



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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## Newsletter for the 10.5.24

### St Mary's Newsletter 10.5.24 Headteachers Update

What a lovely week we have had with wonderful weather and an extra long bank holiday weekend!

All the children have worked very hard this week on all their different areas of learning, well done to you all. It has really helped too that we have been out on the field as much as we can and enjoying the sunshine.

Don't forget summer uniform can now be worn at school. We would like to remind you that a navy gingham check dress can be worn or a St Mary's summer dress (old design) can be worn too; shorts, polo shirts and skirts are also acceptable in the summer months. Please can you ensure children have their PE kits in school each day so children can begin practicing sports for the sports day celebrations later in June.

Please can we politely request that all children remain in sensible shoes for the summer term. Trainers can be worn for outdoor PE but not during the school day.

Next week, our year 6 children will complete the SAT tests. These assess what the children are able to do well at the end of their primary education. Our year 6's have worked so hard to get where they need to be, we wish them all the very best of luck and remind them to do their best effort and work. Well done Year 6, we are proud of all your achievements.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Alison McDonald and the team at St Mary's

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*Dates for the Diary*

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## Nursery and Reception Class News

Wow, what an amazing week Nursery and Reception class have had!

This week we have been reading the story 'The Gruffalo' and been taking part in lots of Gruffalo related activities, including creating Gruffalo collages, Gruffalo themed playdough and creating our own masks to re-tell the story.

We have also been enjoying lots of outside learning in the glorious sunshine. Reception class took part in Forest School where they found out about bees and how they make honey. They tasted and smelled the honey from the hive. Then they toasted crumpets on the fire and poured honey on top. They said that they were delicious!

Nursery enjoyed looking for mini beasts outside, they found a beautiful dragon fly and even a slow worm, which they found fascinating! They also created homes for the Gruffalo animals outside with natural resources, including an amazing log pile house.

We are looking forward to exploring the Gruffalo story in more depth next week, where we will be following instructions to cook our own Gruffalo inspired feast!



*1 - We went on a mini-beast hunt!*



*2 - We found a dragon fly!*



*3 - His eyes are orange...*



*4 - He has terrible teeth in his terrible jaws!*



*5 - He has purple prickles all over his back!*



*6 - It was perfect weather to peg the washing out!*



*7 - Delicious crumpets with honey!*



8 - Yummy!



9 - Oh no! It's the Gruffalo!



Year 1 News



Year 1 have had a busy but super fun week!

In English this week, we have used all that we have learnt to write our own stories.

Maths has been fun this week, learning all about position and direction. We have been learning to describe rotations as quarter, half, three-quarter and whole turns. As well as learning to describe the position of an object in relation to other objects, using the words 'above', 'below', 'left', 'right' and 'between'.

Year 1 have been learning all about Asia and Antarctica this week in geography. In Science we have been exploring vertebrates, we explored the different types of animals that have a back bone and wrote lots of interesting facts about these animals.

In RE we have been 'spreading the good news'. We have wrote a prayer to the Holy Spirit asking for help and guidance in sharing the Good News of Jesus

This week in forest school we learnt all about bee's and how they make honey. We even got to try some fresh honeycomb. Year 1 then had a go at toasting crumpets on the fire, which we then topped with lots of yummy honey.

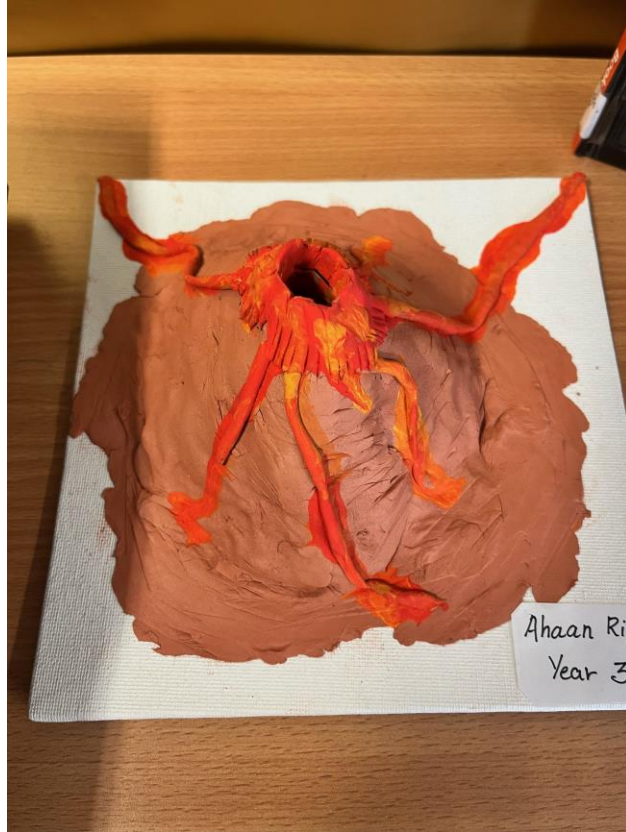
Another great week, well done Year 1!

