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Dear Parents,

Thank you to everyone who made the I Sing Pop concerts happen yesterday - the PTFA and Church for agreeing to fund the event and Poppy, Steve and Pauline for hosting the event in the wonderful surroundings of St. Mary's Church. I would also like to thank Jake and the I Sing Pop Team for inspiring the children to sing and dance.



Can I also give a special mention to all the parents who helped put the staging up and stayed to take it down after the concert last night. You are all superstars!

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Unfortunately, we said goodbye to Zowie Baker as Senior Midday Supervisor this week. Zowie has been overseeing the running of lunchtimes so brilliantly over the years but she needs to spend more time with the family business. We are very sorry she will not be working with us but we will still see her around as a parent. Victoria Kennett has kindly stepped into her shoes.

We will also be saying goodbye to Mr Williams next week as he will be leaving to take up a permanent position in another setting. Mr Williams has been working in a pastoral role at the school during Mrs Calabria's maternity leave. I am sure you will join me in wishing him every success in his new post.

Mrs Kirk and Mrs Staples have been appointed as teaching assistants in the school. We are delighted to be welcoming them to the team next week.

I understand that the strike action may have caused difficulties for families on Wednesday. The decision to take industrial action is not taken lightly and the number of teachers who took action on Wednesday made it impossible for us to open. Further strike action is currently planned for 2nd March, 15th March and 16th March. I do not know how many teachers intend to strike on these days. As soon as I have further information I will let parents know however it may be that the school will need to close or partially close on those days.

We have taken the decision to celebrate World Book Day on Friday 3rd March, rather than Thursday 2nd, because of the planned strikes. Children have voted to come to school dressed as a book character on this day. We would encourage parents not to buy ready made costumes but to be creative and use items of clothing you already have. We will send out information nearer the time with some ideas.

WORLD
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SCHOLASTIC

Book fair returns to our school! Dates to be confirmed

Mrs J Woolley
Headteacher

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NSPCC Number Day – Cherry and Lime

Today the children in Cherry and Lime classes have been celebrating 'all things maths' as they take part in the NSPCC Number day. Everyone has dressed up and the children have been enjoying showing their parents some fun maths activities at Grab a Grown Up, they have been listening to number stories, singing counting songs and engaging in some mathematical challenges too. The children have also been using mathematical language as they describe the walk to Church this week and created huge maps to show the way 😊 A great day 👍



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SPORT AT ST MARYS

On Friday 17th February we are delighted to announce Abbie Brown, GB and England Rugby player, will be coming to St Marys to inspire our children. Abbie will start with an assembly where she will show medals and tell her story, hard work, lessons, and insights into her sporting journey. The children will then take part in a fitness circuit with Abbie with our brilliant sports leaders helping throughout the day.

To celebrate this great occasion children will be allowed to come into school wearing uniform/kit that shows who they represent in our community. If you play for the local football, rugby, netball, cricket teams or are a guide, rainbow, beaver or cub then please wear those clothes or any other local teams/organisations within the community. Children are welcome to wear PE kit if they don't currently represent a community team or group.

Mr Knight and Miss Browning



Gymnastics

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Our Year 4 children, who attended gymnastics club, participated in a gymnastics festival at Deer Park. There were lots of different activities for the children to take part in such as walking along a balance beam, using the tumble track and going on the asymmetric bars,



Cross Country

Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 attended a cross country event at Sir William Romney. The children were taught different techniques to maintain their pace over a long distance. As a group, the children had to run 25 laps of the school hall which enabled them to use the skills they had learnt.



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Young Voices

Some of the Year 5 and 6 children had a fantastic time at Young Voices in Birmingham.

We performed a variety of songs including a 'Trolls Pop medley' and fan favourite 'Sing From Your Heart'. Once again, we were lucky enough to get to perform with the Beat Box collective (including a show down against the audience!) and get shown some moves by the Urban Strides.

Highlights from the evening included: recording a song with the one and only Heather Small and an incredible performance by violinist Anna Phoebe. We returned to school with a group of very happy, very tired children and staff!



