

**Friday 21st September 2018**

Our Christian Value for the term: Generosity

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Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to welcoming the children and staff back from Morfa Bay this afternoon. They have had a great time albeit a bit soggy and quite windy!

We appreciate how difficult it is during drop off and pick up and everyone is in a rush in the mornings so thank you to the vast majority of parents who are parking considerately and safely around school during drop off and pick up times and who say thank you to Mr Minal for helping them cross the road. We hope that soon all our school community will do the same at the start and end of the day.

Mrs J Woolley  
Headteacher

## School Photo - Reminder

Individual School photos and siblings will be taken this week on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September.  
If you do not wish your child to have their photo taken please email the school office.



## School Diary

25 <sup>th</sup> September	Grab a Grown up starts for EYFS/KS1 8.40 every 2 wks	29 <sup>th</sup> October	First day of Term
26 <sup>th</sup> September	School Photos – individual and siblings	6 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
27 <sup>th</sup> September	SWR Open Evening 6.30pm – 9.00pm	7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening 4.00pm – 7.00pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct	SWR Open Mornings 9.15am – 11.00am	28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 trip Ashmolean Museum Oxford
1 <sup>st</sup> October	Malmesbury School evening school tour time to be confirmed	21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day of term
10 <sup>th</sup> October	KS2 Harvest Festival - school hall at 2.30pm. Parents welcome.	2019 7 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of term
11 <sup>th</sup> October	Reception to year 5 Flu nasal spray KS1 Harvest Festival – Church 2.00pm. Parents welcome.	15 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term
12 <sup>th</sup> October	PTFA School Disco	25 <sup>th</sup> February	First day of Term
17 <sup>th</sup> October	Open morning 9.30 – 11.30 For prospective parents	25 <sup>th</sup> February	Bikeability - Yr 5 (Bikes and Helmet needed)
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Last Day of Term	7 <sup>th</sup> March	World book day
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct Friday	Inset Day		

## Romans Marching into Cirencester

Year 3 will be learning about the Romans in summer term and Year 4 really enjoyed learning about them last year. Therefore, you may be interested in going to see the Roman army march into Cirencester this Sunday. Please see this link for further details. <https://www.wiltsglosstandard.co.uk/news/16887900.romans-return-to-cirencester/>

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## Morfa Bay

Please remember to continue making payments on Parentpay.



## Komodo Maths

A final reminder that the Komodo Summer Challenge ends this Sunday - 23rd September. Take the opportunity over the weekend to finish the challenge or do as much as you can.

Celebrations for all those successful children will be presented next Friday 😊

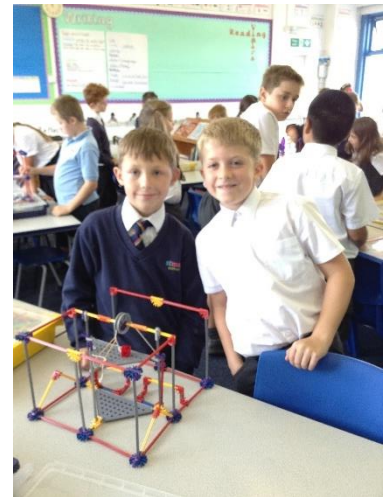
## K'nex Challenge

Children in year five were introduced to the exciting world of engineering this week - using K'nex!

We were lucky enough to welcome a member from the STEM Works team and a Design Engineer from Renishaw who gave us great support and advice throughout the challenge. The children had a fantastic day, experimenting with structures, gears and other mechanisms to produce a design which solved the 'cheese problem'.

The children were judged on their ability to work together, solve problems, produce a working model and communicate their ideas to each other. All children performed brilliantly throughout the challenge but there could only be one winning team.

Congratulations to Alex and Martin who have been invited to represent St Mary's at the Gloucestershire K'nex final!



**Grab a Grown** up will start on Tuesday 25th September for EYFS/KS1 classes 8.40 - 8.50am. We will be grabbing our grown ups once a fortnight so the dates for this term are 25.09 and 09.10.

## Tesco's Blue Tokens - School Hall Refurbishment Project

Between September and October you will be able to use your Tesco blue tokens to support the improvements of the school hall which, is used on a daily basis by all pupils.

Your support will be very much appreciated by everyone at St Mary's and will help us receive a grant of between £1000.00 and £4000.00.

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St Mary's School Council



Last week, I had an opportunity to speak to pupils regarding St Mary's School Council.

