

Friday 10th October 2025



St Mary's, Swanage Newsletter



As you can see below, all our classes have been busy this week and have been working hard. It hardly seems possible that we have been back at school for 5 weeks with only 2 left before half term – don't forget the INSET days on Friday 24th October and Monday 3rd November.

Brighten up for Harvest



Water for a family
£35.00



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**Monday 13th
October –
St Mary's
Brighten up for
HARVEST**

Don't forget to come dressed in your brightest outfits as we celebrate Harvest. We are asking for either:
- a donation for the local foodbank (see this week's newsletter for ideas)
or cash which we will use to buy CAFDOD water-based world gifts linking to their theme for Harvest this year.

Open Morning



90th Anniversary Celebration

St Mary's

Open Morning

St Mary's Catholic Primary School

Saturday 18th October 2025
10:00 - 12:00
Everyone Welcome!
No need to book.

Fairtrade Competition

Congratulations to Year 1 who were the class who brought the largest number of Fairtrade wrappers, and Year 4 who brought in wrappers from the widest range of products. They will get a dress down day on Tuesday 21st October. Well done. The Pupils Chaplains and House Captains are using the wrappers to create a piece of artwork to celebrate Fairtrade.



Reception	What a fun and busy week we've had in Reception. We've been reading the story '<i>Funnybones</i>' and learning all about our amazing bodies. The children have been thinking about how to stay healthy. We went on a lovely senses walk on Wellie Wednesday to see, hear, and smell the world around us, and everyone enjoyed painting their own spooky skeletons!
Year 1	Year 1 has been learning about part-whole models with numbers up to ten. We greatly enjoyed re-reading our Mrs. Armitage book and then acting out different parts of the story. In RE, we have continued looking at Creation, by making and painting clay models. As it is harvest next week, we also painted some beautiful watercolours inspired by harvest.
Year 2	Another stellar week from the pupils in Team 2.7! In RE, we have been looking in detail at the Sacrament of Baptism, ordering pictures and then acting out our own baptisms with props. In Maths, we have been using number lines to help us estimate and mark where numbers are. We have been focusing on the five oceans in Geography, looking at where they are on a map and finding out facts about them. You could test us by asking which are the biggest, smallest and warmest oceans! In English, we've been writing sentences about Finn's adventures in Ocean Meets Sky. A brilliant week of work – the children should be proud of what they have achieved. Keep up the great work!

Year 3	Another wonderful week in Year 3. We have started our new class text 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth'. We learnt about the purpose of instructional writing and the features that are required. The children then had a go at writing their own set of instructions to teach an alien how to make a sandwich. In History this week we learnt about the achievements of the Stone Age people. The children then sorted all the achievements in order of their importance and gave the reasons why they had ordered them in that way. In RE we were thinking about morals and equality. The children worked in small groups to put together short role play scenes to demonstrate equality and morals. The children all worked super hard, and it was a pleasure to watch their performances. Swimming lessons have continued to be a huge success and it is fabulous to see the children progressing in both skills and confidence. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.
Year 4	Year 4 have had a really good week and have been working hard across all subjects. In English, we've been writing a narrative based on Lila's jungle walk from The Firework Maker's Daughter, using descriptive language and exciting vocabulary. In maths, we've been practising addition and subtraction strategies and solving problems with confidence. Our geography lessons have focused on UK mountains, learning where they are and what makes them unique. In science, we've started exploring sound, with a focus on pitch and how it can change. We've also kicked off our netball unit in PE, learning the rules and practising passing and movement. Well done, Year 4
Year 5	This week, Year 5 has been working very well and continuing to make excellent progress. We're really starting to see improvements in the children's CLIC scores in maths, with times table results rocketing up too – a fantastic reflection of their hard work and growing confidence with number facts. In PE, progress is also evident, particularly in netball, where we focused on shooting techniques. The children showed great enthusiasm and teamwork throughout the sessions. In art, we began our new project linked to our Battle of Britain topic in history. The children enjoyed creating the first stages of their Blitz scene artwork, showing creativity and careful attention to detail. Overall, it's been a very productive and positive week for Year 5. Well done, everyone!
Year 6	In English, we have continued our class text 'Children of the Quicksands' and written the next chapter about an imaginary world. In RE we have learnt about the meaning of 'Sin' and how it affects our relationship with God, we also painted our own representation of 'God our Loving Father'. With Mrs Nash we drew some African figures in preparation for making sculptures. Finally, in Geography we discussed human features and famous landmarks, also how these affect the landscape in the UK. The collage shows several pieces of children's work. On the left, there are notes about Buckingham Palace (located in London, built in 1703), Stonehenge (located in Salisbury, built in 3000 BC), and the London Eye (located in London, built in 1998). In the center, there's a note about Big Ben (located in London, built in 1859) and another about the Tower of London (located in London, built in 1066). On the right, there's a note about the London Eye (located on the south bank of the River Thames) and another about Stonehenge (located in Salisbury). Each note is accompanied by a simple drawing of the landmark.

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Stars of the Week

 Stars of the Week!	Year 1: <i>Joy & Kyra</i> Year 2: <i>Logan & Indie</i> Year 3: <i>Sophia-Star & Ines</i> Year 4: <i>Kit & Mia</i> Year 5: <i>Solomon & Gabriela</i> Year 6: <i>Alfred & Isla-Rose</i>
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