



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Headteachers Update 28.6.24

Dates for the Diary

We are speeding at a rate of knots towards the end of the year and July, where has June gone!

Next week, St Mary's is taking part in the St Mary's Mission Week. A week long event where all classes will work on sharing the good news of St Mary's and the work we do at our school.

Our Nursery and Reception children will be working together to decorate pebbles with key messages of Hope, Love and Peace.

Year 1 and 2 will be working on a joint project for the St Petrocs Homeless Charity as part of their work on Compassion for others

Year 3 will be helping to clear and tidy our school garden and Peace garden as part of the focus on Work and Participation

Year 4 will be holding a grandparents tea treat as part of their focus on Dignity and care

Year 5 will be involved in a litter picking project around the local community as part of Creation and Environment focus

Year 6 will be making flags to share with our local community and our local businesses based on The Common Good

We top the week off with our Tree Planting Ceremony celebrating 10 years of the Plymouth CAST family. This celebration will be held in school and there will be further events taking place during the academic year 24/25.

Please keep checking Dojo for further news about events and our work at school and as always, thank you for your support. Have a great weekend!

Best wishes,

Mrs McDonald



Nursery and Reception Class News

This week Nursery have been reading the story of 'Whatever Next'. We created lots of different kinds of rockets, including rockets in our construction area, rockets out of scrap modelling materials and exploring science experiments with rockets. We then flew our rockets to the moon with our teddies and had a space themed picnic. What a fun week!

This week Reception have been busy in the garden area planting lots of things. Thank you to every one who has donated plants, our garden looks amazing.



































Year 1 News

Year 1 have had a lovely week!

Unfortunately I (Miss Cooper) was not with year 1 for the first part of the week due to illness. However, I have heard and seen some great work that Year 1 have produced!

We have been exploring the book of Funnybones, the story by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. The children have thoroughly enjoyed listening to the adventures of the big skeleton, the little skeleton, and the dog skeleton. Over the past few weeks we have discussed the key elements that make the Funnybones stories so engaging – the spooky yet funny theme, the playful language, and the quirky illustrations. Year 1 have learnt about the importance of a beginning, middle, and end. This week we have started to write our own version of the Funnybones story. Next week, we will focus on refining our stories. The children will learn how to edit their work, adding more detail and making their stories even more engaging.

In Maths we have been strengthening our understanding of numbers from 10 – 20.

In Science we have been exploring how our bodies change as we get older. Year 1 have produced some great timelines to show the different stages of life.

In History we have discussed our finding from our trip through Bodmin High Street last week. We have been looking at pictures of Bodmin High Street from the 1950's and comparing them to what we discovered on our trip.

Year 1 have been super stars this week!

If you are able to, please can you donate a much needed item to the St. Petroc's Society for homeless people. I have put a list of useful items on DOJO - thank you so much for your continued support.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to another creative and fun-filled week ahead!

Year 2 News



Wow year 2, what a busy week!

We have written the most fantastic poems which we have performed today. We have written poems about three things which really mean a lot to us and about a cupboard at a relatives house that has treats in for us. It was great when we were planning this poem to hear about the treat cupboards and drawers that the children have in different people's houses and more importantly what is in them!

Yesterday afternoon we spent the whole afternoon doing science, we have looked at the properties of different materials and then yesterday we built walls out of playdough, plasticine, straw, Lego, lolly sticks and Duplo. What was lovely, was each of the children worked with someone they don't normally work with. Our job now is to test the walls and discover how they withstand wind and rain.

In maths we have been looking at height and length, we have compared and ordered measurements and measured objects and lines.

If you are able to, please can you donate a much needed item to the St. Petroc's Society for homeless people. I have put a list of useful items on DOJO - thank you so much for your continued support.

All that leaves me to say is have a great weekend and our year 2 team hopes the sun shines for you all. See you all on Monday.













Year 3 News

Year 3 have had another busy week full of learning! In English we've finished our neat writing of our own narratives, which are all looking fantastic! We'll be moving on to a non-fiction piece next week. In maths, we've finished our unit on money, and have started to look at time, a tricky concept to master! In RE we've continued with our work on Passover, and have started to look into other faiths, starting with

Islam and the five pillars, something that the children have all shown a real interest in. In history we learnt about who the ancient Greeks were and their contributions to society, and in PE we continued to develop our cricketing skills. As always, a huge well done Great work, Year 3!

