



# St Mary's, Swanage Newsletter



Attendance - 93.29%

As you can see from the class news below, it has been a busy week to take us into half term. We hope you enjoy the break and get a chance to have some time to relax.

We look forward to seeing you when school re-opens on Tuesday 3rd June (Monday is an INSET day).

## JUBILEE PILGRIMAE



What a wonderful day – we had such a lovely time visiting some of the people and places that make our community of Swanage the special place that it is – we will be sending some ‘thank you gifts’ to the rest of the places on our list in the coming weeks; it was such a treat to be able to walk in the sunshine together - all the children were so well-behaved. And enthusiastic.

A big thank you to the volunteers who walked with us and of course the visitors, some of whom came back to school to share our worship time and some tea and cake and to Cumulus who made the delicious Jubilee cakes that were enjoyed by everyone! Children should be bringing home their jubilee medal today.



### **New Mayor**

We were delighted to welcome Councilor Bonfield, the new Town Mayor, to school on Friday afternoon. He visited the classes before he turned into a ‘dragon’ ..... for an appearance at the year 6 Dragons’ Den where he tasted and advised them about design improvements for their Fairtrade cake recipes!

**Open the Book** – We were delighted to welcome our friends from ‘Open the Book’ who led our worship on Wednesday – we always enjoy their visits. We were sorry to say goodbye to Anne who has been a much-valued volunteer and supporter helping us to achieve our Fairtrade status, of St Mary's for many years. We said thank you with some Fairtrade flowers and chocolate.



## **Purbeck Arts Weeks**

There is always plenty going on – Yr 6's gorgeous mosaic of Medusa will be on display at Rollington Barn along with plenty of other exciting and interesting art exhibits. More information can be found at: [Purbeck Art Weeks](https://www.purbeckartsweeks.co.uk)

## **INSET Days:**

A reminder that Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June is an INSET day.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July is also an INSET day – last day of term – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>



## **Reception**

Reception has had a lovely week. On Wednesday, we had our superhero fancy dress day and enjoyed a superhero disco. We have been looking at the police this week and have enjoyed police role play with lots of costumes, traffic lights and road signs. Lots of speeding tickets have been given out this week in Reception! In Maths, we have been looking at 'teen' numbers and how we can represent these on our 10 frames. We enjoyed our pilgrimage with Little Birds in the sunshine on Thursday. I hope you have a lovely half-term break.





## Year 1

Year 1 has had another busy week. Come rain or shine, nothing stops our little adventurers — not even a downpour on Wednesday! The children bravely donned their waterproofs and headed out on a litter walk, showing real dedication to caring for God's world as part of our RE learning about Catholic Social Teaching. We also had a very special trip to All Saints Church, where the children took part in a pilgrimage. They gave a thoughtful gift to Jo and shared a beautiful prayer together.

In Maths, we have been hard at work continuing our learning of the 2, 5- and 10-times tables.

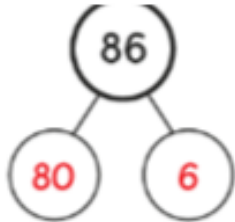
In Science, we've been getting green-fingered as we learn about the different parts of a plant. The children loved exploring how flowers grow and what they need to thrive. I hope you have a relaxing half term!



## Year 2

Year 2 has worked incredibly hard this week (as they always do!). In RE, we have been looking at the Fruits of the Holy Spirit and thought about how we can embody these in the way we live our lives by creating a freeze frame for each of the nine characteristics. Alongside this, we found out about St. Thérèse of Lisieux and how she embodied kindness and love; she said acts of kindness and love were like sowing flowers and we created a display with flowers and ideas for acts of kindness and love that we could do. In History, we have been looking at sources to find out why the Titanic was such a special ship for its time, and to find out more about the people who travelled on the ship and why it was not as safe as it could have been. We greatly enjoyed our pilgrimage to St. Edward's yesterday; Father Tim welcomed us into the church, and we said our pilgrimage prayer. We wish you and your families a restful half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back in June. Thank you for all your support this term; it is greatly appreciated.



<p><b>Year 3</b></p>	<p>As we head into the half term break, Year 3 has had another fantastic week of learning! In maths, the children have been applying their multiplication knowledge to solve division problems using partitioning and an expanded written method—great perseverance all round!</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>(a) <math>86 \div 2 =</math> <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px; color: red;">40</span> <math>+</math> <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px; color: red;">3</span></p> <p><math>=</math> <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px; color: red;">43</span></p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> </div> <p>In RE, we explored the Ascension of Jesus. The children reflected thoughtfully on how Catholics can follow Jesus's example in their everyday lives, showing kindness and compassion to others.</p> <p>In science, we're nearing the end of our exciting topic on Light. This week, the children especially enjoyed experimenting with mirror images, cracking secret messages, and guiding themselves through mazes using a mirror—it's been a bright and brilliant topic!</p> <p>In English, we've continued reading our class text; Song of the Dolphin Boy. In groups, the children performed their scripts to the class and then worked hard to redraft them based on feedback from their peers – fantastic teamwork and creativity on display!</p> <p>In grammar, we focused on homophones, including tricky pairs like their, there, they're and whose vs who's. The children have worked hard to understand their meanings and correct usage.</p> <p>As part of the Jubilee Year in the Catholic Church Year 3 embarked on a pilgrimage to Swanage Tennis Courts. On Thursday the children enjoyed their walk to deliver a prayer and symbol of our Jubilee Pilgrimage with yummy cake to celebrate. They were excellent ambassadors for the school.</p> <p>Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term break—see you soon!</p>
<p><b>Year 4</b></p>	<p>Y4 have had a great week. We've continued our class text and have been working on our retrievals and inference skills in reading. In writing we have been using our research and notes about the workhouse to write a non-chronological report. In History we have been learning about John Mowlem and George Burt and how they contributed to the development of Swanage during the Victorian era. We also enjoyed our pilgrimage to Swanage Cricket Club and Clifftop Care Home. The children were excellently behaved and were well mannered and respectful when we presented our gifts. Well done Year 4 for another great week!</p>

	
<b>Year 5</b>	<p>It's been a very productive week in year 5. We have completed our work on decimals in maths. We have worked hard in history and have completed two lessons; they were about understanding what the Viking raids were and how King Alfred defeated the Vikings. We absolutely loved going on our Pilgrimage where we had a little tour of the town council. This was very interesting!</p>
<b>Year 6</b>	 <p>Year 6 had an extremely successful week. In DT the pupils followed a variety of recipes which incorporated Fairtrade products. They worked in groups and made chocolate chips cookies, banana bread, muffins and brownies. Pupils also gave a presentation to Mr. Bonfield and Mrs. Nash which explained their thought process and an evaluation of their product. Earlier in the week, they finished their business 'apprentice' project. They designed products and gave engaging pitches to 'sell' their designs to their classmates. Well done to the winning team!</p>

## **The Sports Report**

The girls football team played an excellent final but sadly came out in second place losing 2-1 to St Mark's. Thank you to Mrs Maidman for all her hard work with the girls football team. Hopefully we can go one better next season!

## **St Mary's Stars**



**Reception:** Carter & Grace

**Year 1:** Jess & Tayla

**Year 2:** Paige, Violet & Ines

**Year 3:** Jesse & Eli

**Year 4:** Stella & Ellie

**Year 5:** Poppy & Adi

**Year 6:** Lia & Leo

**Whole Class Stars** – All classes for making such an excellent contribution to our school Jubilee Pilgrimage

