

Friday 11th February 2022

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Dear Parents,

We have had another fun week in school and we are enjoying sunshine, lighter days and the feeling of Spring in the air! The children have been participating in lots of fun activities - children in Reception have met PCSO Sue Fellows and her smart police car and Year 6 have made some very delicious cakes to raise money for their trip to the Imperial War Museum.

Playtimes on the field

The children will be returning to the field for lunch break from Monday. All children will need to make sure they have a pair of wellies in school.

Illnesses in school

Unfortunately we have had quite a few cases of Covid-19 in school over the past few weeks. There are currently 15 positive cases in school with the majority being in Year 6 classes. At the moment the guidelines remain that we continue to test daily if someone in the household has Covid-19 and children should stay at home if they test positive.

We have also had a number of cases of Scarlet Fever and slap cheek amongst our Reception and KS1 pupils. If your child does have a rash please consult your GP as your child could have one of these very infectious conditions and will need to stay at home until they have had 24 hours of medication to reduce the spread. We have also had an outbreak of chicken pox.

A reminder that children in Edward Jenner - winners of the house points this term, can wear non-school uniform on **Thursday 17th February** to celebrate their achievement – well done!

Mrs J Woolley
Headteacher

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House Points

This afternoon the total House Points for the term were announced to the children. Congratulations to all of the children across the school who have worked hard this term to earn House Points for their house. Huge congratulations to the children in Edward Jenner who have won this term!

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The graphic is divided into two main sections. The top section features the school logo 'stmary's tetbury' in the center, flanked by two boxes: a green one on the left and a blue one on the right, both containing a crown icon and the text 'WORK HARD AND EARN HOUSE POINTS'. Below the logo, the text 'House Points' is written in a large font, followed by 'OVERALL WINNER TERM 3'. The bottom section is titled 'THIS OVERALL WINNER THIS TERM' and contains a table with the following data:

Helen Sharman	4135
Stephen Hawking	4380
Mary Anning	3549
Edward Jenner	4393

Below the table, there is a banner that says 'AND THE WINNER IS...' and a small photograph of a person. Below the photo, the text reads 'The Green Team.... Edward Jenner'.

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R.E Workshop in Year 4

Last Thursday (3rd February), Year 4 enjoyed a visit from Daxa. She came to share with the children her life as a Hindu in Britain today. Telling us all about the festival of Navratri, she taught us a special dance with Dandiya sticks as part of the celebration. Back in the classroom, we learnt so much about what puja (worship) means to her and how it is important in her everyday life. The children were able to look at objects used in puja and ask questions that they had prepared prior to her visit. We thoroughly enjoyed the whole morning with Daxa, who really helped to enrich our learning of what it means to be a Hindu in Britain today.



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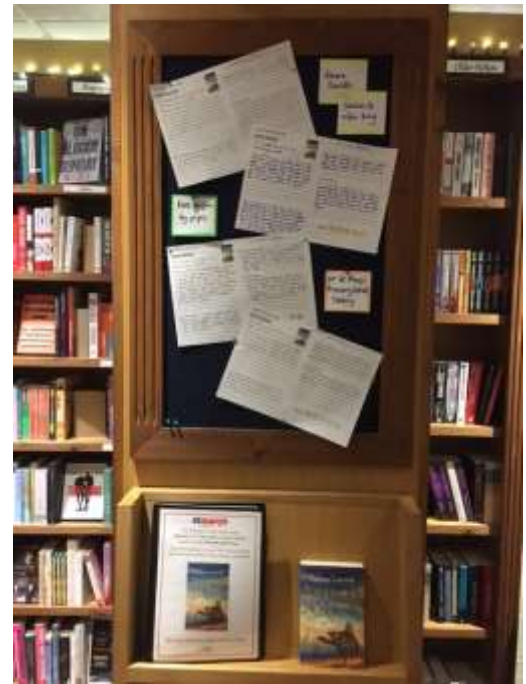
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Year 4 visit the Yellow Lighted Bookshop

On Tuesday Amelia, Ethan, Logan and Maja, along with Mrs Royle, went to the Yellow Lighted Bookshop.

