



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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## St Mary's News letter 12th July

### Headteachers Update 12.7.24

Another very busy week this week!

We welcome Mr Halliday and Mrs Woollard to our school for the transition meetings this week. They had a great time with the children and the children are very excited about their new teachers and the move to their new classes. All the children behaved extremely well with their new teachers.

SATs results were released this week. Our year 6 children have done so well and we are very proud of their achievements; congratulations to you all!

We say a huge congratulations to our Nursery graduates; well done! And warmly welcome to all of our new starters in Reception and in Nursery. Its lovely to meet you all.

Next week see's our final full week. We have our Year 6 performance on Tuesday afternoon and evening. Good luck!

Year 2 have their trip to the Tamar bridge on Thursday and many classes are planning lots of enrichment activities for next week such as art, sports and much more.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the football on Sunday!

I'm sure many of you will be cheering the England team on and we will have some bleary eyes on Monday, we have planned a light day with the view of having a few tired children.

As always thank you for your 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

This week, Nursery class celebrated their graduation. Families were invited in to help them celebrate with an award ceremony, a presentation and a picnic in the garden. We are so proud of each and every one of them and wish them all the best on their new journey in Reception class.

This week Reception class have been learning about going on a train journey.



















Year 1 News





Year 1 have had a fun filled week!

We started the week with science day. Our learning question was; "Whose job is it to keep us healthy?" The highlight of the day was learning about the important jobs of nurses, doctors, dentists, and scientists. The children gained an understanding of how each of these professionals plays a vital role in maintaining our health. It was an inspiring day filled with curiosity and learning. Year 1 now have a better understanding of the various ways we can keep ourselves healthy and the incredible professionals who help us stay well.

In English year 1 have had a go at creating their very own comic strip based on our story 'Funnybones'. They all did a fantastic job at re-telling the story through illustrations.

In Maths year 1 have been consolidating their understanding of counting in 2's, 5's and 10's.

Year 1 all did fantastic yesterday during their transition morning to Year 2. The children had the opportunity to explore their new classroom. We received wonderful feedback from the children. Many expressed their excitement about moving to Year 2 and are looking forward to the new adventures and learning opportunities ahead.

## Year 2 News

Well, where did that week go? In English we have been looking at writing instructions, next week we are going to write our own instructions as we have now learnt all about the features that make up fantastic foolproof instructions! We are going to make something on Monday and write step by step account of what we do to make sure our final instructions are the best they can be. I look forward to sharing these with you next week.

In maths we have been looking at volume and capacity. We have been reading scales measuring in ML and L. Next week we will be looking at thermometers and reading the scale on them.

In science we are going to test our walls we built last week. We are going to look at whether they are waterproof and whether they withstand the wind.

In History we will have been learning more about the impact of the Royal Albert Bridge. We have looked at the trains which first travelled over it and the trains that travel over it today. We have also looked at a timetable from when the bridge first opened and a current one and looked into how journey times have changed. I am very glad that we are not travelling on a steam train next Thursday!! - please if you have not done so can you let me know on Dojo what lunch your child wants from school - ham or cheese sandwich or whether you want to provide your own. - thank you.

In RE we have continued to look at God's treasures, this week we have looked at water and what a gift it is and then which of God's treasures we can see out of a chosen window.

Next week is our last full week together. We have the year 6 play to watch and our trip to look forward to. A great last week in KS1. Not long now to a well deserved holiday for everyone.

Have a great weekend.



*1 - Mr Halliday is looking forward to meeting you all in September*

## Year 3 News

We've had a wonderful week in year 3. In English we recapped how to use similes in our writing to create more vivid imagery in our writing. We'll be putting this to the test next week when we create our own poems based on the stormcat! In maths we've continued working on time and in science we investigated things that are and aren't magnetic, with some surprising results! The highlight of the week was our trip to the science museum. The children were all beautifully behaved, walking through the town brilliantly, perfect ambassadors for St Mary's! The children were all so engaged with the different things to see in the museum, and they enjoyed making their own electromagnets in the workshop. The children really did us all proud - well done!

