



St Mary's, Swanage Newsletter



Attendance - 93.29%

What wonderful weather we have had over the past week – hopefully it will hold fast for the coming long weekend. As we have hopefully started to enjoy some warmer weather, a reminder for children to bring hats to school and apply sun cream before they arrive. This week's newsletter starts with a series of congratulations – always a good way to start.

Enjoy the bank holiday.

Athletics



Congratulations to the Indoor Athletics team – County champions – more detailed info below in the sport report.

Congratulations to Miss Schooling – she got married in the Easter holidays and had a wonderful day.

Congratulations also to Miss Meteau and her family on the arrival of their new baby boy, Isaac.


Mass – Friday 9th May 9am in the Hall. - Good Shepherd.

We will be celebrating mass next Friday; you would be most welcome to join us.

Early Birds

Early birds starts at 7.45 - children should not be left unattended before this time.

Reception	<p>Reception has been learning all about superheroes this week. We have learnt that they are kind, caring and brave and that is what we are going to try to be. On Wellie Wednesday this week, we did a superhero assault course to make us stronger and faster just like superheroes. In Maths, we have been working on counting forwards and backwards using a number line, and in RE we have been exploring the arrival of the Holy Spirit and made beautiful kites to explore the wind outside.</p> <div data-bbox="448 407 902 747">  </div> <div data-bbox="927 407 1377 747">  </div>
Year 1	<p>Year 1 has had another brilliant week! In English, we have worked hard on our sentence writing and have been adding the prefix <i>un-</i> to a word to form a new sentence. In Maths, we have started learning about mass and capacity. In our Art lessons, we have learnt how to draw beyond a stick man. Keep up the marvelous work, Year 1!</p>
Year 2	<p>The children have worked extremely hard this week and should be proud of everything they have achieved! We finished our class text, <i>Samson's Titanic Adventure</i>, and are now writing a letter as Samon to his parents explaining what happened to him on the Titanic. In Maths, we have learnt about mass and volume. We have a big art project this week, as we are creating pieces of work to go on our display board in the corridor. We have looked at the abstract art of Swiss artist, Paul Klee, and used his work, <i>Castle and Sun</i>, as inspiration for our own abstract pieces. We are currently creating two pieces and colouring them with oil pastels: one using 'warm' colours, the other 'cool colours'. Once finished, we will paint over the picture using watercolour ink (pictures to follow in next week's newsletter!). Keep up the great work, Team 2.6!</p>
Year 3	<p>The children have a wonderful week in class three. They are really enjoying our class text 'Song of the Dolphin Boy' and have been writing some wonderful setting descriptions. In art this week, we explored the different styles of art from early civilisations. The children then had a go at replicating four different styles. The results were amazing, and we look forward to sharing these on our new topic display board. In PE, we have started learning all about tennis and have been focusing on specific skills which will support us during matches.</p>
Year 4	<p>Year 4 has had an excellent week in class. In English, we've continued reading our class text and discussing the characters in more detail. We've also been planning, drafting and writing a formal letter to the local council. In Maths, we've been learning about decimals, how to compare them and how to partition them. In History, we've been learning about the Victorians, what significant inventions came during the Victorian era and also learning about The Great Exhibition. In RE, we've continued our learning about Peter and exploring stories involving Peter in further detail. Well done Year 4 for a great week.</p>
Year 5	<p>Year 5 has had a successful week and a lovely walk around Studland learning about World War 2 and how Studland played its part. A kind volunteer, Pam, passed on her extensive</p>

	knowledge to us. We have now finished reflections in maths. We are also very much looking forward to our topic on Vikings.
Year 6	<p>Year 6 worked extremely hard earlier in the week with Darell Wakelam; they produced an amazing piece of artwork based on Medusa. It was a colourful mosaic and will be on display during the Purbeck Arts Weeks at Rollington Barn near Corfe Castle. Pupils were well mannered and polite throughout the day, working well in small groups and pairs. We have also started to research Maya art in preparation for some clay work in the forthcoming weeks.</p> 

The Sports Report

A fantastic week of sport as we are now **COUNTY CHAMPIONS** in indoor athletics. The children worked so hard all year for this to happen. This is a very proud achievement; well done to all involved. A big congratulations must also go to the year 5 & 6 football team who become **Purbeck Cup Champions** after a convincing 8-0 win against Bovington! Thanks must go to the interim manager and coach, Oli Maidman.

St Mary's Stars



Reception: *Ethan & Harley*

Year 1: *Delilah & Hugo*

Year 2: *Ezmay & Lexi*

Year 3: *Aibhlin & George*

Year 4: *India & Harrison*

Year 5: *Adi, Max, Zack, Freddie*

Year 6: *Jesse & Lacey*