Year 4 News

Wow, Year 4 what a week of English we have had!!! You have all blown me away with your narrative writing. The use of Show not tell, to describe the changing emotions of characters has really elevated the quality of your story writing. Next stop, writing non-chronological reports about World War 1.

In science, we investigated conductors and insulators and made circuits to test our predictions.

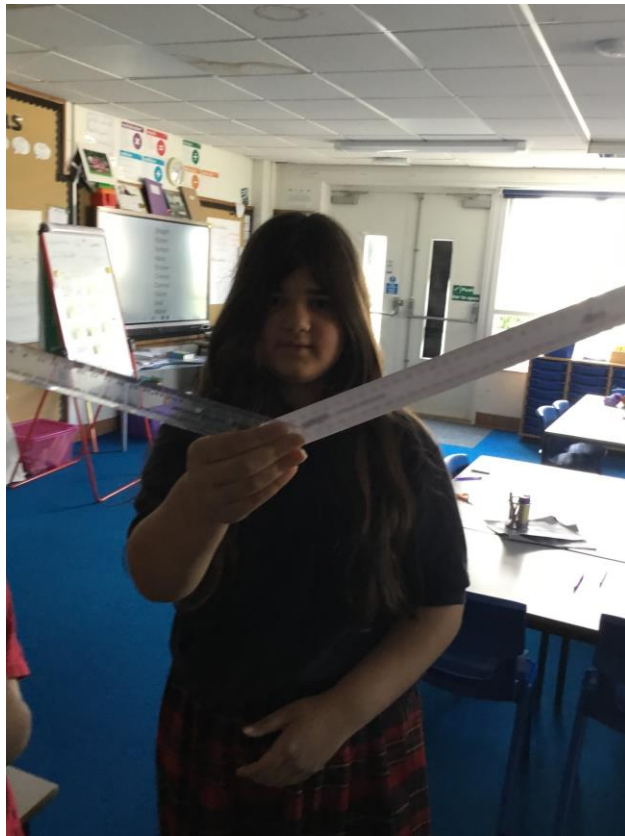
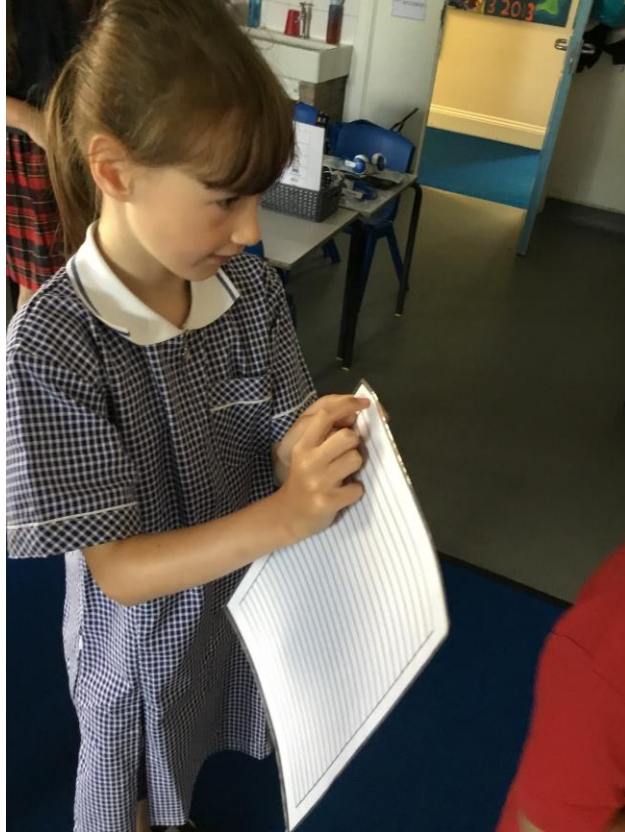
In maths, we started our new topic of geometry and started the week investigating acute, obtuse and right angles. We went on an angle hunt around the school.

