

30th June 2025



**Attendance - 93.29%**

### **First Holy Communion**



We will be keeping all our students who are making their First Holy Communion this Sunday, in our prayers – sending every blessing for this very special day.

### **Clifftop Care Home 30<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration**

We wish Clifftop Care Home a very 'happy birthday' as they celebrate 30 years of providing love and care for some of the older members of our community. We have a special relationship with the care home that started prior to COVID, as part of a Caritas Intergenerational Project Scheme. This link is still going strong, and we exchange a variety of offerings made by the children / residents and try to visit too. This is becoming easier now and year 6 are off to play board games with some of the residents in the last week of term! Year 6 have made some beautiful decorations for the event; we hope they have a wonderful party on Saturday and will be thinking of them as they enjoy their celebration party!

### **Purbeck Youth Music – Summer Show Case**



Thank you and congratulations to those members of year 6 and some of our other pupils who learn instruments in school, who gave up their evening to play at the Purbeck Youth Music concert last Monday. It was a wonderful evening that really reflected the astounding talent of some of our young local musicians. Our drummers performed their own composition with great expertise and style. It was lovely to see some of our other pupils play their instruments as part of various groups and ensembles and of course we were able to listen to some of our past pupils play and sing. It was a real treat and a super evening of high-quality music.

### **Purbeck Work Experience Students**

We have really enjoyed having 3 past students of St Mary's with us, over the last week, on their work experience placement. They have worked very hard across the school gaining experience of a range of different age groups within a primary school; we look forward to welcoming them back next week when they return to help on Sports Day.

### Transition Day

On Tuesday, Year 6 spent the day at their new secondary schools and in school we visited our new classes. We have also been welcoming our new Reception class into school. What an exciting time!

### Mass


Our next school mass will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July at 9am in the school hall; the theme will be Care for our World – thinking about Pope Francis' letter *Laudato Si*, where encouraged us to take time to think about how we look after the world and each other. If you haven't been to mass with us before, you would be most welcome to join us, just sign in at the office.



Our final mass of the year will be our leavers' mass on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 9am – a special mass where we say farewell to year 6 and any other students who are leaving us; thank them for the contribution they have made to our school and bless them as they move onto the next stage of their life's journey.

### Early Birds/ School Start Time

A quick reminder that Early Birds doesn't start until 7.45am and school 8.40am; children should not be arriving much before then, unless they are coming to an 8.30am intervention. Some of the children who walk to school on their own arrive very early in the morning. It is lovely that they are so keen to be here, but it does mean they are unattended outside whilst they are waiting for school to open. Thank you.

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| <b>Reception</b> | <p>It has been another busy week for Reception. We have been sharing the story '<i>Tiddler</i>' by Julia Donaldson and have been thinking about the importance of telling the truth. We have been working hard on getting ready for Sports Day next week and enjoyed practising the obstacle race this week. We enjoyed a colour hunt on Wellie Wednesday and had a lovely morning in Year 1 on transition day.</p> <div data-bbox="297 1377 669 1661">  </div> <div data-bbox="686 1352 987 1661">  </div> <div data-bbox="1011 1356 1414 1661">  </div> |
| <b>Year 1</b>    | <p>Year 1 has had another busy week. We continued our hunt for our house points that the Giant from Jack and the Beanstalk took. We have enjoyed finding clues from pictures that the Giant has left; we hope to find them next week! The children wrote a diary entry pretending to be the Giant and thought about why he might have taken them. In Maths, we</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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|               | have continued counting to 100 and counting in 10's. The children had a lovely time in Year 2 on transition day. Great work again, Year 1.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Year 2</b> |  <p>Despite the challenges of the hot, sunny weather and a warmer classroom than usual, Team 2.6 has carried on working hard with a smile on their faces! They greatly enjoyed painting their clay Max the Hodgeheg pots – they all looked marvellous and I hope the children are proud of their creations! In English, we have read more of our class text and enjoyed following Max on his adventurous exploration by himself of the park at night. In Science, we planted a sweet pea seed that we will observe grow (just as scientists observe) making notes of changes and taking measurements. In Maths, we have continued with our money topic using different coins to make different amounts (there are quite a few future financial whizzkids in our class, I feel!), while in PE we have been practising in earnest for Sports Day and can't wait to compete in front of all the parents!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Year 3</b> | <p>It has been another busy and hot week for class three. Despite the warmth we have carried on and have been ensuring that we are ready to showcase our sporting talents next week at Sports Day.</p> <p>In English, we have continued with our class text and have completed some wonderful round the class reading and paired reading. We then learnt about acrostic poems, what they are and how to write them. The children practised implementing their newly learnt skills by writing a poem about themselves. We then progressed to searching our class text for information about dolphins and have begun to create a dolphin acrostic poem. Next week, we will be looking at different poem styles such as shape poems and rhyming poems.</p> <p>In History, we continued learning about ancient civilisations and this week focused on early number systems. The children had great fun deciphering numbers which had been written by a Sumerian merchant, an Egyptian merchant and a Shang merchant.</p> <p>In Art, we have been learning about Maya masks, their purpose, and their design. The children completed a worksheet planning their very own mask and next week will begin to create them.</p> <p>We hope to see lots of you at Sports Day and hope you will be pleased with the wonderful sporting abilities of year 3.</p> |
| <b>Year 4</b> | <p>This week, Year 4 has had a great time both in and out of the classroom. A highlight was our cricket afternoon at the Swanage Cricket Club, where everyone had lots of fun and showed off some brilliant batting skills! In English, we've been busy writing newspaper reports and continuing to enjoy our class text. In Maths, we've been learning about statistics, interpreting data and reading charts. PE has been all about getting ready for Sports Day—we've been practising our races and are really looking forward to the big event next week!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Year 5</b> | <p>It's been an <b>excellent week</b> for Year 5!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All pupils are very excited for <b>Sports Day</b> and have been practising hard to make it a fun and successful event.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

