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Dear Parents,

We were delighted to welcome the **hedgehog rescue** people into school on Monday. We asked them in because of the number of hedgehogs we have rescued from the field over the years. They gave a really interesting presentation which certainly lit a spark of curiosity in many children - they asked lots of great questions afterwards and we are planning to make our field more hedgehog friendly. Thanks to Mrs Eke for organising this.

We all thoroughly enjoyed our **World Book Day** in school on Friday and it was amazing to see so many creative costumes - clearly a lot of thought and effort had gone into them. The children were immersed in literature and books throughout the day and I really enjoyed our collective worship at the end of the day when children stood up and told us about their favourite books.

It was lovely to welcome Steve and Pauline from St. Mary's Church on Wednesday to lead a service for **Ash Wednesday**. The children learnt all about the significance of Ash Wednesday to Christians.

Strikes

As you will know, industrial action is planned for Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. Please make sure you check the separate communication sent on strikes to see if your child's class is open or closed.

Mr Walters

You may have noticed that Mr Walters hasn't been around for a few days. He has been in hospital for some surgery and I am sure you will join me in wishing him a speedy recovery. Hopefully he will be up on his feet and back at school soon.

Mrs Withers (Ash class) will be starting her maternity leave after the Easter holiday. I am sure you will join me in wishing her every joy with her new baby. Mrs Wheeler will be teaching Ash Class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Makin will be teaching in Ash Class on Thursdays and Fridays from the start of next term.

Red Nose Day

Don't forget red nose Day on Friday 17th March. Children can come in dressed in pyjamas, you are able to donate to Comic Relief via the payment option now available on Parentpay. We look forward to seeing you all snuggly on Friday 17th!

I hope you all have a enjoyable weekend,

Mrs J Woolley, Headteacher.

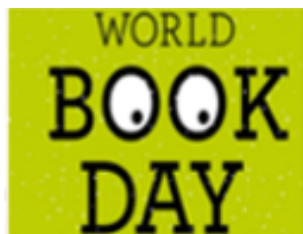
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World Book Day

St Mary's has enjoyed a fantastic World Book Day. Everyone made a huge effort to dress up as their favourite book character and all classes enjoyed a mystery reader before spending time talking about and celebrating some of their most-loved books. We'd like to say thank you to everybody who dressed up and give a special thank you to all the parents, relatives and friends who made such an effort to create the most beautiful costumes.



Thank you to everyone who supported the scholastic Book fair.

Through your support, we raised a whopping £1,613.24 in sales

and that doesn't include the £1 book vouchers redeemed! The school receives a fantastic proportion of the sales which equates to £967. This is the most money ever to be raised through the book fair and all profit will be shared amongst classes, allowing teachers to buy new books for their book corners and their curriculum.

Thank you to all the staff and Ptfa who helped during the fare and battled with the new payment systems!

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Everyday superhero visits

The children in Cherry and Lime classes have been very busy this week meeting some of our local everyday superheroes! On Tuesday Eli's daddy, Alex brought an ambulance to school and everyone had the chance to see inside. On Wednesday we braved the snow and walked to Tetbury fire station to see a team of firefighters including Bonnie and Winnie's daddy, and Noah H's daddy too! We all sat inside a fire engine, tried on the uniform and learnt a lot about what firefighters do. The children had been writing questions to ask in their Literacy lessons - a fantastic opportunity for them all. Thank you to everyone who helped make the visits possible.



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Visit from Wild Hogs Hedgehog Rescue Charity



Your help is needed - Hedgehog news

This week, we were extremely lucky to receive a visit from Wild Hogs Hedgehog Rescue Charity. The volunteers spoke during our whole school assembly and later spent some time with our Eco-Club. They remarked upon what a lovely school we had and were especially impressed by the politeness and enthusiasm of our children.

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During their talk, advice was given on what we could do to help our prickly garden favourites. Very sadly, we learnt that the British hedgehog is now classified as ‘vulnerable to extinction.’

Here at St Mary’s, we are keen to do all that we can to help revive the hedgehog population. Our Eco-Club, alongside Forest-School, are currently making big improvements on our school field (which we know provides a habitat for many hedgehogs). We are planning to build our very own hedgehog houses to offer safe shelter for breeding and hibernating. We are extremely grateful to Hills Homes Development Ltd who have kindly donated the materials we need to create our hog-houses.



What can you do?

Your children may already have offered you some useful tips for the garden.