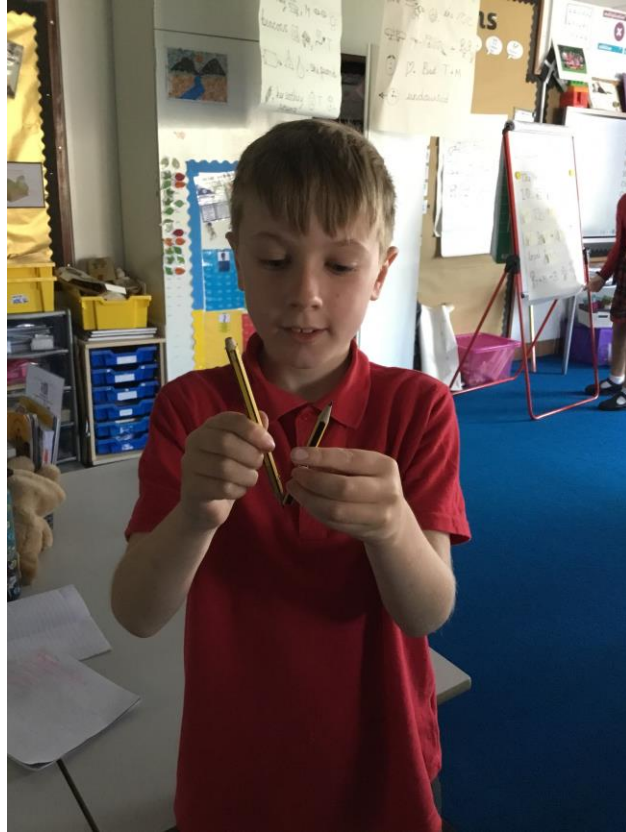
We are looking forward to making scones next week as part of our Mission Week project.

Have a good weekend.

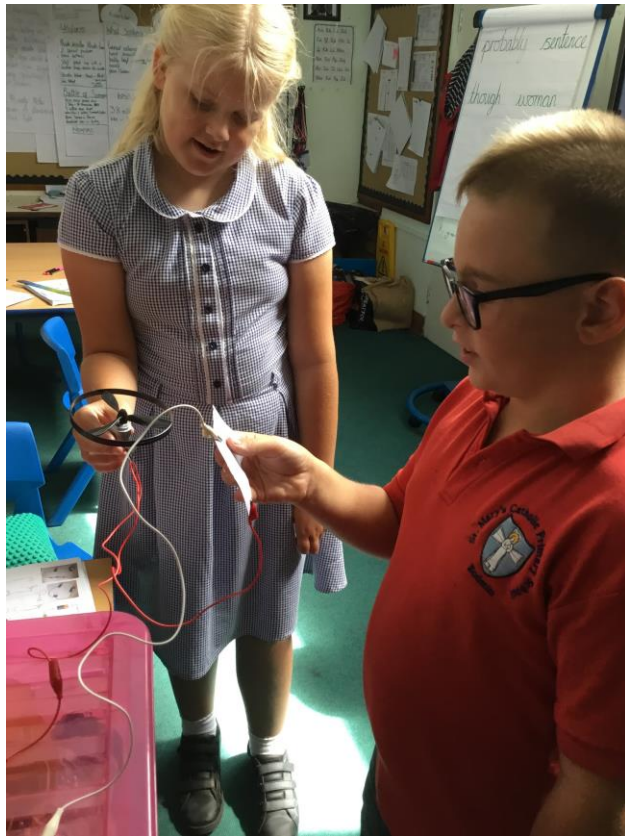












Year 5 News

Another fabulous week in year 5!

In English, we have created some fantastic adventure narratives. The children decided to link their writing to our current history topic, and there were some brilliantly eerie tales of piracy and smuggling. The children are demonstrating more and more of the expected grammar expected of a Year 5 writer.

In maths we finished our unit focusing on decimals, there were some great scores! Our arithmetic paper showed some real progress across the board as well. Well done, Year 5!

I'm super excited to have our pirate day next Friday!

Keep it up, you're all amazing!

Year 6

It has been another busy week in Year 6. Some children have been off on their early transitions to their new schools and others will be doing their main transition for Bodmin College on Monday 1st July, Poltair on Monday 1st / Tuesday 2nd, Wadebridge Monday 1st to Thursday 4th and Richard Lander on Tuesday 2nd / Wednesday 3rd). Wow! We are really moving around the county. This is an exciting time as they get their first taste of what to expect in September.

We have been continuing our play practice and the singing is amazing – well done, Year 6! We have also been learning about the Blitz in history and how Britain stuck together and showed great resolve.