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|               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In <b>Maths</b>, we are about to start learning about <b>Roman numerals</b>, and it's great to see so many children moving up in their <b>CLICs</b>.</li> <li>In <b>Science</b>, we focused on <b>animal life cycles</b>, including humans, and the children really enjoyed exploring how different animals grow and change.</li> </ul> <p>It's been a <b>productive week overall</b>, with fantastic effort from everyone!</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Year 6</b> | <p>It's been a busy and exciting week for Year 6! On Monday evening, a group of our pupils took part in the Purbeck Youth Music concert at the Methodist Church. They played the African drums with confidence and skill – it was a truly beautiful performance; well done to those pupils who participated! In Science, we've continued our microorganisms investigation, investigating which conditions mould grows best in. Pupils have been observing and recording their results each day, the results have been fascinating... if a little disgusting! On Wednesday afternoon, we enjoyed the sunshine with Years 4 and 5 at the cricket club. Everyone had a brilliant time taking part in matches and gave it 100%. A big thank you to Tim, our volunteers and the cricket club for having us! All our pupils have also experienced their secondary school transition days over the past week – an exciting step as they begin to prepare for the next stage of their journey! Well done, Year 6!</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">   </div> |

## The Sports Report

### SPORTS DAY TUESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY, RECORDS BELOW

| <u>Event</u> | <u>Boys</u>                   | <u>Girls</u>                     |
|--------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 55m Sprint   | Ethan Kersey 8.18s (2021)     | Olivia Bowen 8.20s (2019)        |
| 150m         | Johnny Lay 25.69s (2024)      | Natasha Hanzcur 27.21s (2025)    |
| 600m         | Josh Titley 2m00.68s (2019)   | Jessica Colville 2m17.66s (2024) |
| Vortex Throw | Alfred Docherty 45.70m (2025) | Lexie Leaver 35.92m (2023)       |
| 55m Hurdles  | Owen Sullivan 9.52s (2019)    | Ava Streams 10.42s (2022)        |
| Broad jump   | Oakley Marriott 2.16m (2025)  | Daisy Kressinger 2.14m (2023)    |

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| High Jump | Johnny Lay 1.27m (2024)                              | Sonila Wiggins 1.25m (2023) |
| Relay     | Leo Wilson, Oscar Lovell, Zack Burnett 25.74s (2025) |                             |

## St Mary's Stars



**Reception:** *Carter & Rafe*

**Year 1:** *Grace and Jack*

**Year 2:** *Zac & Zara*

**Year 3:** *Mille and Mia*

**Year 4:** *Gabriela, Aylish & Solomon*

**Year 5:** *Ariana & Zach*

**Year 6:** *Leo & Arthur*