Finally, Mrs McNulty commented on how lovely it was to have them on Thursday morning. I know she is looking forward to having them again next year!

## Year 4 News

Well done Year 4, another great week.

We have completed lots of maths this week, finishing our geometry unit and starting our statistics unit. The children have worked hard to read information and data from tables and a variety of graphs.

In English, we have written a character description using all of the grammatical features expected for year 4 children to use.

In RE, we have learnt about Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King and Oscar Romero and how they have shown the love of Jesus in their lives and actions. The children have thought about the qualities they have to help others.

Keep up the hard work year 4, 7 more days to go.

## Year 5 News

What an amazing week year 5. We are always blown away with your focus!

Transition was really good for our children moving to year 6.

Mrs Woollard was very impressed with you all and is really looking forward to teaching you in September. They produced some amazing art this morning with Mrs Woollard and we look forward to her joining the team in September.

Mrs Callaghan will return to school on Tuesday.



*2 - Mrs Woollard is looking forward to meeting you all in September*

## Year 6 News

Year 6 are now on countdown – seven days to go!

We've had a great week. We have been to Plymouth for CAST Leavers Mass with eight other schools. They are also delighted with their leavers hoodies. Well done to you all.







**Anxiety - tip to help support your child**

***How anxiety works:***

It's fuelled by unrealistic, exaggerated thoughts - for example:

"If I go outside, I will definitely get stung by a bee."

We need to help children replace those exaggerated thoughts with realistic ones. Thoughts like:

"I've been outside lots of times but I've never actually been stung by a bee."

**How do you do it?**

Through careful questioning.

When your child raises their exaggerated thought, try asking these two questions:

\* Is it true?

\* I mean - is it true, without exception, literally 100% of the time?

Get them to recall the exceptions and pay attention to them.

This approach won't work immediately - you'll have to repeat the conversation multiple times.

But over time, this form of questioning helps our children move their thinking from: this dreaded event will definitely happen → to it might happen → to it very rarely happens.

Of course, there are other types of questions you can use to encourage realistic thinking.



**Attendance Update**

This week the attendance trophy has been won by Year 5 with an attendance of 99% ! Fantastic job year 5 !

Please can we remind all parents and carers to report all absences on the absence phone line. Please could you do this even if you have sent a DoJo message to staff members as sometimes our admin team don't get to see the member of staff until later in the day whereas the absence line is checked from 8am onwards.



### **The PINS Project - update from Mrs Langton**

We are underway with our work towards the PINS Project! (Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools) We had a visit today from a member of the Autism Team to support us with completing an audit and planning what support and training we would like for next year. I'm feeling so excited about this opportunity to develop confidence and understanding about Neurodiversity across the school - both with staff and pupils.

As part of this, I would really love to strengthen the partnership between us at school and you as parents and carers. I am thinking about setting up some kind of Parent Carer group as a way of school and parents / carers working together so we can get your input into school policy and practice. This is one area I am putting forward to the PINS Team as something we want to develop. It's just an idea at the moment and I'm not entirely sure what it will eventually look like, but if you think you would like to be involved with this, please let me know. I would love to have you on board!

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**Understanding Mental Health First Aid & Mental Health Advocacy in the workplace**

Start dates available:  
8th July | 15th July | 22nd July

9:30 - 11:30am

**One Week Course Mon - Fri**

[www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online)

The Mental Health Support Team invites you to register your interest in...

### Wild Wellbeing

During the summer holidays, MHST would like you to join us on a FREE Wild Wellbeing outdoor, nature-based session.

This is for parents and their primary aged children (5-11) in the Mid Cornwall area, to understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.

Wild Wellbeing will run as small groups, facilitated by our NHS MHST trained practitioners.  
Please book EACH child on to a session below

**Available sessions:**

<b>Tywardreath Primary School</b>	<b>St Mewan Primary School</b>
• 31/07/2024 - 10am	• 31/07/2024 - 1pm
• 07/08/2024 - 1pm	• 07/08/2024 - 10am
• 14/08/2024 - 10am	• 14/08/2024 - 1pm
• 21/08/2024 - 1pm	• 21/08/2024 - 10am

Each session will last approx. 2 hours

Please note: Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first serve basis. If you are allocated a place and cannot attend, please let us know so we can allocate your space to someone else

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:  
<https://forms.office.com/e/tbq2ngKu54>



# Cornwall Libraries Mini Challenge



Looking for something for your little people to do this summer? Why not join Cornwall Libraries Mini Challenge? For ages 0 to 4. Come and sign up to enjoy stories and activities, earn stamps and spark a lifelong love for books.

