

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024

Our Christian Value for the term: Curious

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Dear Parents and carers,

Happy St David's Day! Hopefully the arrival of March will bring some sunshine - although today hasn't really delivered, however we have had some fun but cold Forest School sessions!

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped out at the disco last night and the PTA who organised it and the staff who stayed on to have a boogie. The children clearly had a lovely time. All money raised will go to enhance the experiences and the education of the children in our school.

We have some exciting events coming up this term. On **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** we will be celebrating World Book Day . Children and staff will be dressing up as book characters and we will be running different events in school, including the book fair. You should have received an email about WBD this week, but in case you missed it please be aware:

- All children dressing up as **book characters** on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March
- The Book Fair is open for parents after school on 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> March from 3.15 - 4pm
- Children will have a £1 book voucher to go towards the cost of a book which can be purchased from the School Book Fair or a bookshop.

On **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March** we will be doing something silly to raise money for **Comic Relief**. Further details are being sent out - children can dress all in red - 'Red-to-toe'. on that day. We will be participating in other fund raising activities please look for a separate communication on this.

Please make sure you sign up for a time to discuss your child's progress at **parents' evening** on 12<sup>th</sup> March and 14<sup>th</sup> March.

**Mrs Kennett** who has been working as a teaching assistant and Midday Supervisor will be leaving us at the end of next week. We would like to thank Mrs Kennett for all her work during her time at the school. She will of course still be around and about as a parent.

#### **Tetbury 20mph consultation**

A public consultation opened today on a 20mph zone for Tetbury. The consultation will run for the whole of March and if well supported will demonstrate strong public support to Gloucestershire County Council. We will be sending out a link to the survey on a separate communication and we urge all our families to consider participating in this. Paper copies of the survey will also be available in school if children would like to participate.

Mrs J Woolley  
Headteacher

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## Upcoming Diary notes:

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| 7 <sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day                      | 12 <sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening 3.30 – 6.00pm |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> March – Scholastic Book fair 3.15 – 4.00pm  | 14 <sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> March – Scholastic Book fair 3.15 – 4.00pm  | 15 <sup>th</sup> March – Comic Relief                  |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> March – Scholastic Book fair 3.15 – 4.00pm | 21 <sup>st</sup> March – Yr 3 Roman Bath trip          |

## Orienteering event

This week we were lucky enough to take a group of year 5 and 6 children to Westonbirt Arboretum to take part in a school orienteering event. They were shown how to read a map, locate certain objects and how to direct themselves to certain control points along the route. Whilst doing this they learnt lots of new things about plants and the people who discovered lots of new and interesting species. We even got to meet the gruffalo's child! The children did amazingly and should be very proud of their map reading skills.





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## KS2 Girls New Football Kit

We have received a set of brand new football kits for the girls in KS2! This is an initiative from the Premier League to encourage more girls to try the game. After Easter, we will have a girls football club where they will get to put the kits to the test.



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## World Book Day



# WORLD BOOK DAY®

Changing lives through a love of books and shared reading.

**THURSDAY**  
**7<sup>th</sup> MARCH**  
**2024**



This year, at St Mary's we are looking forward to celebrating World Book day with you all on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> 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! It would be great if you could bring the book that your character is from to share with your class.

**WBD Tokens** – Children will each receive their £1 World Book Day Token which they will bring home this week.

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 it can be used at our Scholastic Book Fair in School in exchange for £1 off a new book of your choice!

**Reminder:**

The Scholastic Book Fayre will be open on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 3:15pm – 4:00pm in the School Hall.

For further details and ideas go to the website:  
<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

**COMPETITION TIME**

This year, we will be having a class competition in school to identify the 'Masked Readers'. The winning classes will receive a new book for their Reading Corner.

Our 2024 £1/£1.50 books



Happy Reading Everyone!