Throughout the academic year, I will be working alongside a group of pupils, from all classes, to support the development of the school. Each term, we will focus on a specific area of development to ensure a variety of relevant issues are covered across the year.

All pupils, from Y1-Y6, will have an opportunity to be elected as a School Council representative by their class teacher. We can then ensure that individuals who are positive role models throughout the school have an opportunity to develop their leadership experiences on a larger scale.

Within year 5 and 6, there will also be an exciting opportunity to become Chair and Vice-Chair of the school council. The candidates will be expected to present a two minute pitch to the school outlining why they should be elected. Much like a democracy, all pupils will then vote for their preferred candidate.

On Monday 24th September, pupils will be given a small application form from their class teacher (please see below). All pupils wanting to become part of the School Council will need to complete and return to their class teacher by Friday 28th September.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mr Walters.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Year group \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

I would make a great member of the school council because...

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If you had to describe yourself, what three words would you use?

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

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## ***Free school uniform and support for your child!!***

*As you may know we receive funding from the Government to provide additional support for every child who is registered for Free School Meals. This funding doesn't just provide your child with free school meals but is also used to enhance your child's whole primary school experience, including pastoral and educational needs. If your child is eligible they will attract this support every year, for the whole of their time at primary school, even if your situation subsequently changes. Universal Infant Free School Meals is different to Free School Meals and does not attract this same support and funding.*

*If your child is in Reception, KS1 or KS2 and you think your child/ren may be eligible for Free School Meals and this support please check by logging on to [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals) (you will also need your national insurance number). 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.*

*If you have any questions about this support you can discuss it confidentially with Mrs Silins. We will fund a school jumper and tie for all children who are registered for Free School Meals from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018*

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## **Headlice**

Due to large number of reported cases of Headlice 'Nits' in school. Please could all parents check and treat their child this weekend. Your help in this matter is much appreciated.

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## **Milk – reminder to register if your child requires milk at school**

Reception Children whose parents have registered them for Free school milk (under 5's) are receiving milk in class at the moment, it is not an automatic registration. If you would like to take advantage of the free school milk scheme, please register your child at the link below. As the children turn five this will become chargeable and an invoice will be sent to the parent/carer from Coolmilk. If you do not want your child to receive milk in school, the parent/carer will need to cancel it. This should be done via Coolmilk at: [www.CoolMilk.co.uk](http://www.CoolMilk.co.uk).

There is also free milk for anyone entitled to free school meals. Please register via the link below.

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## Peripatetic Music lessons – KS2

Mrs Wilson our new flute/clarinet/recorder teacher and Mr Hopkins (guitar) have started their music lessons this week. If you would like sign up for music lessons please go on to our parents evening web site and sign up (<https://stmarystetbury.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>) there are still places available.

Mr Adkins (piano) will start his lessons on Tuesday 25th September - (Taster Sessions available) due to children being away at Morfa Bay. Again if you would like your child to have piano lessons please book on-line as above.

## Clubs

Netball club will continue next week for current members, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September

Young Voices with Mrs May will start on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October.



## UPDATE from St Marys School PTFA

Following the AGM on Wednesday evening, we are so pleased to announce that with your help the PTFA raised £13640 last academic year!

The first event on our schedule is the autumn disco on **Friday 12th October**. Please let us know if you can help by emailing [ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk)

other key dates;

Wed 17th Oct: School Open morning

Wed 17th Oct 7.30pm: Tetbury Community Choir Concert, tickets available from Tetbury Hardware and the school office (from Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September)

Friday 30th Nov: Wreath Making

More details to follow.

## Ice Cream Friday

We will be selling ice creams after school on Friday by the main entrance. Just £1 per ice cream.

## School Disco – Friday 12th October. Disco Tickets £2.50 per child.

KS1 & EYFS: 5.30 – 6.30pm. KS2 6.45 – 7.45pm

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School Disco ....

**KS1** tuck shop: Jelly sweets & chocolate will be on sale for 20p each.

**KS2** will also have a tuck shop and the popular photo booth is back with a variety of new props. Tuck shop items priced from 10p to 50p. Photo booth is 50p a go.

We will also be selling glow items at both discos (50p/£1)

If you have any questions about the disco, please don't hesitate to ask. The PTFA organise and attend the discos and 3 members of staff will be also present at each disco.

Drop off for disco is in the Yr 3/4 Playground near Beech Class. Pickup at the double doors in Yr 3/4 playground. Please note: No mobile phones allowed. The discos are for St Marys students only.

MORE DETAILS to follow nearer the time.

