



# The St Mary's News

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## A note from Mr Cox and Mrs Brewer

Merry Christmas everyone.

The festive session is well and truly upon us. We would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone who helped to organise a really successfully Christmas fayre and also to everyone who turned up and supported the school by having a go or enjoying a delicious cake. In school it is always great to start the festive session with a Nativity play and this year Reception and Year 1 showcased an amazing Nativity which was enjoyed by all. We are now feeling all Christmassy.

In school we have had another very successful couple of weeks. The children have shown amazing resilience during assessment week. Some classes have taken part in the Star Trail at St Mary's church and the feedback from the church, complimenting the children's behaviour and questioning skills, was great to hear.

All that is left is for us is to wish the families of St Mary's a peaceful Christmas and wonderful New Year.

## Last two week's Learning Stars:



**WELL DONE EVERYONE!**

*Issac Corston, Lewis May, Casper Redman-Richards,*

*Charlie Redman-Richards, Joseph Weston,*

*Finley Wiltshire, Poppy Booth, Noah Whitty,*

*Kara Mai Hancock, Elliot Harding, Finley Humphries*

*Elizabeth Hartley, Freddie Thorne,*

*Freddie Bean, Isaac Blacker, Emily Roper,*

*O'Shayah-Renay Hughes, Jake Squire,*

*Leah-Mai Wiltshire, Jasmine Button, Harley Baylis*

*Bobbi Woodford-Cox, Lola Golding, Jackson Keirl,*

*Charlie Bean, Matilda Dixon, Imogen Holland,*

*Willow Maggs, Jude Marsland, Maggie Mills*

Last Two Week's winning  
team:-

Austen & Herschel



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## PTA

A very BIG THANK YOU to everyone who helped organise and run the Christmas Fayre. You raised an amazing £1148.22, up on last year.

Well done and thank you.

**Class news:-**

**Ducklings:-** This last week Ducklings have had great fun making carrot soup to share with the Year 1 as a thank you for helping them with the Nativity play.

**Rabbits:-** In response to having tasted some amazing soup, Rabbits have used the writing skills they have learnt and have written great thank you letters to the Ducklings.

**Badgers:-** Through this last week the Badgers have shown great creative skills and enjoyed making the scenery and acting for their 'Traction Man' performance

**Bees:-** Are having great fun taste testing and making their own Christmas cakes as part of their D.T. curriculum.

**Otters:-** They are researching, designing and making their very own alarms as part of the D.T. curriculum.

**Lions:-** One of the many highlights for Lions was to research and create their very own broadcast about global warming and then to perform it to a packed hall.

**Eagles:-** This term the eagles are working on their debating skills in English and are linking it to history where they will have a debate about the World War Two bombing of Dresden.

**Reminder:-**

**On the 17<sup>th</sup> January we are holding a careers day. This is an opportunity for the children to hear about different careers and what is involved in doing these careers.**

**We are looking for volunteers who could spend any time on the day talking to a class of children about their job and maybe have either examples of what they do or can demonstrate aspects of their job. Then hopefully the children will ask some relevant questions. Your presentation can be any format.**

**We are looking for as many people as possible. This is a great opportunity for the children. If you can give up some of your precious time please let the school office know by the end of this term. Thank you.**

## Sporting News

Another great performance in the sporting world was witnessed on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December when St Mary's took an elite squad of swimmers to the local swimming gala. Eva Pottinger, Lily Button, Jasper Burton, Darcey Pike, Freya Roche, Ralph Sweeney, Joe Carey and Finley Wiltshire all gave amazing performances and the team finished third overall. A big thank you goes to all adults who were there supporting the team.

Well done everyone.

## Collective Worship

This term we have been learning about and understanding the value of 'Wisdom'. We have looked at wisdom through proverbs, listened to the stories of 'The wise man and the foolish man' and 'The True Mother', learnt about the wisdom shown by King Solomon and how we can use this to make our own wise decisions.

Next term, our value is 'Service'. We will be reflecting on how we are encouraged to serve one another and how acts of service are celebrated in school, the Queen's service, how service is recognised in the wider world in terms of Awards (OBE, MBE and CBE), and how we can serve the local community.

Update:-

**Final week before Christmas:-**

**A quick reminder to say that Christmas lunch is on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.**

**'Williams' team have a mufti day on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>, due to winning the 'Team Cup' this term.**

**Mufti and class parties for all on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> with a normal school finish time of 3:15.**



Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Pre School Nativity in School Hall
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Dinner
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Mufti day for 'Williams' for winning the 'Team Cup'
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of Term 2 Class parties and Mufti
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	PTA Nutty Noah Show
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	First day Term 3
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Careers Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 1 Class Collective Worship – Year 1 parents invited to join in the school hall - 9am
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Term 3 AWARDS – 9am School Hall

<b>TERM DATES 2019-2020</b>			
	INSET DAYS (School Closed to Pupils)	Start for pupils	Finish for pupils
Term 1	Monday 2 September	Tuesday 3 September 2019	Thursday 24 October 2019
Term 2	Friday 25 October Friday 22 November	Monday 4 November 2019	Friday 20 December 2019
Term 3		Monday 6 January 2020	Friday 14 February 2020
Term 4		Monday 24 February 2020	Friday 3 April 2020
Term 5		Monday 20 April 2020	Friday 22 May 2020
Term 6	Friday 26 June 2020 Monday 20 July 2020	Monday 1 June 2020	Friday 17 July 2020

## IS YOUR CHILD ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS - EBB?

Please register your child (**including** those in Reception, year 1 and year 2) for free school meals if you are in receipt of qualifying benefits. Registration will attract additional funding for our school for Pupil Premium (£1,320 per Primary pupil for the financial year 2019-20).

You can register your entitlement for Free School Meals - Eligible by Benefit (EBB) if you have children who attend a school in Bath and North East Somerset, and you are in receipt of any of the qualifying benefits listed below.

Qualifying benefits for Free School Meals:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, without any Working Tax Credit, and an annual household income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that is not more than £16,190
- Run-on Working Tax Credit which is only paid for 4 weeks after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

### How to register – just call!

**Call the Free School Meals helpline on 01225 394317 to make a telephone registration. We will need you to tell us your National Insurance Number or National Asylum Seeker Support Number when you call.** Please note that the Local Authority will check your eligibility to qualifying benefits on your behalf using the DFE online Free School Meal Eligibility Checking Service. Your National Insurance or National Asylum Seeker Support Number and Date of Birth must be accurate.