**Call into your local library and ask staff for more details.**

# Nature Moves

Presented by  
Nicky Brice Dance School



27th July 2024

11am & 2pm

Adults £10, Children £6, under 4's free

Book your ticket

[www.tickets.starts.co.uk/sales](http://www.tickets.starts.co.uk/sales)

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# St Marys Term Dates 24-25



**St Mary's Catholic Primary School**  
**2024/25 Term Dates**

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**Bank Holidays - school closed**

Christmas Day	25 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
Boxing Day	26 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
New Year's Day	1 <sup>st</sup> January 2025
Good Friday	18 <sup>th</sup> April 2025
Easter Monday	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025
May Bank Holiday	5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	26 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Summer Bank Holiday	25 <sup>th</sup> August 2025

**Autumn Half Term - school closed**

28 October – 1 November 2024

**Spring Half Term - school closed**

17-21 February 2025

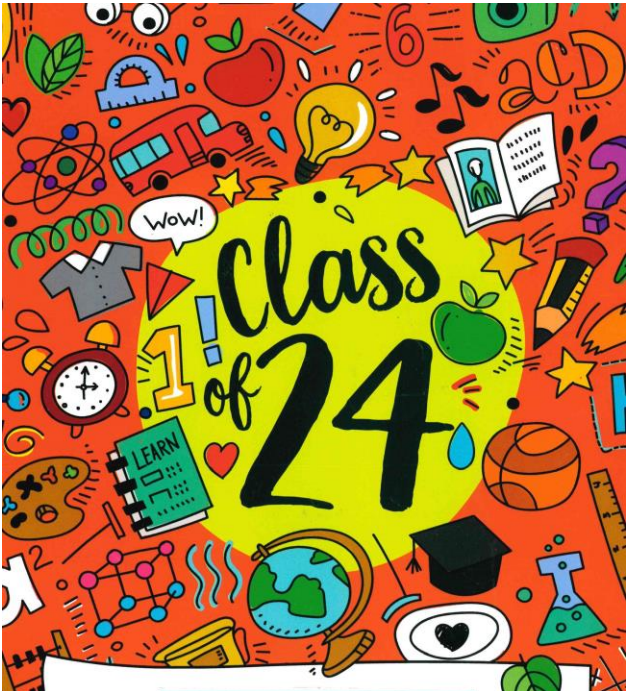
**Summer Half Term - school closed**

26-30 May 2025

**Staff Training Days - school closed**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024
- 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2025

## CLASS OF '24





3 - On Tuesday 16 July Chartwells are providing a foodie feast to end the year-to indicate your child requires a main or vegetarian meal please book via Parentpay. Please note wording on Parentpay won't change but will indicate the main or veggie option your child requires. On theme days jacket potatoes, pasta, fruit and yoghurt will be available as normal.

## A FOODIE FEAST TO END THE YEAR

Classic Hot Dog or Quorn. Dog served with

Chips and Crudités

Ice Cream or Triple Chocolate Trifle

## Community links and events

Summer activity camps - Time to Move booking form<sup>1</sup>

St Mary's Parish <sup>2</sup>



4 - Don't forget the Summer Reading Challenge begins tomorrow. Visit your local library at Chy Trevail. Get reading!

Also this year is the mini-challenge for child aged 0-4 years old.

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<sup>1</sup><https://www.activecornwall.org/parents-and-carers/>

<sup>2</sup><https://stmarysbodmin.org.uk/>



## Contact Us

St Mary's Catholic Primary School website<sup>3</sup>

Or call 01208 73218

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<sup>3</sup><https://www.st-marys-bod.cornwall.sch.uk/web>