



Attendance - 94%

What a lovely week it has been – beautiful sunshine and plenty of activity in school – and learning, of course.

There have been lots of trips - to the farm and Studland courtesy of Wessex Wild and The National Trust. Thanks to them for the opportunities they offer us to explore our local area and find out about where some of our food comes from and how it is produced. Don't forget you can collect tickets to park free at Studland / Corfe and free entry tickets for Corfe Castle from the office. If you borrow the tickets, please can you make sure you return them so that other people can use them too.

Some of our pupils have been taking part in Bikeability and have been learning about how to ride safely. There are more sessions next week.

There has been a very exciting tennis tournament taking place across the whole week for years 2-6 . See below for Mr. White's report.

Finally, we had a wonderful day today celebrating 10 years for St Mary's at our current site on Northbrook Road. We started the day with a celebration worship time together, sharing our memories of the old and new school, singing some of our favourite hymns; then we had a 'disco' party lunch (ask your child) and finished the day with an afternoon of party games and ice-lollies- thank you to everyone who helped make the day such fun. - see below for some pictures – more to follow.

Don't forget MARY PROCESSION next Monday – please bring you plans in with you – thank you.

Have a lovely weekend – hopefully enjoying the sunshine!









Reception


Reception have worked very hard this week on all their learning. They were superstars on their '*Ditch the Stabilisers*' course and so many of them can now ride their bikes confidently. We are so proud of them! We have been looking at the story '*Somebody Swallowed Stanley*' this week and how we can help keep the oceans free from rubbish. We enjoyed the 10th Anniversary party on Friday, especially our picnic lunch, party and ice lollies.



Year 1

Year 1 has worked hard this week. We have looked at the book Jack and the Beanstalk in English and the children thought of questions they might like to ask the Giant if they were to see him. In maths we have started our new topic of numbers to 100. We have had fun playing some counting games to secure the children's knowledge. In PE, we have

	continued practicing for sports day. In History, we have continued our learning on Corfe Castle and the different types of castles, this week we focussed on the motte and bailey castle. Great work year 1.
Year 2	Year 2 has worked incredibly hard through a week of heat and some more SAT's test, keeping a smile on their faces and a positive, can-do attitude! In English, we have continued with our class text, finding out why it is titled, <i>The Hodgeheg</i> ! We loved translating the 'hodgeheg' phrases uttered by the main character Max into English – this made us giggle quite a lot! In History, we placed the reasons that the Titanic was such a catastrophic event in order of impact, explaining why we thought this. We then looked at the enquiries that took place afterwards and the laws and actions that were put in place to ensure such a disaster happens again. In PE, we have been preparing in earnest for Sports Day, and we are greatly looking forward to competing on the day. Well done, Team 2.6!
Year 3	<p>Year 3 has been working extremely hard throughout this sunny week. In Science, we have been learning about the perfect growing conditions for seeds and have been experimenting with different growing conditions to discover the optimum conditions to support the growth of our seeds.</p> <p>In English we finished our non-chronological reports about St Mary's, and we also had a go at writing a second report all about Swanage Carnival. There were some really pleasing pieces of work.</p> <p>Despite the heat we have been giving it our all at sports days practice and we are hopeful for some good results on the day itself.</p> <p>On Friday we all enjoyed celebrations to mark the tenth anniversary of St Mary's being on the current site. It was wonderful to watch the whole school enjoy a picnic lunch together, along with a little bit of dancing and some fun and games.</p>
Year 4	Year 4 has had a busy and fun week! In maths, we've been learning about shapes and spotting them around us. We had a brilliant trip to Studland Beach, where we searched for interesting items and enjoyed the sunshine. In English, we finished writing our speeches and shared them with the class—some great speaking and listening! PE has been all about getting ready for Sports Day. We've been practising our relay baton changes and cheering each other on. We've also started learning about rainforests and are excited to find out more about the animals and plants that live there. Well done, Year 4!
Year 5	<p>Highlights from the Week:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">  School Trip to Tincleton Farm Year 5 had a fantastic visit to Tincleton Farm where they explored the "<i>Dig for Victory</i>" campaign from World War II. The children learned about wartime food production and even got hands-on experience with growing their own crops.  PE & Sports It's been a very active week! Pupils have been enthusiastically preparing for Sports Day with extra PE sessions. Special congratulations to our Tennis Team, who performed brilliantly and secured 1st place in Thursday's tournament!

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 🎉 10-Year School Site Celebration We enjoyed a joyful celebration marking ten years at our current school site. Year 5 participated in the festivities with pride and energy.
Year 6	<p>Year 6 have had an exciting week! On Wednesday, we had our class trip to Studland where we learned about the variety of birds and animals that live in the heathland habitat. We also did a ‘scavenger hunt’ where we had to find different species of plants and heathers and collect them. The weather was scorching hot, and the class were a credit to the school with how engaged and enthusiastic they were. Well Done Year 6! In English, we started our new class text ‘Just a Dream’ by Chris Van Allsburg. We read the first few pages together, used the information in the text and our inference skills to create a character profile on Walter. We also received our Leavers’ Hoodies, which we have become very attached to already! This year, we were able to pick our own colour and we are loving the variety of different colours on show!</p> 

The Sports Report

🏆 St Mary's Crowned Tennis Champions!

Location: Swanage Tennis Courts

Event: Inter-Year Tennis Competition

Duration: Week-Long Tournament

Congratulations to St Mary's Primary School, who have been crowned **overall tennis champions** after a fantastic week of matches held at the **Swanage Tennis Courts**!

Every child gave their all on the court, showing incredible sportsmanship, skill, and teamwork throughout the competition. A huge well done to all the pupils who took part—you made your school proud!

🏆 Year Group Results:

- **Year 2** – 🥈 2nd Place

- **Year 3** – 🏆 1st Place
- **Year 4** – 🏆 1st Place
- **Year 5** – 🏆 1st Place
- **Year 6** – 🏆 1st Place

Thanks to the hard work, determination, and success across all year groups, **St Mary's were crowned the overall champions** of the week!

👏 **Well done to all players, coaches, and supporters!**

St Mary's Stars

Reception: *Arthur & Rosa*

Year 1: *Tayla & Bea*

Year 2: *Cooper & Theo*

Year 3: *Zach & Imogen*

Year 4: *Noah & Heidi*

Year 5: *Freddie & Katsheen*

Whole Class Stars

Year 6: For their brilliant behaviour and participation during their class trip to Studland