

# St Mary's News



Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## Message from the Headteacher

Lent starts in 9 days time on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is a 'Holy Day of Obligation' so please do try to make it to church to receive ashes on that day. Please note the following service times on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February:

St Mary's Catholic Church: 10:00am and 7.30pm

St Anthony's Catholic Church: 10.30am

Well done to our St Mary's School choir, consisting of pupils from Year 4,5 and 6, who went to the O2 Arena in London last week for the 'Young Voices' concert. It was an early start and a very late arrival home but well worth the trip for the memories made. They were joined by choirs from other BCP schools and schools from the southwest. Thank you to all the parents who made the journey to London to support our school choir. Thank you to Mrs Wilson for preparing the choir and organising the event.



## Well done St Mary's Young Voices Choir!

## Important Dates

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| 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb                         | Dance Pavilion Workshop                | Years F2 & 1    |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Feb                         | E-Safety Day                           | All Year Groups |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb                         | Break up for half term holiday - 15:15 | All Years       |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb – 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb | <b>HALF TERM BREAK – 15:15 close</b>   |                 |

|  | SPRING TERM 2 <sup>nd</sup> half                     |                                      |
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| 19th Feb                                       | INSET DAY 4  | All Years                            |
| 20 Feb   | Children return to school                            | All Year Groups                      |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb                           | Stations of the Cross in school – 9:00               | All Year Groups                      |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> Feb                           | Parents Consultations 15:30-18:00                    | All Year Groups                      |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb                           | Parents Consultations 15:30-18:00                    | All Year Groups                      |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> March                          | Year 5 Mass in school 9:00                           | Parents/Carers of children in Year 5 |
| W/C 4 <sup>th</sup> March                      | World Book Week                                      | All Year Groups                      |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> March                          | Parent Teacher Friends Association AGM meeting 15:30 | PTFA (new members welcome)           |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> March                         | Mothers & Mother Figures - Invite to school 14:30    | All Year Groups                      |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> March                         | SEND Parent/Carer meetings in school 15:30-18:00     | SEND Parents/Carers                  |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> March                         | Spring Concert at Church – 18:30 – 20:00             | KS2 and parents/carers               |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> March                         | World Down Syndrome Day                              | All                                  |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> March                         | Year 3 Liturgy in School – 9:00                      | Parents/Carers of children in Year 3 |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> March                         | Maundy Thursday Mass – 9:00 at Church                | Year 1 – 6                           |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> March                         | Break up for Easter holidays 15:15                   | All Years                            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> April – 12 <sup>th</sup> April | EASTER BREAK – 15:15 close                           |                                      |

### Parent Teacher Consultations

27<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> Feb—Remember to book your parent –teacher consultation meeting. Slots will be available to book via SchoolCloud from 7pm on 20<sup>th</sup> February, more details and a link to SchoolCloud will be e-mailed nearer the time.

### Announcements

#### Non-Uniform Day



The school council invite children and staff to wear non-uniform this Friday in exchange for a donation (suggested £1). The School Council members have decided to raise funds to improve the environment outside our school, specifically by investing in recycling bins and bird feeders. (more details attached)



#### PTFA AGM

We have a group of very keen parents who are confident that we are now ready to host an AGM and re-establish a PTFA for St Mary's School. Please come along and support this new venture as we vote in our new committee. It is important to stay informed and have your voice so that we can arrange some fun events for our children and raise much needed funds for our school environment fund. AGM Meeting **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 3.30pm** in the school hall (children of PTA meeting can stay at school during the meeting).



Calling all musicians...

# CREATIVE ENSEMBLE

**CALL OUT!**

SoundStorm's Creative Ensemble is back and we're looking for participants for 3 dates next term!



**When?** Saturday 6th January, 24th February, 23rd March 2024: 10.30am – 3pm

(You can attend any of the 3 sessions, one, two or all of them. All are standalone days)

**What is it?** An ensemble led by musicians from the Bath Philharmonia Creative Learning Team and is open to all musicians on any instrument, including voice. All standards are welcome, from beginner to expert. It is completely **FREE to attend**.

**Where?** Kinson Community Centre, Millhams Road, BH10 7LH

**Who can participate?** Young people aged 10-18. You don't need to be able to read music; everything will be learnt by ear!

For more info and to sign up visit:

[www.soundstorm-music.org.uk/schools-teachers/music-hub/ensembles/creative-ensemble/](http://www.soundstorm-music.org.uk/schools-teachers/music-hub/ensembles/creative-ensemble/)

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## Individual Healthcare Plans

An Individual healthcare plan (IHP) is a tool that supports and includes a pupil with a medical condition.

A pupil should have an IHP where:

- The child has as a fluctuating condition
- There is a high risk of emergency intervention being required
- Medical conditions are long term and complex

The IHP should contain information about the child's medical condition and about the care they require. The IHP should be drawn up in consultation with medical professionals and the child's parent/carer. IHPs should be reviewed at least annually or sooner if conditions change.

## Reminders

### School PE Uniform

PE uniform is plain navy track suit bottoms and a plain navy sweat top – these should not have brand names or team logos. The uniform is affordable from most supermarket and school uniform shops.

### Start the Day Routine

This month we encourage all parents to say goodbye to children at the front gates. There are always staff on the gates to supervise the children walking independently to their classrooms. If you are anxious about allowing your child to walk to their classroom without you, please let us know and we can support you in enabling this to happen. If you need to get a message to the class teacher, then please pop into the main office and our admin team will help.



## Be Safe

### Safer Internet Day

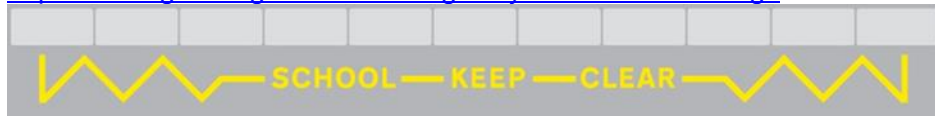
Safer Internet Day 2024 will take place on the 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2024, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online'.



### Yellow Zig Zags

"Keep the school entrance clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or setting down children"

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-highway-code/road-markings>



## Be Here, be Ready

### Punctuality

Our school gates open at 8:35am and the school day starts promptly at 9:50am. Being in school on time ensures that your child does not miss any learning.



## Spotlight

### Writing at St Mary's School



At St Mary's school from Year 2 upwards, we follow the Write Stuff approach by Jane Considine. The focus is on expanding the children's vocabulary and then writing pieces sentence by sentence, writing superb 'chunks of sense!' We love writing at St Mary's! Miss Shaw the writing lead and Year 3 were featured in the Write Stuff handbook. Miss Shaw has also helped to edit another of Jane's publications, 'The Spelling Book'.



## Mission Moments



Tamara and Cailyn-Anne in Year 6 have been Mission Heros during their lunch breaks, playing and supporting younger pupils in the Hub and classroom. Their kindness and humility have especially been recognised in the way they encourage the little ones to play and get along peacefully together. **#Missionadvocatehumilityandpeacemaker**



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