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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy final two weeks of term in school. Year 4 and 5 enjoyed learning all about space in the Space Dome on Thursday and we were delighted to welcome parents in to children's classes to celebrate the work the children have been doing in KS1 over the term. Some of our pupils have participated in football tournaments at SWR winning both tournaments and we have enjoyed non-uniform days.

We were very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Wilmott on Wednesday. The children gave her a lovely send off in collective worship and she was presented with cards, gifts and flowers.

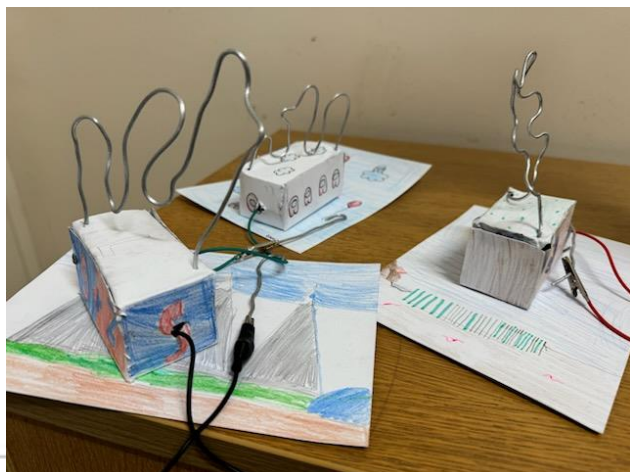
School will re-open for pupils on Monday 6th November I hope you all have a great half term break. Enjoy Halloween and stay safe on fireworks night! Further information about fireworks safety can be found below:

<https://www.rosopa.com/home-safety/advice/fireworks-safety>

Mrs J Woolley
Headteacher

Design & Technology worship

The children have completed some amazing DT projects this term. Mr Hainsworth led an assembly yesterday where children were given an opportunity to showcase their work. We saw some brilliant pneumatic moving toys, some amazing sewing and weaving and some very tricky steady hand games. Year 1 children told us about the tasty smoothies they had designed and made and Year 4 and 5 talked us through their healthy pizzas.



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The Space Dome visited Year 4 and 5

On Wednesday, the Space Dome visited Year 4 and 5. Having reached the end of our space topic, it was magical to see all the wonders of our solar system, which we have been learning about, coming to life. We had lots of questions to ask too! Everyone enjoyed visiting the Space Dome and wanted to find out even more.

"I really liked it and wish we had longer. I liked when we went through Saturn's rings and with the ice coming towards us." - Rory F

"It was really good. I learnt new facts like if you fall into a gas planet you will get crushed!" - Abi V

"I liked that it was very educational and fun. I just liked all of it!" - Alex W

"I really liked it because I didn't expect it to show all of the solar system right above us. My favourite it was when it zoomed in on the Earth." - Ava K



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Yr 4, 5 & 6 Football Festival at Sir William Romney



On Thursday 19th October, some children from Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 took part in a Girls' Football Festival at Sir William Romney. Prior to the event, the children designed and decorated their own t-shirts. The first match they played was against Leighterton, and St Mary's won with a score of 3 - 0. The final game was a 5 - 0 victory for St Mary's against Avening. This meant the children became overall winners for the tournament and were awarded gold medals. Congratulations to all of the children for their excellent teamwork and their positive attitude throughout.



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Forest Green Rovers
Community

Since the last newsletter I went to the FGR match vs Colchester on Saturday 14th October where Dad and I collected our season tickets and I bought a thick pink FGR scarf. There were lots of players back from injury including Fankaty Dabo – who joined from Coventry recently. In the first half we scored in the 41st minute with a goal from Callum Morton. In the second half one of their players got sent off after 2 yellow cards and we scored another 4 goals! A great 5-0 win. Our match the weekend after was cancelled due to bad weather in Mansfield and on Tuesday 24th October we lost 2-0 at home to Barrow. FGR are still in 23rd in the league -

19	–	Newport County	15	4	3	8	24	32	-8	15	W L L D L
20	–	Grimsby Town	15	3	5	7	20	25	-5	14	W D L L L
21	–	Colchester United	14	4	1	9	21	29	-8	13	L L L L W
22	–	Tranmere Rovers	15	3	1	11	18	27	-9	10	W D L L L
23	–	Forest Green Rovers	14	3	1	10	16	26	-10	10	L L L W L
24	–	Sutton United	15	2	1	12	20	35	-15	7	L W L L L

I am going the match this Saturday against Crawley Town and hope we can get another win as this would hopefully get us out of the relegation zone.

Please ask Morgan or I if you have any questions about FGR.

Thanks George W & Morgan S
St Marys FGR Ambassadors

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Milk – Check now!!

It's now a good time to see if your child would still like milk at school - if not, please cancel it asap as it takes a to stop the deliver. Please cancel via www.CoolMilk.co.uk.