## The Library

### Costume Swap

5 February - 19 February

**DONATE** a costume to any library (thank you!)

19 February - 7 March

**SWAP** an old costume for a new one!

- Accessories, whole and part costumes accepted
- Donations will be accepted throughout the swap
- Discover swaps across all county libraries
- Both adult and child costumes welcome
- You can still take a costume home if you don't have one to swap



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**Diary of a Wimpy Kid!**

- A handmade mask
- Normal clothes
- Backpack



**Tintin!**

- A shirt
- A blue jumper
- Hair gel for that all important quiff
- White dog toy

**Captain Underpants!**

- Underwear (to wear over your trousers!)
- Red jumper (to wear around your neck as a cape!)

**Stick Man!**

- All brown clothes
- Sticks and leaves from your walk to school

## Zero Cost Costume Ideas!

**A Boy In The Dress!**

- A dress to wear
- A football to carry

**Sophie from the BFG!**

- Oryzias
- Glasses (you could even draw them on your face)

**Mr Bump!**

- All blue clothes
- Bandages wrapped around your

**Matilda!**

- A blue dress
- A red ribbon for your hair
- A pile of books (the bigger the better!)

**The Day The Crayons Quit!**

- All one colour
- A cone hat made out of coloured card
- You could even make your own protest placard!

**Ultimate Football Hero!**

- Your hero's kit

**Pippi Longstocking!**

- Hair in two long plaits (you could even put pipe cleaners in to make them stand up!)





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Comic Relief - Red Nose Day



RED-TO-TOE



## Red Nose Day 15 March 2024

On Friday 15 March St Mary's Primary School will join thousands of schools up and down the country coming together to spread joy, have fun and raise money for those who need it most.

So, let's come together and do something amazing. Let's make Red Nose Day the best day ever. Here's what we've got planned:

### Go Red with Blue Peter - £1

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March Blue Peter will be turning **RED-TO-TOE** to celebrate **RED NOSE DAY**. Dust off your ruby slippers, pop on your lobster suit or simply don some scarlet socks – how far you take it is up to you! Please bring £1 in on the day and give this to your class teacher or donate via ParentPay.

### Sponsored Danceathon

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March the whole school will be completing in a musical fundraiser. Dig out those dancing shoes, release your inner strictly star and throw some shapes! The aim is to keep the music playing and the legs dancing throughout the day!

### After School Treats

The PTFA will be supporting and helping with this. Come and grab an ice-cream or a brownie after school. They will be donating 50% of their proceeds to Red Nose Day. We are very grateful and thank them for their support.

As always we really appreciate your support and donations. If you are able to donate just a small amount, every penny counts. You can donate via ParentPay, by scanning the QR code for our JustGiving Page or by dropping some pennies in the buckets on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to going **RED-TO-TOE** with you all!



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## Swimming lessons

Oak class Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024

### Next class swimming;

Rowan class Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May – 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Swimming lessons take place 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.

## 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 EYFS & 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/>



Apply online for  
**FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website  
[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

Your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.

If you do not have internet access speak to your child's school

You may also be able to get extra support for free milk, reduced contributions for school trips and uniform grants – check with your school.

You could save up to **£437** per year

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**Coolmilk** – Please confirm with your child they still would like to receive their school milk. It is now a good time to review if you would still like this for your child or if you would like to register your child. If you would like to cancel or register for cool milk please go to <https://www.coolmilk.com/>

# news

from our  
**caring** **curious** **courageous**  
learning family

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**ptfa**

The PTFA school disco took place on 29th February and what fun we all had! It was wonderful to see so many happy smiling faces, friends with arms around each other singing and dancing away!

Thank you for your support - it directly benefits our school and our fabulous children.

Thank you to all of our helpers who made the magic happen - staff, ptfa helpers and some amazing St. Mary's children plus a few returning children from last year who are now year 7s.

We have lots of fun fundraising things planned for the rest of the school year. Starting with an egg-citing Easter activity coming soon... Keep an eye out for more information about that!


As always, if you are interested in helping us at an event, please contact us via email and we will get back to you. We value your continued help and support.

Many thanks  
The St Mary's PTFA



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St Mary's Road, Tetbury, Gloucs GL8 8BW  
Tel: 01666 502 275 Office 9am - 3.30pm

 WeAreStMarys  
[www.stmarystetbury.com](http://www.stmarystetbury.com)



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## Ice Cream Fridays

We will 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](mailto:ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk), it only takes half an hour of your time.



