



### **Attendance - 93.29%**

It hardly seems possible that we are at the end of the Spring Term already. Many thanks, as always, for all your support. We hope you enjoy a restful and relaxing break - Easter blessings from all at St Mary's.

### **Lent – Pray, Fast, Give**

Our focus in Lent to Pray, Fast and Give has resulted in some lovely prayers being written and shared and also money raised for some good causes. Thank you again for your support.

### **Clifftop**



Thank you to year 6 for making this beautiful Easter/ spring canvas for the residents of Clifftop. I am sure they will enjoy having it on display. We will send them all some Easter treats and a card too!!

### **FOSM – Easter Fun**

A huge thank you to FOSM for helping us have such lovely Easter fun on Wednesday. What a wonderful array of Easter hats (and ears!) and an Easter egg hunt to finish the day.

### **Volunteers**

As we finish another term, we would like to take an opportunity to thank all our amazing volunteers- we are especially blessed to have so many people who give up their time to support us in such a variety of ways - whether it is listening to readers; supporting on trips or being a school governor, we are extremely grateful. We hope you enjoy the holidays.

### **School Easter Mass- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April @ 9 am – school hall.**

On the first Friday back, we will be celebrating mass with an Easter theme – it is a real treat to hear the choir and classes singing and pupils from years 4/5/6 read the prayers and lessons.

You would be most welcome to join us.

### **Congratulations**

We send congratulations to Miss Schooling and her partner on their wedding during the holidays - we hope they have a lovely day.

### Easter Services.

There are a range of services taking place at St Edward's Church during Holy Week and Easter Sunday. See the dates below.

|                                   |                                     |                     |   |  |                                    |
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| SAT                               | 5TH APR                             | 6.00 PM             | LULWORTH  | <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C</b><br>Mass Bk p176 Creed p12<br>Pr Lent I p70 Euch Pr II p25   |                                    |
| SUN                               | 6TH                                 | 9.00 AM<br>11.00 AM | SWANAGE<br>WOOL   |  |                                    |
| <b>NO MASSES 8TH – 11TH APRIL</b> |                                     |                     |   |  |                                    |
| SAT                               | 12TH                                | 6.00 PM             | WAREHAM   | <b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b><br>Palm Procession starts outside or in hall<br>Mass Bk p184 Creed p12 Pr p73 EPII p25                 | Michael Cryer RIP                  |
| SUN                               | 13TH                                | 9.00 AM<br>11.00 AM | SWANAGE<br>WOOL   |  |                                    |
|                                   |                                     | 3.00 PM             | SWANAGE   | HOLY HOUR Adoration, Confessions, Benediction  |                                    |
| TUE                               | 15TH                                | 9.00 AM             | SWANAGE   | Tuesday of Holy Week   |                                    |
| WED                               | 16TH                                |                     |   | NO MASS (Chrism Mass)  |                                    |
| <b>THE EASTER TRIDUUM</b>         |                                     |                     |   |  |                                    |
|                                   | <b>HOLY THURSDAY<br/>17TH APRIL</b> | 7.00 PM             | SWANAGE   | MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER<br>Mass Bk p199 Pr p73 EPI p18   | Volunteers needed for foot washing |
|                                   | <b>GOOD FRIDAY<br/>18TH APRIL</b>   | 11.30 AM            | CHURCHES TOGETHER SERVICE - Swanage Bandstand<br>CHURCHES TOGETHER WALK OF WITNESS in WOOL; |  |                                    |
|                                   |                                     | 11.30 AM            | ST JOSEPH'S: 12 NOON – METHODIST CHAPEL; 12.30 – HOLY ROOD                                  |  |                                    |
|                                   |                                     | 1.00 PM<br>3.30 PM  | WOOL<br>SWANAGE   | <b>GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY OF THE PASSION</b> Mass Bk P204   | MASS IS NOT SAID TODAY             |
|                                   | <b>HOLY SATURDAY<br/>19TH APRIL</b> | 11.00 AM            | SWANAGE   | Swieconka (Polish Food Blessing)   |                                    |
|                                   |                                     | 8.30 PM             | WOOL  | <b>THE EASTER VIGIL</b><br>Mass Bk p223 OT Readings and Psalms 3-6 pp232-37 Epistle p240<br>Renewal of Baptism Promises p247 Pr Easter I p74 EPI p18 |                                    |
|                                   | <b>EASTER SUNDAY<br/>20TH APRIL</b> | 6.00 AM             | SWANAGE   | SUNRISE SERVICE – Bango Jetty  |                                    |
|                                   |                                     | 8.00 AM             | LULWORTH  | <b>THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b>  |                                    |
|                                   |                                     | 9.30 AM             | WAREHAM   | Mass book p252 Renewal of Baptism Promises   |                                    |
|                                   |                                     | 11.00 AM            | SWANAGE   | p247 Pr Easter 1 p74 EP1p18  |                                    |
|                                   |                                     |                     |   | Leslie & Mako Harriot<br>(Reception in the church and Confirmation)  |                                    |

### New from across school

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| <b>Reception</b> | Reception has had another very busy week, as always! We have been learning all about minibeasts and enjoyed a minibeast hunt for Wellie Wednesday this week. We loved our Easter Egg Hunt on Wednesday with the FOSM; a big thank you to them. We were so impressed with all their Easter hats too. In maths, this week we have been looking at repeating patterns and they have all been amazing at working out what comes next in the |
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patterns. We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable Easter, and we will see you after the holidays.