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## Easyfundraising.com

If you are super organised and already preparing for Christmas, don't forget to shop online via Easyfundraising.com You can support St Marys 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. Retailers include Amazon, Ebay, John Lewis, Tesco, Expedia, Waitrose, flybe and many more. Sign up today!

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## Classlist

St Marys PTFA have a parent representative scheme. A parent volunteer liaises with the class teacher / TA to pass on information to all the parents in each class to ensure everyone is fully informed about activities within each class.

We have found that this is especially useful for parents that are unable to drop off and collect their children due to work commitments.

Please register for the parent rep app - [www.classlist.com](http://www.classlist.com) (available on the app store). Click 'Join Here' and search for 'St Mary's CE VA Primary School, Tetbury'

If you would like to be the representative for your class, please register as above and let the PTFA know by emailing [ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk)

EYFS Cherry: Kate Reeves

Lime: Penny Jones

Yr 1 Holly: Rhiain Clapham

Yr 2 Pear:

Juniper: Clare Banbrook

Yr 3 Beech:

Willow:

Yr 4 Maple:

Chestnut:

Yr 5/6 Ash:

Elm:

Oak:

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## Community

### Girlguiding

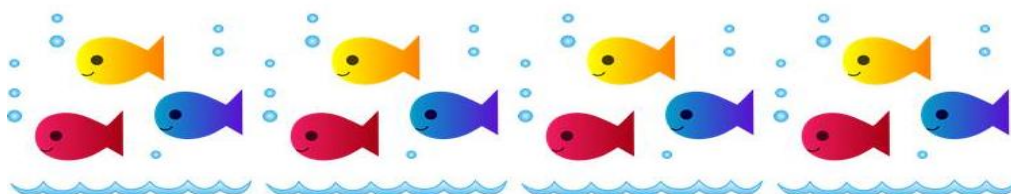


Tetbury Brownies currently have spaces for girls aged 7-9 so if you would like to arrange a trial visit for your daughter on either a Tuesday or Thursday please contact Sue Doidge (girlguidingtetbury@gmail.com or 07961 116678). Or you can speak to Caroline Swinburne in the playground. Or to register for



any of our sections (Rainbows aged 5-7 or Guides aged 10+) please go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) and 'register your daughter'. We would also love to welcome some new volunteer adults (particularly in Rainbows) to help us deliver our brand new exciting programme. Again, please contact Sue for more information or to arrange a visit.

### St Marys' Church



**Come to St Marys' church on Sunday and join our Little Fishes Sunday School.** The service starts at 10am, and our Little Fishes go out during the service. Suitable for 2 years + with a special theme each week and craft activities. Contact Poppy for more information on 01666 502333 or [poppy\\_hughes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:poppy_hughes@hotmail.co.uk)

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ⒺTⒺ **Tetbury** ⒺTⒺ  
**Community Choir**



*In Concert with*  
**Soloist: HEATHER BRISTOW**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018**  
**at 7.30pm**

**At St Mary's Primary School**  
**Tetbury**

*In aid of School Funds*

**Tickets: £5 from:**  
**The School Office**  
**Tetbury Hardware**  
**Tetbury Tourist Information Office**  
**or from [johnsaynor@talktalk.net](mailto:johnsaynor@talktalk.net)**

Tickets available from the school office (from Tuesday 25th September)

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**Monday 1st - Saturday 6th October 2018**

# Open Week

**for award winning music service**

Gloucestershire Music (Local Authority Music Service) is reaching out to musicians (new and old) from across the county. With no less than 14 weekly music centres, groups, orchestras and adult ensembles there are opportunities for musicians of all ages and levels to play, progress and perform.


- **Free F.A.M.E (First Access Music Ensembles) sessions for beginner instrumentalists**
- **Learn As You Play (LAYP) Adult programme for those yearning to play a musical instrument**
- **Music Centres in Stroud, Gloucestershire, Cheltenham (Jazz), and the Forest of Dean**
- **Award winning County Music Groups.**


Members of GM continue to fly the flag for our county with national success at major music festivals as well as perform regularly at impressive venues such as Tewkesbury Abbey, Birmingham Symphony Hall and the iconic Royal Albert Hall. Please visit [www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk](http://www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk)

The new academic year will see another packed musical diary with visits from professional musicians and bands, regional events and festivals and great concert opportunities.