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FOREST SCHOOL

On a freezing January morning the children took part in the perfect Forest school activity, fire lighting! The children used a flint and steel to start a fire. The children used cotton wool and discovered the tiny fibres were perfect to ignite from a tiny spark. It was brilliant to see how well the children did with every child being successful and using the fire safety rules they have ingrained in them as part of the special Forest School rules. We look forward to a toasty fire in the weeks ahead as we decide on what to cook on the fire for our celebration fire.

Mr Knight



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CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

On the 27th of January some very lucky Year 6 children had the opportunity to visit Westonbirt school to take part in some Harry Potter themed creative writing workshops. They took part in activities such as building characters through drama, a vocabulary scavenger hunt and then had a great writing session at the end of the day to put into practice all they had learnt.

Mr Bartrop and Mr Godfrey



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St Mary's School **Disco**



Hot dogs

Glow in the dark face paints

Tuck shop

Thursday 9th Feb

- Year 1&2 4-5pm
- Year 3&4 5.15-6.15pm
- Year 5&6 6.30-7.30pm

Wear your favorite disco clothes!

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PTFA

We are delighted to be hosting the first PTFA Disco of 2023 on Thursday 9th February....



Disco times:

- Years 1 and 2: 4 - 5pm
- Years 3 and 4: 5.15 - 6.15pm
- Years 5 and 6: 6.30 - 7.30pm

We will be selling Frankfurters at £1, Neon facepaint for £1 as well as the usual tuck shop (ranges from 10p to 50p in cost per item e. g. small haribo bag or a milky way).

Tickets are available to purchase on parentpay for £2.50.

ESSENTIAL BOOKING INFO:

- When booking on parentpay, please provide the name and number of the collecting adult. This is for us to use in emergencies.
- Please state all allergies and illness (asthma etc) so we can provide the best care for your child.
- Drop off for the disco is in the Yr 3/4 Playground near Beech Class.
- Pick up at the double doors in Yr 3/4 playground.

The PTFA organise and attend the discos along with members of staff. Parents will not be able to stay unless they are on the pre-arranged list of helpers. If you would like to stay and help, or have any further questions, please contact the PTFA on ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk or find us in the playground.

Please note: No mobile phones are allowed at the disco and discos are for St. Marys students only.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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St. Mary's PTFA (ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk)



Ice Cream Fridays are back!!

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.
- We accept cash or card.
- We start selling at 3pm so please consider buying before you collect your child/ children.

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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.

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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Community

★ **February Half Term** ★
Free Children & Young People
Workshops
Dolphins Hall New Church Street, GL8 8DS, Tetbury

 **Mon February 20th 10:30am -12:30**
Circus skills with the Magnificent Mr Kai
Ages 6 - 14yrs ★ 

Tues February 21st - 10am - 12
Graffiti Style Art - creating vinyl art pieces
Ages 8- 12yrs old 

 **Wed. February.22 10am -12**
Hula Hoop Making with Ellie Hoops
Ages 10 -14yrs

Fri February 24th 10-11 (6-9) & 11-12 (9-14)
African Drumming with Richard Master drummer 



★ **All workshops are free but booking is required** ★
Visit www.worldjungle.org.uk fmi
or scan qr code

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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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It's just 2 weeks to go until Atlas Camps will be running their award-winning holiday clubs this February, 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

For further information, please watch this video



COME AND JOIN THE FUN ★★

★ WE'RE RUNNING ACTION-PACKED HOLIDAY CAMPS THIS FEBRUARY, FROM ONLY £26 A DAY ★

★ AWARD-WINNING MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMPS ★

★ OFSTED RATED OUTSTANDING ★

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FEBRUARY CAMP 2023

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CHILD CARE VOUCHERS 

Ofsted Registered 

 4 - 14 YRS OLD

<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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OUR 2023 EVENT CALENDAR

#attheheartofthecommunity

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 07780078938 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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