### Year 1

Year 1 has had an amazing last week of the Spring term! We have started a new book in English that the children are looking forward to finishing after the break. They have created freeze frames based on the book 'The Snow Queen', and the rest of the class had to guess which part of the book they were recreating. In Maths, we have started our topic on measuring. In RE, we have been thinking about the resurrection of Jesus, and we focused on the angels telling people that Jesus has risen. They did some amazing drawings of angels that we will be putting on display. The Year 1 team would like to thank all parents for their continued support and we wish you a happy Easter.



### Year 2

The end of the Spring Term is here, and Team 2.6 should look back on all their hard work this term with pride! In this final week, we have finished our class text and found out that Suzy the cat made it back to France to be with her beloved family! We started our DT project of Super Salads and practised peeling, cutting and chopping carrots and cucumbers to make crudité's that we enjoyed with some tasty dip. We will be designing and making our own salads after the Easter break (putting our new peeling, chopping and slicing techniques to good use), and parents will be invited in to taste test and evaluate! In RE, we walked the Stations of the Cross as some Catholics do on Good Friday, thinking about Jesus' journey on that day. In Maths, we have been looking at measurement: we have measured many objects using centimetres and metres, and decided which unit of measurement is most appropriate for different items. The highlight of the week was, of course, the wonderful Easter Egg Hunt organised by FoSM – a massive thank you to all of those lovely parents who gave up their time to do this for our school. The Year 2 team would like to wish you all an enjoyable and restful Easter holiday and thank you for all your support this term; it is greatly appreciated. We look forward to welcoming the children back on 22<sup>nd</sup> April.



**Year 3**



What a fantastic and busy final week of term we've had in Year 3! On Wednesday, the children proudly showed off their amazing Easter bonnets, and we were blown away by the creativity and imagination on display. Everyone looked wonderful, and we loved seeing their smiling faces as they posed for the class photo. We can't wait to share it with you soon! The children had been absolutely gripped by our class text, *Poppy Pym*, and were thrilled to finally discover that the culprit

behind the theft of the Pharaoh's Ruby was none other than Gertrude! It was a brilliant way to wrap up our reading journey this term. The children were excited to welcome some of the Friends of St. Mary's (FOSM) Wednesday afternoon for a fun-filled Easter egg hunt. The children searched for hidden cardboard eggs outside, and chocolate treats were delivered at the end of the day. Wishing all our families a very Happy Easter break – enjoy the holidays, and we look forward to seeing you next term!

**Year 4**

Year 4 had a fantastic week. In English, we've reached the end of our class text. We've written a book review, discussing our favourite parts, characters and vocabulary from the text. In History we've been learning about the archaeological dig at Sutton Hoo, understanding the important role archaeology plays in finding out about history. In Maths we've been learning about decimals, and how to divide single digit numbers by 10. We've also been counting down the days until our class residential to Leeson House. All the children were very excited and couldn't wait to get going on Thursday morning. Well done Year 4 for another excellent week.

**Year 5**

A fantastic week here at St Mary's where year 5 have really got stuck into co-ordinates and have also learnt how to translate shapes.  
 We have finished writing up our conclusions on which shoe created the most friction and on what surface.  
 In PE on Tuesday, we completed our hockey assessment by playing mini matches and on Thursday we completed an athletic circuit outside working on a variety of skills.  
 Have a good Easter everyone!



## Year 6

Another busy week in Year 6!

Pupils have completed some more assessments with an overall excellent working attitude. They also led the Easter Egg hunt with maturity and passion, challenging the other year groups with their 'egg-pertise'! Children started to plan their own Newspaper Reports in English, and we certainly have some budding journalists in the class. On Thursday, they played a variety of ukulele songs during Praise Assembly; pupils strummed perfectly in unison with a range of chords and dynamics.

Thank you so much for all your support in encouraging your child to learn the ukulele at home and see you next term.

## The Sports Report

A quiet week on the sporting front, however lots of training has been taking place for the 3 finals we have coming up in the first two weeks back. Please see dates below:

- County Athletics Final: Friday 25/4/25
- Purbeck Cup Boys' Final: Tuesday 29/4/25
- Netball Final Friday: 2/5/25

## House Winners – Non-Uniform Day

Congratulations to all **Peverillians** in **Peveril House** for accumulating the most House Points this half-term. The results were as follows:

1. **Peveril - 1,857**
2. **Ballard - 1,795**
3. **Durlston - 1,714**
4. **Studland - 1,535**

They enjoyed a well-deserved non-uniform day on the last day of term.

## St. Mary's Class Stars



**Reception:** *Laurie & Annabel*

**Year 1:** *Logan & Lucas*

**Year 2:** *Thea & Bonita*

**Year 3:** *Neave & Charlie To.*

**Year 4:** *Parker & Harry*

**Year 5:** *Poppy & Jasmine*

## **Whole Class Stars**

**Year 6**