## Year 2 News

Year 2 have had a very busy week. We have been doing little tests to get us ready for our SATs tests and the children have been amazing and just taken it in their stride. We have completed some very interesting work for our Oceans topic and we have learnt some more information about Space and the planets in our solar system. Some of the children have shared their amazing home learning with us. On Monday the children had Go Active and they really enjoyed learning how to play cricket. I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

## Year 3 News

This week year 3 have been working very hard on our fractions, finishing the unit by recapping equivalent fractions before completing our end of unit quizzes. They have all done so well and showcased all they have learnt over the last few weeks. We have now moved on to capacity which we've very much enjoying! In English we have been planning our independent writes based on the Clock Tower, making sure we are adding lots of description to our characters and settings. In science we've been investigating how raw materials are turned into synthetic materials, and in geography we've been understanding what happens when a volcano erupts, helped by some fantastic homework pieces! We got out in the sun on Thursday for some throwing practice in PE and discovered what happened after the Ascension in RE. Another week of fantastic learning - well done!





## Year 4 News

This week has been full of fantastic learning in year 4!

We have started our new Talk for Writing text in English – Sir William and the Red Dragon. This is a defeating the monster tale and our particular focus for our writing will be using relative clauses to add extra information to our sentences.

In maths, we have finished our first unit on decimals and the children are now confident at dividing a 1-digit and 2-digit number by 10 and 100.

We finished the week by practicing our athletic skills for Sports Day. The children have focused on the skills needed to successfully complete the long jump and throwing an object the greatest distance we could.









## Year 5 News

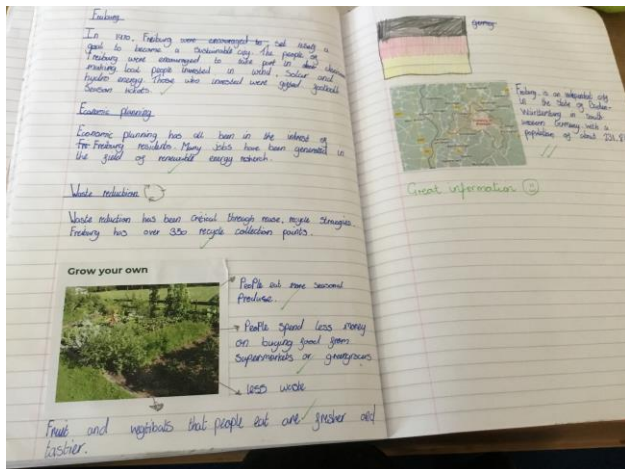
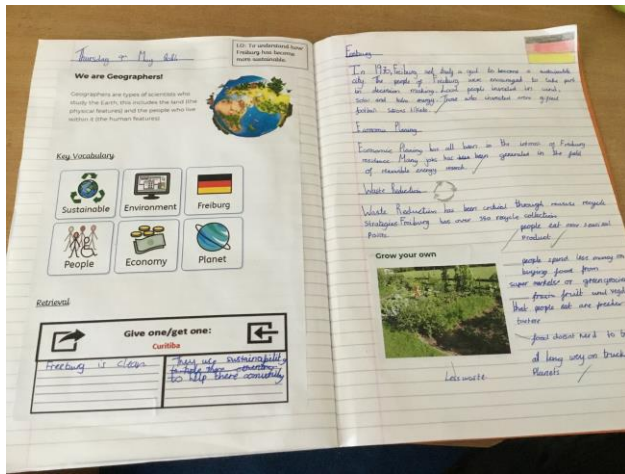
Wow Year 5!

What a fabulous week we have had!

In maths, we have been focusing on geometry and properties of shape, it has been tricky learning to use a protractor, but you guys have shown real resilience. We have been writing character and setting descriptions to use within our journey narratives in English, you have all tried so hard and I can see such improvement in your writing! Geography has been interesting again this week, learning all about Freiburg and how they have been on a mission to become more sustainable.

Keep it up Fantastic fives.





## Year 6 News

Year 6 have finished their SATs preparation and are ready to go on Monday!

Year 6 children are invited in for the Breakfast in the classroom from 8 am. Please ensure your child is in by 8.45am at the latest as tests will begin at 9.15 am every morning. We will update you if this includes Friday later in the week.

We wish all of our year 6 children the very best of luck, you are more than ready so go for it!

## Pastoral and SEND News



**MENTAL  
HEALTH  
AWARENESS  
WEEK**  
13-19 MAY 2024

**Mental Health Awareness Week 2024 will take place from 13 to 19 May, on the theme of “Movement: Moving more for our mental health”.**

Movement is important for our mental health. But so many of us struggle to move enough. We know there are many different reasons for this, so this Mental Health Awareness Week we want to help people to find moments for movement in their daily routines. Going for a walk in your neighbourhood, putting on your favourite music and dancing around the living room, chair exercises when you're watching television – it all counts!

More information can be found on this website [Mental Health Awareness Week | Mental Health Foundation](#)



## Walking groups in Bodmin & Newquay

A walking group is a great way to stay active and connect with others. Research shows there's more health benefits when we walk with others.

Regular walking is good for our mental health, it can help to reduce stress levels, improve sleep and lower the risk of depression.

