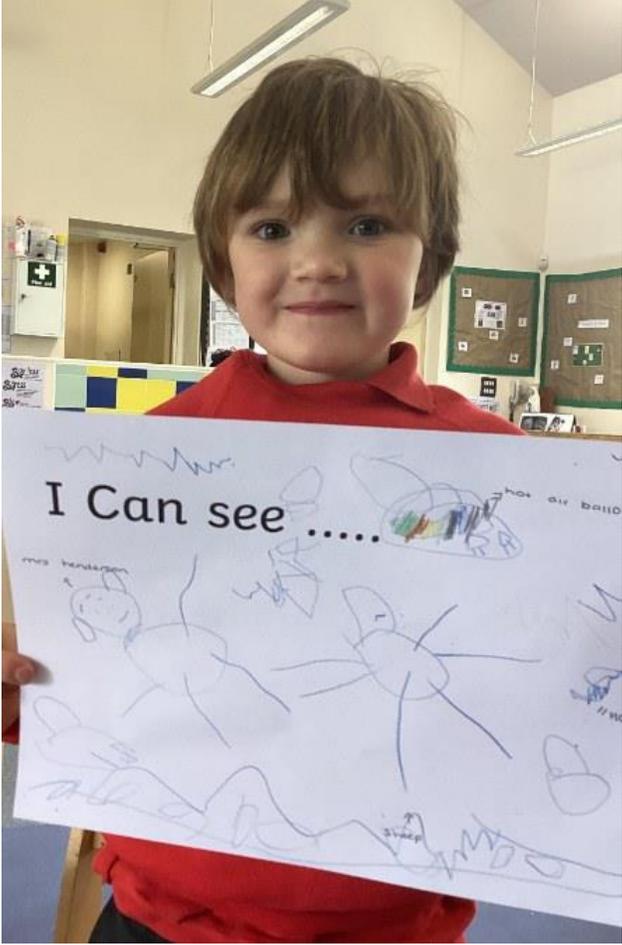






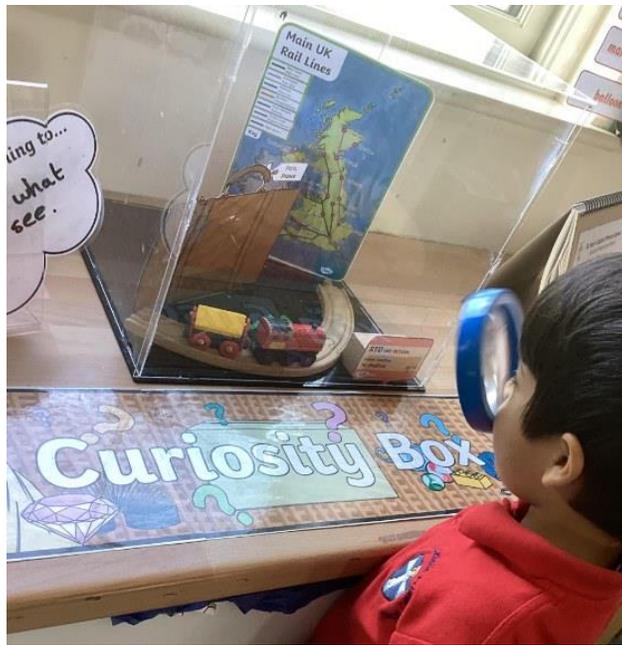


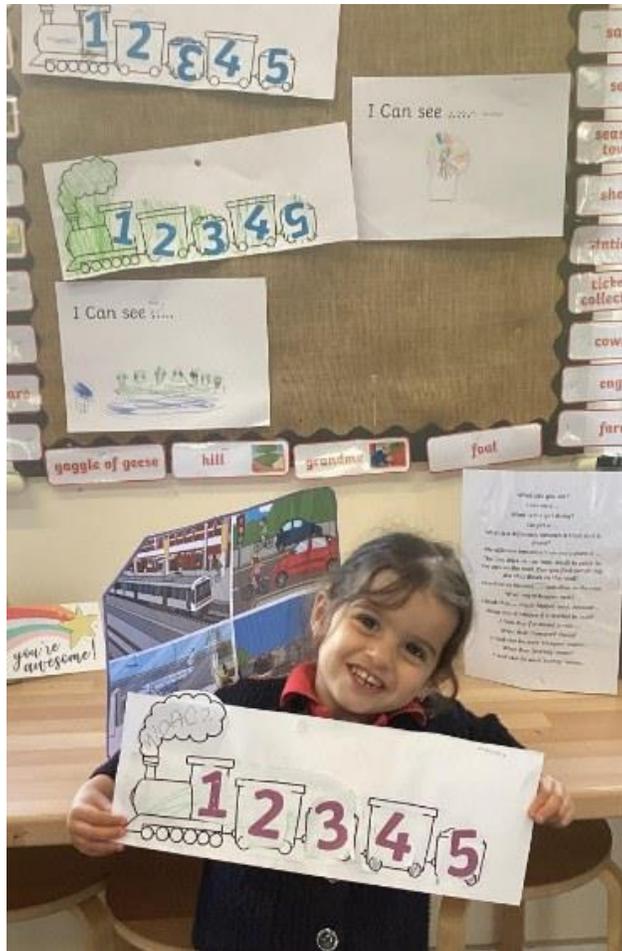












Year 1 News

Year 1 have been working on: writing a poem about the seaside using their five senses! This creative exercise has not only engaged their imaginations but also helped them develop their descriptive writing skills. To inspire their poems, we encouraged the children to think about the seaside in terms of what they see, hear, smell, taste, and touch. Our young poets have done a great job of bringing the seaside to life through their descriptions and imaginative writing. They have worked hard to craft their poems, focusing on how each sense contributes to the overall seaside experience.

In maths Year 1 have been exploring money! Through a variety of engaging activities, our students are learning to: Identify different coins and notes: Recognizing the various quantities and understanding their values.

We have started our new Science topic this week: The human body. Year 1 had lots of fun exploring the different parts of the human body and their functions.

We have also started our new topic in History this week: How has Bodmin changed? Year 1 explored lots of pictures of Bodmin now and Bodmin in the 1950's, we looked at the similarities, differences and what has changed. If anyone has any old picture of Bodmin the feel free to send them across to me on Dojo.

Year 1 have also been making AMAZING progress in preparation for their upcoming Phonics Screening Test next week. The screening test will be taking place next week and the results from the screening test will be available for you in July.

Thank you Year 1 for a lovely first week back 😊





Year 2 News

Welcome back to the last half of the summer term before the summer holidays. We have had a busy week. We have been working on position and direction in Mathematics. We have been learning about quarter, three quarter and whole turns and whether they are clockwise or anticlockwise turns.

We have made our new story map for our English film and we have innovated it ready for writing our own story next week. The children have been using some amazing vocabulary and thinking about what adjectives and adverbs to use in their writing.

