



The St Mary's News

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A note from Mr Cox,

Hello and welcome to St Mary's news.

Here we are in July already with three weeks left of school. I cannot believe how quickly this term is going. As always, the end of the summer term is extremely busy with lots of great events going on. I have been asked by a number of parents, that due to the change in rules, whether we will be making changes and allowing parents on site. I am aware that other schools outside of the trust are allowing parents on site. However, the Trust took the decision to not allow this and, even with the changes happening on the 19th July, the Trust have decided to stick with this approach for the rest of this term. While I understand how disappointing this news is, the reason we have taken this action is to keep our communities as safe as possible so that we reduce the chance of having to close a bubble and people needing to self-isolate over the holidays. Alongside this is the rapid rise in cases, especially in the local area.

Hopefully, at the start of the new school year the school will be in a position to open its doors to the community and start to share its celebrations once again.

Learning Logs Activity

Well done for all the amazing ideas and suggestions for new names for the houses at school this September. The school council have met this week to share ideas from each class and the school council representatives have submitted their votes. The winning house names will be shared with you all very soon!

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the PTA and Somer Valley Rotary for supporting the Year 6 activity week with both funds and people to help out during the week. This additional support from these two organisations has allowed us to create an exciting and fun filled week for our Year 6's.

Rising to the challenge

As I am writing this I have just finished watching a performance of the Year 6 play. It struck me how confident and positive they all were at getting up on the stage. There was not one child who did not embrace a role. This led to me to evaluate how well the children at St Mary's have coped and developed during these very difficult last two years. Although academic progress has slowed due to the various lockdowns, the children of St Mary's regularly demonstrate how they rise to a challenge and succeed. Thank you for all your support in this and well done to all pupils of the school.



This week and Last week's



Theo Hunt, Bobby Edney- Reception
Zach Fry, Phoebe Cracknell- Year 1
Finley Humphries, The whole class- Year 2
Mog Hill, Annabel Potts- Year 3
Owen Weeks, Eleanor Clarke-Fellows- Year 4
Eartha Jeffery, Thomas Ford- Year 5
Lily Button, Lola Veale- Year 6

Last week's winning house was

Samborne

With 482 points

Well done!





Time to celebrate all the amazing learning that has been going on.

Reception - *Ducklings have impressed this last couple of weeks with their effort in all aspects of learning.*

Year 1 - *This week our Rabbits have been looking at instructions in English and by following instructions managed to bake the most amazing cake.*

Year 2 - *Badgers this week have produced some excellent non-chronological reports on animals, ensuring they use key features of the text type.*

Year 3 - *This week our Bees have moved on from growing plants to creating their own greenhouses and identifying ideal growing conditions.*

Year 4 - *Having taught Otters on Monday I was very impressed with their ability to question and interpret different types of text, especially poetry.*

Year 5 - *Our Lions have been looking at Fair trade compared to Global trade and is there a difference in the quality of the product, alongside the better outcome for growers.*

Year 6 - *Eagles have put on one of the best plays by a group of Year 6 children that I have ever seen. Well done Eagles!*

A few reminders

- In the hot weather it is cooler and more comfortable for all long hair to be tied back out of the way or held back with a hair band.
- Please make sure your child has a water bottle every day.

Key dates for the rest of term:

Year 6 Activity Week – 12th to the 16th July

School reports out - 16th July

Sports Day – 20th July

Leavers Assembly and shirt signing 23rd July

Last day of term 23rd July

Useful information

Below is a link that will take you to the Government website with information for families to order Lateral Flow Test Kits should you wish to

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

A note about safeguarding...

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our pupils, please contact the school to speak to Mr Finlay, Mrs Brewer, Mrs Purnell or Mr Cox. The safety of our young people is the responsibility of us all.

TERM DATES 2020-2021

Term	Start	End	INSET
6	Monday 7 th June 2021	Friday 23 rd July 2021	

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Term	Start	End	INSET
1	Monday 6 th September 2021	Thursday 21 st October 2021	Thursday 2 nd September 2021 and Friday 3 rd September 2021 and Friday 22 nd October 2021
2	Monday 1 st November 2021	Friday 17 th December 2021	
3	Thursday 6 th January 2022	Friday 18 th February 2022	Tuesday 4 th January 2022 and Wednesday 5 th January 2022
4	Monday 28 th February 2022	Friday 8 th April 2022	
5	Monday 25 th April 2022	Friday 27 th May 2022	
6	Monday 6 th June 2022	Thursday 21 st July 2022	