We took the book reviews that we have written on our class book from last term, *Secrets of a Sun King* by Emma Carroll, as part of our learning in English. Sarah was very impressed and the reviews are now on display.

They will be there throughout the half-term break for everyone to enjoy. Why not pop along, browse their brilliant books (as we did!) and read our reviews? You might be inspired to write a review of a book that you have enjoyed reading!



Holly Class

In Holly class have been investigating the effects of exercise on our heart rates. We began by sorting activities into ones we thought would make our heart rates faster and ones that wouldn't. We can't wait to test them out next lesson. Holly Class



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Year 6 Cake Sale

Year 6 held a cake sale today to raise money for their trip to the Imperial War Museum in London. We would like to say a huge thank you to all the children and parents from Rowan and Oak classes for making the most incredible cakes, which looked and tasted delicious.

The sale was a huge success and so far, we have raised over £100 towards the cost of the coach. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Cartledge, Mr Godfrey and Year6.



Yr 5 Bikeability

Bikeability starts for year 5 on Monday 28th February for two weeks - Please make sure your child's bike is in a roadworthy condition – and send back to school both consent slips asap by Tuesday 15th November.


Year 5 STEM day

Year 5 spent an incredible STEM day this week linked to the RAF. We followed live videos to make rockets from card which were launched by a straw. We added fins to see how that affected the journey of the rocket. We also focused on aerodynamics and how the payload and angle of the launch affected trajectory and distance travelled.

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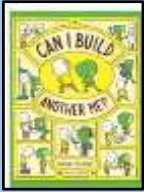
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This year, all the teachers are looking forward to celebrating World Book day with you all on **Thursday 3rd March**. We want to have a day filled with lots of 'book fun' so we would like you to come to school dressed as your favourite book character-even your teachers will be dressed up! You could also bring the book that your character is from to share with your class.




During the day, your teachers will have planned lots of exciting book- based activities for you to do and we will **all** be looking at one particular amazing book, Can I build Another Me? By Shinsuke Yoshitake. This book is great fun and explores what makes each of us individual.




★ **COMPETITION TIME** ★

This year, we would like you to create a piece of art work based on your favourite book. You can choose whatever medium you like: paint, pastels, collage, coloured pencils. You could even make a model or a sculpture-it is up to you!




If you want to make a toilet roll character or dress up a potato, you can do that too. Just have fun! Please bring your art work into school on World Book Day and Mrs Woolley will judge the entries and award some prizes!






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As always, there is a fantastic selection of £1 books to read. Please take your token along to the Yellow Lighted Bookshop in Tetbury and exchange it for a World Book Day book or have £1 off a new book of your choice! Happy Reading everyone.





Our 2022 £1 books

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Everyday Superhero

Cherry and Lime classes were very lucky to meet another everyday superhero this week. Sophie came to see us and brought lots of things from her ambulance to show us. The children asked their questions and then were allowed to try real paramedic clothes on, use real paramedic equipment and enjoyed listening to each other's hearts! It was really interesting...I wonder if the children will meet any more superheroes next week? 😊



Reception had a visit from Sue Fellows, a Police Community Support Officer. She let us sit in her police car and told us what it is like being a police officer. We asked her questions and she helped us learn more about being a police officer by answering them. She told us that there really aren't many bad people at all. Usually, her job is helping to keep people safe if they live on their own, or if a car has broken down. She showed us her radio, note pad and uniform. She also showed us the actions she does when she directs traffic to stop a crash. We loved having Sue in to talk to us!



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Clubs

Dodgeball Championship

On Friday 4th February children from year 5 and 6 took part in the Gloucestershire Schools Championship as part of the British Dodgeball Championship.