Being physically active also releases feel-good hormones that make you feel better in yourself and help boost energy levels. It can be a positive coping strategy for difficult times.

We offer free and friendly walking groups in Bodmin and Newquay. They take around 2 hours and we walk at a pace comfortable for you.

**To sign up – just complete the referral form on our website**

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Charity number: 1176942



 **Mind Cornwall**

★ ★ Fab new group to help support mental health and wellbeing ★ ★

### **Bodmin Walking Group with Cornwall Mind**

This new walking group starts on Monday 13th May 10am – 12 noon and will be meeting at Scarletts Well Carpark. More details are on the attached poster, and to get involved with any of their activities please complete a referral form Referral to Cornwall Mind.

<https://cornwallmind.org/referral-to-cornwall-mind/>

self-esteem underpins all that we do



## Raising Self-Esteem

Jane Keyworth gives a two-hour online talk

Tuesday 21st May 7-9pm

Book Online £24 [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)



Are you aware of teenage brain development  
and how it impacts on behaviour?



## Understanding the Teenage Brain

"Every parent and teacher should hear this...."

Mr Mead, Headteacher at Lytchett Minster School, Dorset



Two-hour online talk

Book Now

[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

### Attendance update

Whole school attendance is currently 94.8% for the school year. Year 4 have won the trophy this week for class with the highest attendance. Year 4 achieved 97.8% - what a fantastic result !



If your child is experiencing any difficulties with coming to school then please do get in contact with Mrs Cox, our Pupil and Parent Support Advisor so that we can put together a plan of support.

## Office News

**\*\*REMINDER\*\***

If your child requires a school meal please book through Parentpay, this can be done by 8am on the day the meal is required, weekly or monthly or until the end of term Many Thanks 😊

# Events and Community



### **Rock Steady coming soon!**

COMING SOON ROCK AND POP MUSIC LESSONS!

Exciting news! From 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 we will be welcoming Rocksteady Music School to St Mary's Catholic Primary School. It's an incredible opportunity for the children to learn to play their favourite songs in their very own band with a choice of drums, keyboards, electric guitar, bass guitar or vocals. Lessons will take place every week during school time.

As well learning new musical skills, lessons also help the children with their confidence, wellbeing, social skills and teamwork. These fun and inclusive lessons are taught by highly trained, professional musicians who know how to inspire a life-long love of music. At the end of each term each band will perform a concert for the school and their families, so you can see how far they have come!


Here's what you need to know:

- All instruments are provided
- No musical experience necessary
- Suitable for all ages
- Most lessons take place during school time
- Your child will learn up to 300 instrument, band, and performance skills
- You'll receive regular online updates via the Rocksteady Parent Timeline
- There's a money back guarantee for the first month
- You can cancel at any time.

To introduce the children to Rocksteady workshops will be held in school on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024 giving them a chance to try out the instruments and learn all about being a musician in a band.

Please look out for a letter from Rocksteady, which your child will bring home with them after their workshop or visit [bit.ly/parent-sign-up](https://bit.ly/parent-sign-up) to sign up.

Don't forget to sign up for Rocksteady Club starting on the 24th May. Spaces are going fast. We still need singers and keyboard players.




# JASON AND THE ARGONAUTS

Create a play in a day!

Work with professional directors, choreographers, a musical director and makers to turn Jason's valiant journey into a play on the Minack stage!

June 22nd 10am  
Ages 7-11  
Performance 5pm  
Free to participants



For more information or to book visit [Minack.com](http://Minack.com) or email [education@minack.com](mailto:education@minack.com)

The poster features a blue sky background with white clouds. At the top right is the Minack Theatre logo, a stylized 'M' with 'MINACK THEATRE' below it. The title 'JASON AND THE ARGONAUTS' is in large, bold, dark blue letters. Below the title is the subtitle 'Create a play in a day!' in a smaller, bold font. A paragraph of text describes the workshop: 'Work with professional directors, choreographers, a musical director and makers to turn Jason's valiant journey into a play on the Minack stage!'. Below this is the event information: 'June 22nd 10am', 'Ages 7-11', 'Performance 5pm', and 'Free to participants'. The bottom half of the poster has a blue background with white waves. On the left, a cartoon illustration of Jason in a red tunic and helmet stands on a green hill, holding a golden fleece. On the right, a cartoon illustration of a three-masted sailing ship with white sails and a Greek flag on the mast is on the water. At the bottom, a line of text provides contact information: 'For more information or to book visit [Minack.com](http://Minack.com) or email [education@minack.com](mailto:education@minack.com)'.



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# ADVANCED DEVELOPMENT CENTRE

## 2024-2025 SEASON

UNDER 10 | UNDER 11 | UNDER 12 | UNDER 13

 Be part of it.

**PAFC Girls Advanced Development Centre Open Trials:**  
**Wednesday 7th August - Under 10's & Under 12's.**  
Launceston College 3G Pitch, PL15 9HH.  
**Thursday 8th August - Under 11's & Under 13's.**  
Launceston College 3G Pitch, PL15 9HH.



## Contact Us

Our new website is very much up and running, please follow the link to access anything policies, curriculum information and forms.

[School Website](#)