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St Mary's, Swanage Newsletter



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Attendance - 93.29%

Lent Mass



We celebrated mass together for the 4th week of Lent – we heard the story of the Prodigal Son. In the picture you can see some of the donations for the foodbank, CAFOD and Lent prayers written by years 4, 5 and 6.

CAFOD Big Lent Walk

Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD’s Lent appeal and/ or the foodbank. As you can see, there are plenty of items to deliver to them and currently about £55 for CAFOD.

We were delighted to have Little Birds, Mr. Fawcett and Fr Tim join us for our walk – 5 laps of the school equaling 1km each. (So, I am reliably informed by Mr. White, who was out there with his trundle wheel checking for us!) Over 200km – and a lovely opportunity to join classes together and share some social time.



Reception	Reception has been learning all about dinosaurs this week. We have learnt what it means when an animal is extinct and what happened to all the dinosaurs. We made our own dinosaur footprints using chalk and a stencil and had a go at making our own fossils out of salt dough. We have been working on our subtraction skills in maths and thinking about the Easter story in RE. Keep up the super work, Reception!
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Year 1

Year 1 has had another great week. In History, we have continued our learning about 'The Great Fire of London', this week we had a think about what has changed because of the fire. In RE, we have thought about the crucifixion of Jesus, and we looked at different ways Catholics remember Jesus on Good Friday. We particularly liked the *alfombras* (carpets) from places such as Antigua and El Salvador. The children had a go at creating their own alfombra out of chalk.



Year 2

Another great week for Team 2.6! In English, we have enjoyed following Suzy the cat's exploits in our class text as she tries and tries again to get home to France; we are keeping our fingers crossed that she will finally make it! In Maths, we have looked at the 2-, 5- and 10-times tables and matched the corresponding division facts to write fact families that can help us solve multiplication and division problems. In RE, we have started looking at the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus in preparation for Easter. In Art, we have looked at how different types of lines can create texture and have used these for two landscapes and a fox and rabbit picture; the pictures are very impressive! In Science, we carried out an investigation into which materials are bendy and stretchy and whether they can revert back to their original state after they have been stretched or bent. Congratulations to team 'Pevland' for winning the first TTRockstars Tournament. Who will be the winner next week? Keep up the marvellous work, Year 2!

<p>Year 3</p>	<p>Year 3 Shine at the Sing for Joy Concert!</p> <p>We are incredibly proud of our Year 3 students for their fantastic performance at the <i>Sing for Joy</i> concert! Their beautiful singing, wonderful harmonies, and enthusiasm truly shone on stage. The event organisers were full of praise, complimenting their excellent behaviour and teamwork. It was heartwarming to see them singing with such joy and confidence. A huge well done to all involved—you represented our school brilliantly! Thank you to the parents for your support. What a memorable experience for everyone—fun was had by all!</p> 
<p>Year 4</p>	<p>Year 4 have had a good week. The highlight of our week was our singing concert on Tuesday. It was a pleasure to take the class and witness them sing so passionately as well as showing exemplary behaviour. In maths we have been learning about decimals and continuing to practice our times tables. In History we have been learning about Anglo Saxon laws and finding out about Weregild. In Pe we've been practicing our Handball and hockey skills, developing the fundamentals through a range of drills and putting them into practice with small sided games. Well done year 4 for another great week.</p>
<p>Year 5</p>	<p>Year 5 has had a successful week. Our greatest source of pride is that we completed our science experiment; we focused on finding out which surface created the most friction with one of our school shoes.</p> <p>In Maths, we have completed looking at angles and now understand what a right angle, perpendicular and parallel lines are. We are also able to use a protractor to draw angles of any size.</p>
<p>Year 6</p>	<p>Year 6 has worked really hard this week. In English, we have continued to write our play scripts based on a conversation between Biola and Iyanla from 'Children of the Quicksands'. In Geography, we have looked at the region of Mpigi and how it differs from the rest of Uganda. We had a lovely afternoon on Thursday making an Easter floral display for our friends at Clifftop; it is looking beautiful! They have also completed a couple of</p> 

	assessments this week in the run up to SATS. We were really impressed with how they approached the task: using their time wisely to think carefully about the questions and taking the time to check through at the end. Well done, Year 6
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The Sports Report

It's been another fantastic week for sport as our large athletics team is now officially Purbeck and Christchurch Indoor Athletic Champions. We now progress onto the county final after Easter in Weymouth.

Well done to the Year 3 and 4 football team who came second in a football tournament hosted by St Mark's.

St. Mary's Class Stars



Reception: *Reuben & Mollie*

Year 1: *Rory & Loke*

Year 2: *Ezmay & Sophia-Star*

Year 3: *Charlie R & Alfie*

Year 4: *Robert & Frank*

Year 5: *Max T & Immy*

Year 6: *Oakley & Harry*

Whole Class Stars