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## Tetbury Minibus Autumn/Winter Day Trips

- Cadbury World trip from Tetbury 26 October  
Full day. Adult £20 Child/OAP £15
- Bicester Shopping Trip 17 November from Tetbury  
Full day. Adult £20 Child/OAP £15.  
Bucks Fizz & pastries included.
- Burford Winter Market 1 December from Tetbury  
4 hours £13 Adult £10 Child/OAP

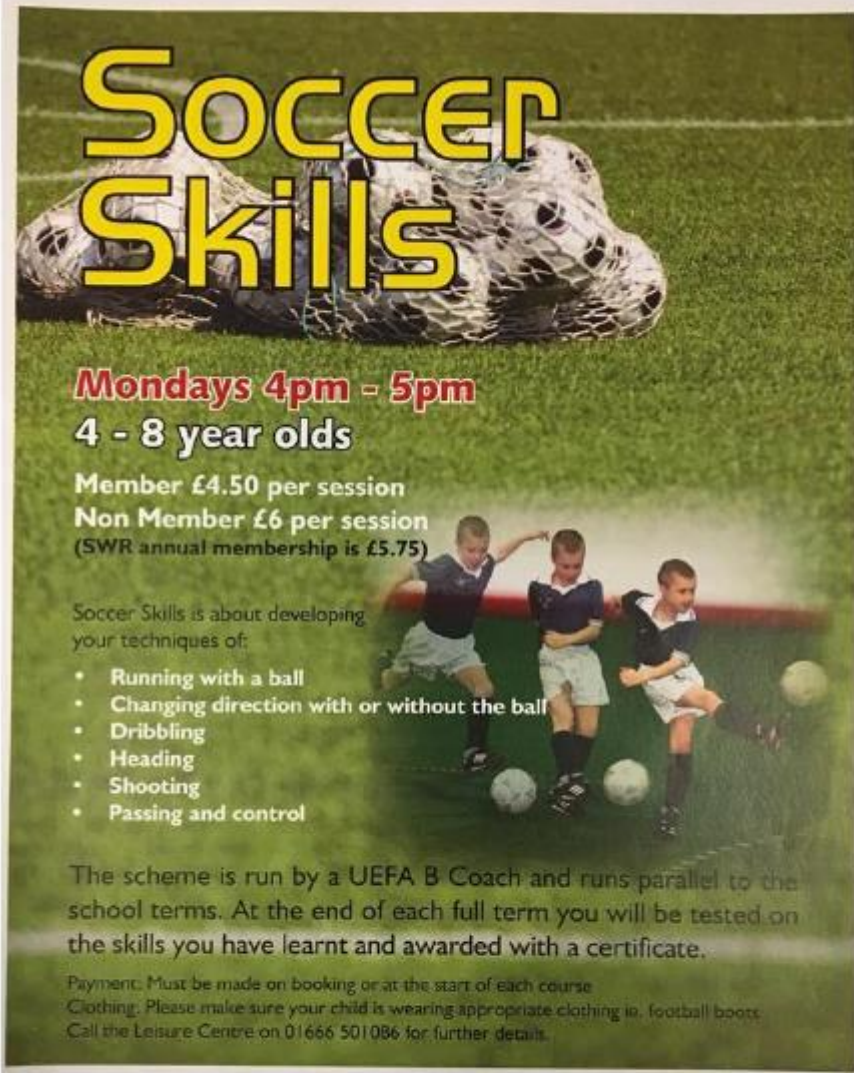


For a quotation please call 07939 890891 or visit [www.tetburyminibus.co.uk](http://www.tetburyminibus.co.uk)

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## Soccer Skills

**Mondays 4pm - 5pm**  
**4 - 8 year olds**

Member £4.50 per session  
Non Member £6 per session  
(SWR annual membership is £5.75)




Soccer Skills is about developing your techniques of:

- Running with a ball
- Changing direction with or without the ball
- Dribbling
- Heading
- Shooting
- Passing and control

The scheme is run by a UEFA B Coach and runs parallel to the school terms. At the end of each full term you will be tested on the skills you have learnt and awarded with a certificate.

Payment: Must be made on booking or at the start of each course  
Clothing: Please make sure your child is wearing appropriate clothing ie. football boots.  
Call the Leisure Centre on 01666 501086 for further details.

Lowfield Road, Tetbury, Glos. GL8 8AE  
T: (01666) 501086 E: [leisure@swr.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:leisure@swr.gloucs.sch.uk)  
Facebook: [@SWR Leisure Centre](https://www.facebook.com/SWR-Leisure-Centre)

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## Police Point Meeting Times held at Tetbury Town Council

### September

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 11am (Crime Prevention Shop)

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 11am

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 10am – 11am

Please come along and speak to a local Officer