In Science we have just finished our last lesson from last half term about space, we learnt about astronauts and what they do.

We have also completed our last Geography lesson about the oceans and how they are being polluted. Mr Holmes did an assembly on Monday about our planet and I was really proud of the children sharing the things they had learnt.

In RE we have completed our first two lessons for Reconciliation, we have been looking at rules and why they are important in all walks of life.

I am really looking forward to getting stuck into our new topics next week and organising a trip to support our learning.

Have an amazing weekend and I hope the sun shines for us all.

The Year 2 Team







Year 3 News

We've had a busy first week back in Year 3! In our writing lessons we've listened to and have been learning a version of the Mousehole Cat, the text that we will be basing our independent writing on later this half term. In maths we're looking again at fractions, adding, subtracting and solving problems. They children are all really great at this – year 3 love fractions! In science we've started our topic on magnetism, looking at contact and non-contact forces and finding some examples of these. In PE we started cricket with Mr R and in RE we looked at Passover, what this is and why people celebrate. We also managed to get outside for our art lesson, where we were looking at works by artists using natural materials – we're going to have a great time creating our own this half term! Finally, a very big well done to our award winners this week – thoroughly deserved!

Have a wonderful weekend!





Year 4 News

Wow, Year 4, we've had such a busy first week back!

In our English lessons we've story mapped our new story 'Lost'. This is the journey story of a World War 1 soldier, who was lost in No Mans Land and separated from his brigade, and his journey back to the safety of his own trenches amidst an enemy attack. The children have been really excited about this text which links to our history focus on the impact of World War 1 on Bodmin.