I hope you all have a great weekend and that transition next week is full of fun and smiles.

Mr Holmes



[Family First Electronic newsletter](#) A great parenting magazine with lots of ideas to support.

Family First

Proudly supporting  **NHS** in improving the physical & mental wellbeing of families living in England

Coffee Morning and Uniform Sale/Swap



Coffee Morning
&



Second Hand School Uniform
Sale or Swap



St Mary's Catholic Primary School
would like to invite you to join us on

Thursday 4th July

9am-10am

St Mary's Catholic
Primary School

for a coffee, activities and chat with
Mrs Langton (SEND/CO), Mrs Cox
(Pastoral)

Second Hand Uniform will also
be available to buy/swap

Next Thursday 4th July at 9am is our next coffee morning and uniform sale/swap. All are welcome. Come and browse the uniform, have a cuppa and a chat with one of the team.

If you would like to help us out with selling uniform or serving teas and coffee please send Mrs Cox a DoJo message.

We look forward to seeing you there !

Attendance Update

Only 4 weeks to go before the end of this school year and our whole school attendance is 94.9%. This is above the national average for primary schools which is 94.6% which is amazing - let's keep this going for the last few weeks !

This week the class which has won the attendance trophy is year 1. Year 1 achieved 100% - great job, fabulous work!



Office News



Dear Parent/Guardian/Carer,

Your child is invited to sign up for this year's [Summer Reading Challenge](#) with Cornwall Libraries. Sign up for FREE at your local library!

What is the Summer Reading Challenge?

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the school summer holidays – and to enjoy reading anything they like! Children aged 4-11 are invited to set a reading goal and collect rewards for their reading. It's completely **FREE** to take part.

It is an amazing way to boost children's confidence – last year 72% of children taking part felt more confident reading.

Why should my child sign up?

- They will be **better prepared to return to school** in the autumn.
- The Challenge **supports the move into a new year group**.
- Becoming more independent in their reading boosts children's **confidence and self-esteem**.
- The library provides **free access** to books and fun family activities all through the summer.
- Library staff are on hand to offer support and book recommendations.

Your child will be part of a UK-wide programme developed by [The Reading Agency](#) and delivered in partnership with the [public library network](#).

How can my child take part? (Library OR online)

In the library. Visit your local Cornwall Library and sign up. Your child will:

- Set a reading goal for the summer and borrow and read any books, eBooks and audiobooks.
- Receive a Challenge booklet and collect special stickers and rewards for reading.

Online. Take part online.

- Sign up on the summerreadingchallenge.org.uk.
- Set a reading goal and get book recommendations and tips.
- Unlock digital badges and online rewards, including a printable certificate.

When?

The Challenge will launch on **6 July**. Unsure where your closest library is? Use the <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/library-zone> to check.

Head to your local library this summer and sign up! If you have any questions, please contact **lib.comms@cornwall.gov.uk**

Yours faithfully,

Karen Burdon

Communication and Engagement Co-ordinator for Cornwall Libraries

Cornwall Council/Konsel Kernow | Culture, Leisure & Libraries/ Gonisogeth, Diskwithans ha Lyvervao

What do families think?

*"I never liked reading before because of this challenge I got the **courage** to read more books and I have more interest in books. This has been the **greatest experience** ever in my life to read more books than before thanks."*

Girl, aged 12+

*"The challenge encouraged my child to **read more often**, and in turn encouraged **myself** as well."*

Parent/carer of 6-7 year-old boy

*"Enabled us to have some fun **cheap days out** and reading together has **brought us closer** than before."*

Parent/carer of 8-9 year-old girl

*"We've joined the reading challenge for the past 4 years and every year it has inspired and encouraged a deeper **joy** for reading. For a young dyslexic boy the challenge helps make reading **fun**."*

Parent/carer of 6-7 year-old boy

*"My child lacks confidence. Going to the library and meeting the friendly staff has definitely made him **more confident in himself** and encouraged him to read more being able to pick his own books to read from their huge collection."*

Parent/carer of 10-11 year-old boy

Community links and events

St Mary's School is getting involved in the Into Bodmin Flag event. Mr Holmes is attending the training on the 25th June and will add further information, as soon as we have it. Watch this space!

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Contact us via our website [St Mary's School Website](#) by phone 01208 73218