For children receiving free school milk, please still check as this is paid for by the school and this money could go towards other things. If you are unable to cancel for any reason, please contact the school office.

Swimming lessons - the bus bay must be kept clear for the returning coach every Wednesday afternoon.

Swimming lessons will start for Ash class on Wednesday 8th November now be on Wednesday afternoons, taking place at Malmesbury Leisure Centre. The voluntary contribution for swimming is £4.75 per week. Swimming is part of the National Curriculum for PE which says each child should be able to swim at least 25 metres by the end of Key Stage 2.

Dates for your diary

Ash class lessons will start Wednesday 8th November - 29th November 4 weeks

Secondary School Transfer Year 6

Unfortunately, a recent Gloucestershire County Council website update has meant that weblinks have changed since the Transfer to Secondary School letters were printed and distributed.

If you have been unable to use the link in the Transfer to Secondary School for September 2024 letter sent to parents earlier this term from Gloucestershire County Council - please see the updated link below:

<<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/transfer-to-secondary-school-or-from-middle-to-high-school-september-2024/>>

When making your application - please make sure you have received confirmation of your on-line form submission.

Deadline for submitting your application is 31st October 2023.

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School Photo – update – register for notifications



The individual photos and family photos were taken on 4th October are now ready to view and order.

Each child will have been handed a unique and individual access code on Photo Day.

Families may order with FREE delivery to school before the deadline as shown online.

At any time orders may be placed for delivery direct to home by post.

If you have any questions or need help please call colorfoto's helpline on: 02920 448210 or email us at orders@clickfoto.co.uk

Free school Meals (FSM)

If your child is not receiving free school meals at the moment and you think you may be eligible – apply now!

Please do not reapply if you are already receiving FSM.

All children in KS1 receive Universal Free School Meals (UFSM) which you do not apply for. However, it is worth checking if your child is eligible for FSM. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, we will receive extra funding if your child is eligible, you will need your National Insurance number to hand and your child's date of birth.

Parents can apply for free school meals via the following link-

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>



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Gloucestershire Music Peripatetic Service – 2023/24



St Mary's C of E Primary School (Tetbury) has expressed an interest in offering individual & small group tuition through Gloucestershire Music (GM) for the following instruments.

Violin (yr 2 - yr 6) Please apply for this to go ahead we need more students interested

Instrumental lessons are a great way to not only engage your child in music making but are also proven to improve their confidence, concentration and much research has shown the positive effect of music on English and Maths in particular. The time that lessons commence will be decided in due course by your school and the GM tutor who will deliver the lessons. GM staff are DBS checked, and are quality assessed to maintain the highest standards of teaching across the county. **There may be additional instrumental options privately organised by your child's school.**

Should your child require an instrument they can be hired from GM. Information on prices for this scheme can be found at www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk

A **student bursary** is also available for those who wish to apply for financial assistance. This can cover tuition, instrument hire and exam fees up to £200 per term (based on a 3 term year). Visit <https://www.makemusicgloucestershire.org.uk/schools/mmg-grants-and-bursaries/> or ring us on 01452 427242 for more information. If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium and you are unable to receive a bursary or need more financial assistance, please contact the school to discuss how they might be able to help. **To sign up to our music lesson waiting list through our online parent pay system please use the following instructions.**

- 1) Visit <https://gloucestershiremusic.paritor.com>
- 2) Under the School Direct Tuition section select your child's school from the list.
- 3) Select the relevant instrument lesson from the available options.
- 4) Complete the details over the next pages.
- 5) Once you have completed this and created your Schooble account, complete your application.
- 6) Once we have organised the tutor, you will receive an email offering you a place in that music lesson.
- 7) Follow the instructions to accept the place and make your payment.
- 8) Once we have received the payment, lessons can begin.

Group Tuition 3 – 5 pupils 30m.....	£65.25
Paired Lesson 30m.....	£97.10
Individual Tuition 20m.....	£128.90
Individual Tuition 30m	£192.55

Lessons are priced based on 10 lessons a term

Terms and conditions apply www.gloucestershiremusic.org.uk/youth-groups/terms-and-conditions/

Happy music making!

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Cricket Success for St Mary's School Pupils

We would like to celebrate the amazing achievements of 7 pupils from St Mary's Primary School.

This cricket season has been a huge success and we put forward many players to county trials, all of which from St Mary's were successful in achieving Zonal or County level.

Dexter M - U10 Zonal Colts
Dylan R - U11 County Squad
Dylan S - U11 Zonal Colts
Reuben S - U11 Zonal Colts
Annie W - U11 County Squad
Ellen S - U11 County Squad
Elsie S - U11 County Squad

We are so proud of them all.