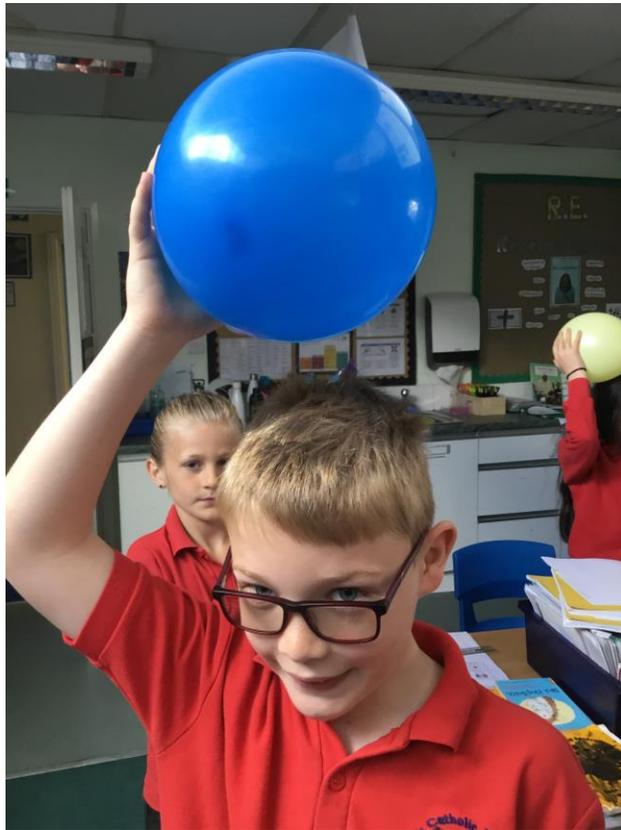
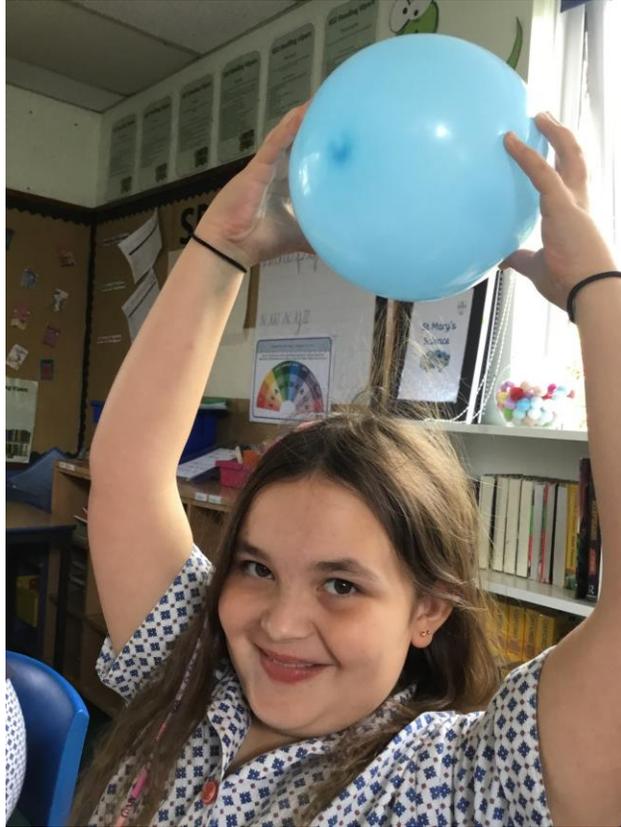
In maths we're looking at money, we have estimated and compared amounts of money along with writing amounts as decimals. They children are all really great at this.

In science we've started our topic on electricity, looking at static electricity and having fun with balloons and explaining what happens between the positive and negative charges.

In PE we started tennis with Mr R.

I am not in class next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as I am accompanying the Year 5's on their residential. I am leaving the class in the capable hands of Mrs Toy and will be checking in on them over those day.

Have a wonderful weekend!









Year 5 News

What a fabulous first week back!

I have been super impressed with your attitude towards all learning this week.

In English, we have been starting to gather information for our information texts. We will continue to work on this next week, they are going to look great on our classroom washing line when they are finished.

In maths, we have been working on adding and subtracting decimals, you have all smashed this! Some children have brought an arithmetic paper home to practise some of the trickier maths.

We have started our new History topic about Cornish Smugglers, the children have engaged with this well and I can't wait for us to learn our Smugglers song!

Keep it up, fantastic fives!

Year 6 News

Y6 have had a really active week of outdoor learning. On Thursday they enjoyed adventure cooking at Forest School and this morning they started to learn the skill of tennis and how it is different to badminton (which we learnt at the start of the year).









Meet the SENDO - meeting slots available!

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's development, Mrs Langton has meeting slots available on **Friday 21st June** from 2:15pm. Please send her a Dojo message to book a meeting. Alternatively, please message Mrs Langton to arrange another time that suits.

Interesting Report on Screen Time for Children

The amount of time children and young people spend on their devices and screens is an emotive subject with many view points. We wanted to share this report from the House of Commons Education Committee with our parents and carers so that you can be kept informed of latest findings which can help you to shape your own boundaries for your children on screen time.