Additionally, we would like to help the ‘Wild Hogs’ Gloucestershire hedgehog rescue charity by donating chicken flavoured cat food. Any tins or pouches would be very gratefully received. Thank you very much in advance.

Finally, if anyone has any old wheelbarrows which they no longer use, these could be put to great use when we transport the heavy blocks and slabs which will make up the hedgehog houses. They would also be a super and fun addition to our OPAL playtime.

Thank you.

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Bikeability

Over the last couple of weeks, Year 5 have had a great time completing Bikeability! We started on the playground and then rode on the road in small groups. We learnt to communicate with cars on the road, make safe turns and how to pass parked cars safely. We also learnt about navigating junctions and how to ride in primary or secondary position. We earned our level 2 badges and had a lot of fun! Please remember this is just the beginning their journey using the roads. Parents should supervise their children on the roads until they are happy they are confident riders.



Year 4

If your child is currently in year 4, now is the time to start practising ready for next years bikeability. Bikeability takes place for year 5's in February 2024!

Community

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal vouchers for Easter holidays are now open until the 21 March. Voucher emails will be sent out on 27 March. Please check your junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there.

Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of £15 per registered child, for 1 week of the spring holiday, whilst the Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF) provides for the second week of the holiday. For more information on the HAF programme, you can visit [Gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf](https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf).

To find out more about the scheme and to apply, please visit the Holiday free school meal vouchers webpage <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/meals-during-school-holidays/holiday-free-school-meal-vouchers/holiday-free-school-meal-vouchers/#main>

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Please do not re-apply if you are already in receipt of free school meals. Those who are not in receipt or who previously have not been eligible, if your circumstances have changed, please go to the Free school meals website via the following;

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals (you will also need your national insurance number).

You will get an instant decision, if you are eligible you can apply for the Holiday free school meal vouchers via the website;

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/meals-during-school-holidays/holiday-free-school-meal-vouchers/holiday-free-school-meal-vouchers/#main>

You can check your child's eligibility at any time and if you are not eligible today, but your situation changes it is worth rechecking their eligibility.

St Marys Parish Church



The poster features a blue background with a yellow starburst. At the top left, a pink box contains the text 'iSing POP'. Below this, the text 'You are invited to' is written in red. The word 'CELEBRATE' is written in large, bold, red letters. Below this, a yellow chick is shown with a speech bubble that says 'And our Easter chick hunt in the churchyard'. At the bottom left, another pink box contains the text 'iSing POP'. The word 'CELEBRATE' is repeated in large, bold, red letters. Below this, the text 'NEXT MEETS: SUNDAY 12th MARCH 2023' is written in blue. Below this, the text 'IN ST MARYS' CHURCH' is written in blue. Below this, the text 'For all the family, on Sunday afternoons 4.00-5.30pm' is written in blue. Below this, the text 'Explore best-loved Bible stories and ask questions, big and little. Enjoy time together with crafts, chatting, sharing iSingPOP songs and prayers.' is written in blue. At the bottom, the text 'Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult please.' is written in blue.

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Being With



Exploring God in the Everyday
A new course exploring Christianity
using life experience

An inclusive experience, all welcome, no special knowledge or religious language needed, just what you have learned so far from life.

Wednesday evenings, 7-9pm

10 weeks in 2 blocks

March 1st — March 29th 2023

April 19th — May 17th 2023

Venue — to be confirmed on booking

Cost — there is no cost to participants

For more details go to: www.tetburychurch.co.uk

To pre book a place contact the church office

office@tetburychurch.co.uk, 01666 500088

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The **Being With** course is an introduction to Christianity with a difference. Rather than being a Bible study or series of arguments to try to convince you that God exists, it starts with the conviction that you already have a wealth of understanding of truth, beauty and goodness that will help you, in the company of others, to recognise God's presence in your life and your everyday experiences. At its heart is the idea that God's greatest desire is to be with us in Jesus. That's the reason the world was created; that's why you were created.

Over a period of ten weeks, you will discover dimensions of this presence and what it means to live abundantly with God and with one another with creation.

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PTFA

We have sent home this week an Egg-citing competition activity sheet for everyone to complete, to be in with a chance of winning an Egg-cellent Easter Egg prize

If your child would like to enter:

** Please pay £1 per child via parentpay and return the completed sheet along with your child's name and answer to their class teacher

OR

** Please pay £1 in an envelope - addressed to the PTFA to your class teacher, with the completed sheet along with your child's name and answer (if you haven't got an envelope Sellotape it to your entry).