Playing 7 games throughout an action-packed day of ducking, diving and dodging the children were a real credit to the school with their brilliant sportsmanship throughout and a real team unity that ensured every player was integral to some fantastic results. In the 7 games St Marys won 5, drew 1 and lost 1 to finish the championship in a well deserved 4th place. With schools from all over Gloucestershire taking part we are extremely proud of our super Dodgeball team as they did themselves proud. We were mostly impressed with how their confidence and ability grew throughout the day with the last game seeing a terrific win again the eventual 2nd place team.

Well done to Dexter B, India W, Jack W, Imogen R, Kaleb OT, Riley T, Emma H, Dorothy H, Eliza M and Theo S



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Every participant receives their very own personalised kit bag including bat, ball, cap and t-shirt!

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- [More info to follow](#)



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Dolphins Hall, Tetbury



world
jungle

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Holiday School Meal vouchers

This February half term, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through COVID-19 grant funding we have received and is separate to that of the term time free school meals.

Parents who have signed up to the scheme will receive a voucher for £15 for each child who is eligible for FSM which will cover the February half term week. The scheme is eligible for children aged 4-16 years old. Unfortunately, we are unable to consider college and sixth form students.

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they have already been included, but, to ensure we get all who are eligible, we are encouraging new parents to sign up as soon as they can.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the February half term period is now open until the 14th February. Voucher emails will be sent out between **15th and 16th of February**. Please encourage parents to also check their junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If parents have not received their vouchers by then please encourage them to get in contact with us by emailing childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

For more information and to sign up if you haven't already please visit our website: the [Holiday School Meal vouchers page on](#) our website.

Please pass on this information to relevant parents and encourage them to apply.

YogaBugs online offer

We have an offer for families who can claim a FREE eCode to access YogaBugs Virtual - Healthy Screen time for the whole family throughout January & February 2022. Please could you pass on these messages to families who you think will benefit from the platform.

What is it?

YogaBugs virtual gives online access to hundreds of yoga & well-being videos for the whole family to take part in from the comfort of your own home! Perfect if people are worried about going out due to rising cases of COVID but still want to get some exercise in.

<https://yogabugs.com/parent-form/> to watch a short video to find out why it's a great option for families!

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Why sign up?

It is FREE!

- It takes less than 60 seconds to sign up.
- Help families feel calm, increase your child's confidence & help get your family active over the cold winter months.
- Suitable for children with SEN.

How to gain access?

Visit: <https://yogabugsvirtual.com/my-account/>

Click on parents, enter the unique eCode **gloucestershire-1361** and follow the simple registration (it takes less than 60 seconds!) Enjoy YogaBugs at home!

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Textile Recycler

The bin is located in the carpark by the Yr3/4 playground.



All funds raised directly benefit our children's school experience

Volunteering helps set a great example for our children

All funds raised by St. Mary's PTFA go directly towards benefiting each and every child that attends our school.

Without our efforts, and your continued support, we wouldn't have been able to support or provide:

- Interactive whiteboards
- Educational maths programmes
- Reading books
- Trim Trail

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- PA System
- KS1 corridor decoration etc...

We also pay for many fun experiences to enhance our children's school journey:

- KS1 Play castle
- Children's sandpit
- Christmas pantomime
- Space experience
- Coaches to events etc...

If you have any questions, ideas, or are able to provide any help, please contact us on ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk or chat to one of us in the playground.

Thank you, St Mary's PTFA



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Families Magazines

Here is the link to the next issue of [Families Magazine Gloucestershire Magazine](#) for you to share with your parents.



- Plan your meals
- Freeze leftovers
- Use / donate to charity shops
- Only wash with a full load
- Use the library

For more ideas, see:

www.greeningtetbury.org

Tip of the Month



 **Greening Tetbury**

Coming soon: Our new Community Fridge / Freezer

- Located behind the TTC offices
- Open to all to save food waste
- Watch for it on the TTC Facebook page