The House of Commons Education Committee has published a report on the impact of screen time on children's educational outcomes and wellbeing. It looks at the effects of screen time on children's mental and physical health, as well as on their education. It also considers mobile phone use in schools; support for parents; the digital literacy curriculum; and the Online Safety Act. Recommendations include that the

Government should do more to protect children from addiction, online harms and the mental health impacts of extensive use of digital devices and introduce formal monitoring to measure the implementation and effects of a mobile phone ban in schools in England.

[Stronger guidance and controls needed to protect children from screen time, Education Committee finds - Committees - UK Parliament](#)



Mental Health and Wellbeing Support

If any support is needed with mental health and wellbeing there are lots of organisations out there that can help. Here are a selection some of which are local to the Bodmin area. If you need any further advice or support then please do get in contact and we will do our very best to help.



Support for Mental Health And Wellbeing links



CAMHS

CAMHS is used as a term for all services that work with children and young people who have difficulties with their emotional or behavioural wellbeing. Children and young people may need help with a wide range of issues at different points in their lives. Parents and carers may also need help and advice to deal with behavioural or other problems their child is experiencing. Parents, carers and young people can receive direct support through CAMHS.

Telephone: 01872 322277
<http://www.cornwallft.nhs.uk/services/childrens-services/camhs/>

Cornwall Mind

Cornwall Mind is based in Bodmin and provides support and advice for those experiencing mental health difficulties.

Cornwall Mind
2A Hamley Court
Dennison Road
Bodmin
PL31 2 LL



01208 892 855 www.cornwallmind.org



24/7 NHS Mental health response line

For support and advice. Call free anytime, day or night if you are worried about your own or someone else's mental health. The team behind the 24/7 open access telephone response line will listen to you and determine how best to help. t: 0800 038 5300 (free) 24 hours a day

Samaritans

Emotional support to anyone in emotional distress, struggling to cope, or at risk of suicide. t: 116 123 24 hours a day: jo@samaritans.org

NHS Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Talking Therapies

NHS talking therapies (previously Outlook South West) for people with anxiety and depression – call 01208 871905 for people aged 16+ years.

Suicide Liaison Service

A service delivered by Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust to provide support to adults over 18 years old who are bereaved by suicide - www.cornwallft.nhs.uk/suicide-liaison-service

Man Down

Supporting men's mental health in Cornwall - www.mandown-cornwall.co.uk

'We are with you'

For support with alcohol, drugs or mental health call 01872 263001 or visit <https://www.wearewithyou.org.uk/services/cornwall-truro/>.

Shout

24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help. Text: 85258

Safer Futures

Call 0300 777 4777 or visit <https://saferfutures.org.uk/> if you or someone else is affected by domestic abuse, sexual violence and those demonstrating abusive behaviours.

Young Minds

Young Minds is charity committed to improving the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people. They undertake campaigns and research, make resources available to professionals (including teachers) and run a helpline for adults worried about the emotional problems, behaviour or mental health of anyone up to the age of 25.

Parents Helpline – 0808 802 5544
<http://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

ChildLine

A confidential service, provided by the NSPCC, offering free support for children and young people up to the age of nineteen on a wide variety of problems.

Helpline: 0800 1111
<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

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Attendance Update

Whole school attendance has remained at 94.9% and this week Year ?? won the attendance cup with an attendance figure of ??%. Well done Year ? !!

As we enter the final half term of this school year good attendance is still of paramount importance. This last half term sees classes meet their new teachers for the next year, school plays being rehearsed, sports days, additional outdoor learning, school trips and so much more ! St Mary's are passionate about attendance and being in school every day as we know this how each child can reach their full potential - each and every child matters and are a part of our family.

What sort of start is your child getting?

Just a little bit late doesn't seem much but.....

He/She is only missing just....	That equals....	Which is.....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly Half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour 40 mins per week	Over 2.5 Weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
Half an hour per day	Half a day per week	4 Weeks per year	Nearly 1 and a Half years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 Weeks per year	Over 2 and a Half years

Did you know your child's best learning time is the start of the school day?

That's when every minute counts the most!!

EVERY DAY COUNTS!

Attendance Ladder



Office News

Parentpay

Please remember to book your child's school lunch for next week. Meals can be booked before 8am on the day, weekly or up until the end of term.

Many Thanks

[Community links and events](#)

Date for your diary: Summer Fair 28th June at 3.30pm

Dress in home clothes and bring a coloured prize for the raffle- 14th June

[Contact Us](#)