All entries must be returned by Wednesday 29th March to take part.

Egg-citingly, one child from each year group will be drawn at random to receive a fabulous chocolate egg prize!!

Thank you Hunter French Tetbury for kindly sponsoring this event.

Good luck everyone!!!!



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PTFA - Get involved!

We are always looking for more helpers and fresh ideas, please contact us on ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk if you are able to help.



Ice Cream Fridays

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

- Cones, rocket lollies and Fabs are £1.
- Mini milks are 50p.

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- 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 an 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.

Textile Recycler

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



Amazon Smile

Amazon Smile is an easy way to support your child's school at no cost to you!

When using the Amazon app or website to make purchases, select our school as your chosen charity and

Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases at **no cost to you!**

Please be careful to select: St. Mary's Primary School Parents Teachers and Friends Association (Tetbury)



For information on how to set up AmazonSmile please visit:

<https://www.aboutamazon.com/news/community/how-to-sign-up-for-amazonsmile>

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STEPS AHEAD

Tetbury

FREE services throughout Gloucestershire for families with babies and young children born during the COVID-19 pandemic, between March 2020 & March 2022

Stay & Play + Health


Session runs alongside the **COMMUNITY NURSERY NURSE Clinic**

A fantastic group for parents / carers with babies & little ones!
Come along to our baby group where you and your baby can socialise and meet other families.

Age appropriate toys and activities will be available for all to enjoy including sensory play.


At all groups there are opportunities to seek advice and guidance on a range of subjects and in addition, we have regular guest speakers on a variety of topics including saving energy at home & breast-feeding support.

WHERE:
The Dolphin's Hall
New Church Street
Tetbury
GL8 8DS




WHEN:
Wednesdays
1.00pm - 2.30pm
stepsahead@barnardos.org.uk

If your baby was born between March 2020 & March 2022



Book your FREE place today!!



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Highlights include:

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

For further information, please watch this video <https://atlascamps.co.uk/promo/generic-16x9.mp4> or check out the attached poster.

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

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It's spring! Think “garden” Switch from mains to rains



For more ideas, see:

www.greeningtetbury.org

- Invest in a water butt – or make your own
- Start storing water now
- Check for leaks
- Use a mulch
- Direct water onto roots



Avoid the
mains and
save our
precious
ground-
water.



 **Greening Tetbury**

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OUR 2023 EVENT CALENDAR

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DATE	EVENT
Tuesday 24th January	Winter Indoor Training starts
Friday 3rd February	Race Night
Friday 31st March	Quiz Night
Saturday 29th April	Club Open Day
Saturday 6th May	First Senior Fixtures
Sunday 7th May	Coronation Celebration
Sunday 11th June	Girls & Ladies Day
Sunday 9th July	Under 9 Softball Festival
Monday 7th - Friday 11th August	Cricket Summer Camp
Sunday 27th August	Tony Jones' Memorial Family Day
Friday 1st September	Youth End of Season Celebration
Friday 20th October	End of Season Presentation Evening
Friday 24th November	Quiz Night
Saturday 9th December	Club Christmas Party

All our events are run with the aim of putting on fun activities for our members and the local community to enjoy, while also helping us to raise funds to put towards our charitable objectives.

Keep an eye on our website and social media for further announcements on all of these events, or contact us on hello@tetburycc.co.uk or 07780079938 for more information.

IT'S TIME TO PLAY!

AGES 6 UPWARDS

JOIN OUR JUNIOR CRICKET SECTION AT TETBURY CRICKET CLUB

THE ACTION NEVER STOPS

We are on the look out to grow our youth section and to offer more children the opportunity to enjoy playing cricket... not just in the summer, but in the winter too!

INDOOR TRAINING AT SIR WILLIAM ROMNEY'S SCHOOL

STARTING TUESDAY 24TH JANUARY
Under 11, Under 13 and Under 15 Girls - 6pm to 7pm

STARTING WEDNESDAY 25TH JANUARY
Under 9 (mixed) - 5pm to 6pm
Under 11 & Under 13 Boys - 6pm to 7pm

Running for 10 weeks @ £4 a session or book all sessions for just £35

OUTDOOR TRAINING AT THE RECREATION GROUND

STARTING SATURDAY 22ND APRIL
For all age groups. 10.00am - 11.00am

Contact us on hello@tetburycc.co.uk or scan the QR code to join and get playing

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Registered Office: Sports Pavilion, Dolphins Recreation Centre, New Church Street, Tetbury, GL8 8DS

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