Mrs Shute
Youth Chair - Tetbury Cricket Club



Tetbury 'Men in Sheds' allotment group

The Pumpkin Sale raised £60 for this good cause – thank you!

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We hope everyone is looking forward to half term.

Firstly, thank you to everyone who came to our meeting last week regarding the upcoming Christmas events. It was great to see some new faces as well as some of our regular helpers. It was a very productive evening with lots of great ideas and plans put into place for what we are sure will be amazing fundraisers for the school. More details on our first Christmas event are below.

Secondly, continuing with the meet the PTFA in the Newsletter...This week it is the turn of our Treasurer, Grace.



"Hi, I'm Grace Kirk. I'm the current treasurer (run the finance) of PTFA. I joined the PTFA as a helper when my children joined St Mary's in 2020 as I want to help them to have the best experience at school possible and the PTFA plays a massive part of this. Whether it's giving them something to look forward to on a Friday afternoon or help fund the fun exciting trips. Raising money for our school has never been more important than now! Whether it's contributing money or time, it all helps and is appreciated."

Finally, as always our fundraising events cannot run without our amazing volunteer helpers and we are so grateful. If you are available to help us on 24th November or for any future events please drop us an email using the address below.

Please contact us if you have any questions or would like to know more.

St. Mary's PTFA

(ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk)

(Facebook: @wearestmarys)

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Ice Cream Fridays will be back soon. Please

keep an eye out on our Facebook page for updates!!

We will soon be selling ice creams again after school every Friday in front of main reception.

- Cones, rocket lollies and Fabs are £1.
- Mini milks are 50p.
- We accept cash or card.
- We start selling at 3pm so please consider buying before you collect your child/ children.

If you are ever able to help sell ice-cream's, please contact us on ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk, it only takes half an hour of your time.

Easyfundraising.com

Easyfundraising is another easy way to support your child's school at no cost to you!

When you are doing any online shopping, click via Easyfundraising.com to support St Mary's school without it costing you a penny.

Do your online shopping via <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarystetbury/> and the retailer pays a percentage of your total without any charge to you.

Friends and family can also use Easyfundraising as an easy way to support your children's school.

Donate my school

You, your family and friends can continue to support St Mary's School Parents, Teachers & Friends Association by making donations here: <https://donatemyschool.com/st-mary's-ptfa-tetbury-2345>

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Textile Recycler

The bin is located in the carpark by the Yr 3/4/5/6 playground. All funds raised by St. Mary's PTFA go directly towards benefiting each and every child that attends our school.

Please let the school office know if you find the bin full.



Community Atlas Camp

Book for next week - October camps are just around the corner! Atlas Camps will be running their award-winning holiday clubs this half term with a selection of places still available to book!

Rating Outstanding by Ofsted, Atlas Camps specialise in multi-activity clubs for children ages 4-14. With a focus on fun, activities on offer span everything from arts and crafts to sports and active play, all in a safe, enjoyable environment designed to cater for all.

Highlights include:

- Ofsted rated 'outstanding'
- Childcare vouchers accepted from a variety of providers
- Early drop-off/ late pick-up options
- Sibling discount available

Head to the Atlas Camps website at www.atlascamps.co.uk to book.



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The Tetbury Police Museum Half Term Eerie-on Sea Monster Tour

The Tetbury Police Museum is taking part in the Kids in Museums family trail for the launch of the latest book in the Eerie-on Sea monster series. There is a chance to search for the five monsters in the museum and a free activity sheet. Children can also be entered into a draw to win a set of books. The books will be available at the Yellow Lighted Bookshop.

We will be open as usual on Wednesday and Fridays 11am to 3pm. And we will be open from 12-2:30pm on Saturday the 28th. There will also be some Halloween themed activities to do in the courtroom.

Our volunteers are looking forward to seeing you and your family.

Tetbury Police Museum & Courtroom



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tffc Tetbury Town FC
are proud to host

Tetbury Fireworks Night!



Saturday 11th November 2023
@ SWR School- Gates open 6pm

Sponsored by

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& Tythe House

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Featuring: A Professional Fireworks Display, Bonfire, Jesse Smith's 'Big Pan'- Burgers & Hotdogs, The Picnic Box, Fudgin' Shell Brownies, Cold Drinks and more!

Advanced tickets:
tinyurl.com/TTFCTFireworks
or scan this handy QR code



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Families Gloucestershire Magazine

Here is the **link** to the next issue of [Families Gloucestershire Magazine Sep/Oct 2023](#)

Our **September/October 2023** issue is loaded with useful information for local parents including:

- Free Halloween Activity Pack
- Making the most of Parents’ Evenings
- Best new adventure books for kids
- How can AI support dyslexia?
- Celebrating different learning styles
- Phonics resources to assist with reading
- Fun role play ideas for kids
- Autumn outside activities
- Top family friendly museums
- and loads more.....