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## 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.**

(Facebook: @wearestmarys)

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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.





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## Community Atlas Camp

Book now for the Easter holidays;

**Atlas Camps Easter Holiday Camps** ([www.atlascamps.co.uk](http://www.atlascamps.co.uk))

Atlas Camps will be back with a bang with our award-winning multi-activity camps running every day during the Eastern break! Joining them will be two fantastic new Atlas Camps Sports Academies, too – ideal for football and netball lovers – allowing sports-mad All-Stars aged 7-14 to hone their sporting skills over a fun-filled two day camp session.

Rated Outstanding by Ofsted, Atlas Camps specialises in multi-activity clubs for children aged 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.

- Ofsted-rated 'Outstanding'
- Childcare vouchers accepted from a variety of providers
- Early drop-off/ late pick-up options
- Sibling discount available
- Multi-activity and sport-specific camps available

For further information, please watch [this video](#) or check the attached poster.

Head to the Atlas Camps website at [www.atlascamps.co.uk](http://www.atlascamps.co.uk) to book our multi-activity camps. Atlas Camps Academies can be found at <https://www.atlascamps.co.uk/sports-camps>.

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EVERY SCHOOL HOLIDAY

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WITH GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S  
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## French holiday Club



**Clubs 4Kids**

**FRENCH HOLIDAY CLUBS**  
*learn a language whilst having fun!*

Thurs 4 April - nr Sherston  
Fri 5 April - nr Hillesley

9.30 - 3pm

£45/per day

Book your child's place  
07375306881  
admin@clubs4kids.com

packed day of fun activities

Snacks provided. Please bring a packed lunch

Cooking, craft, sport, drama, games

Clubs are suitable for Primary School Children

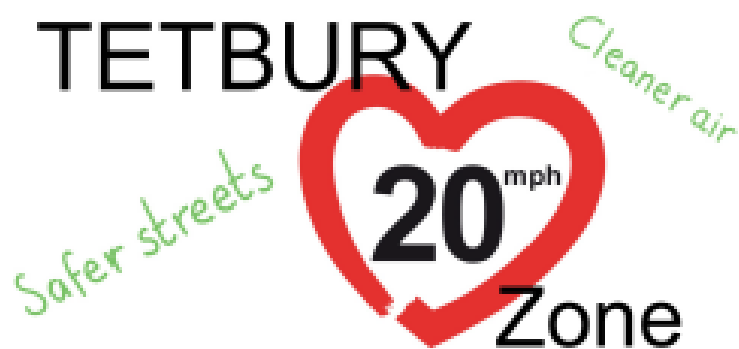


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## Community



Consultation 1<sup>st</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> March

**WE NEED  
YOUR HELP!**



Please complete the survey

<https://tetbury20olentv.commonplace.is>



Paper surveys also available throughout March from:

The Goods Shed (Wed-Sun 10-4)

Town Council office (Mon-Fri 9.30-2.30)



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## Tetbury Library

**What's On at the Library Guide:** We also have a range of upcoming events for both children and adults at our sites across the county. Events are open to everyone, membership isn't required. Our January – March dates can be found here in this online magazine: [What's On at The Library January - March 2024 by Gloucestershire Libraries - Issuu](#)





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## Community

### St Mary's Church

# Heart & Soul

## A new Worship Service

Exploring different ways of worshipping God together



St Marys' Church Tetbury  
1st Sunday of every month  
from March 3rd

5.15pm Free Tea/Coffee/Cake  
6pm Service begins

**All Welcome**

[office@tetburychurch.co.uk](mailto:office@tetburychurch.co.uk)/01666 500088

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## CELEBRATE

**NEXT MEETS: SUNDAY 17th MARCH 2024**  
**IN ST MARYS' CHURCH**

**For all the family, on Sunday afternoons 4.00-5.30pm**

**Explore best-loved Bible stories and ask questions, big and little. Enjoy time together with crafts, chatting, sharing iSingPOP songs and prayers.**

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult please.

**Please bring your own cup**