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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a fun packed couple of weeks leading up to half term. The Year 6 children are starting to rehearse their end of year play and some of our Year 5 and 6 children and parents travelled to Birmingham to take part in Young Voices. Reception children have been on a muddy puddle walk and Cherry and Lime class have been to St. Mary's Church. Some of our KS2 pupils were also selected to take part in the District Sports at SWR and they were delighted with their achievements.

Thank you to everyone who made our Jubilee Picnic such a great event. It was lovely to come together as a community once more and to see everyone dressed up in red, white and blue. What a great way to end this half term! Can I just thank Suzie Drye and the PTfA for organising the tree planting with Mrs Glover. In case parents are not aware, we have planted 2 trees on the school field today. One tree is part of The Queen's Green Canopy initiative commemorating the Platinum Jubilee and the other is as a memory to Gracie Richardson, our long serving midday supervisor, who sadly passed away before the pandemic.









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Mrs Calabria will be starting her maternity leave after half term and we have given her a few pressies for her new arrival! We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Metcalf (Juniper class teacher) and Mrs Lowe (Teaching Assistant) today.

Mr Williams, has joined us this week. Mr Williams has had previous experience working in different settings supporting children and young people. He will be working alongside children and families in a pastoral role while Mrs Calabria is on her maternity leave. Mr Williams' wife, Mrs Williams (!), has also joined us a teaching assistant.

I hope you all have a really lovely week and you are able to enjoy the extra holiday time together. School will re-open for pupils on Monday 6th June at the usual time.

Mrs J Woolley Headteacher

Young Voices

A great time was had by all who attended this years long awaited Young Voices concert – everyone had a fantastic time – both children and parents!







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Breakfast With a Book – Yr 3

We are delighted that we are now able to resume 'Breakfast with a Book' this term (an initiative to encourage children to read for pleasure that we enjoyed pre-covid). The first session on Wednesday 8th June is for parents of children in year 3. Please see the letter below for more details.



Dear Parents/Carers,

In order to lielp promote opportunities for our children to read for pleasure at St Mary's, we are delighted to invite you to a **Reading Breakfast** which will take place on <u>Wednesday 8th June</u> in the hall from <u>9am - 9.30am</u>. Please come and join us for some refreshments and spend some enjoyable time sharing books and reading with your child.

The reading session will start with Mrs Woolley giving a short presentation about reading at home. Then you will be joined by your child, who will have already chosen a book that they would like to share with you. A selection of books from our library and a recommended reading list will also be available for you to read but if you also have a favourite book that you would like to share, then please bring it along.

We look forward to welcoming you into school to continue our Reading for Pleasure journey with you.

Thank you for your support Mrs Cartledge and the Year 3 team.





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Year 2 swimming

The year 2 children enjoyed their first swimming trip with their class on Thursday - Please don't forget year 2 swimming continues after half term - please send swim kits in to school on Thursdays.

Polite notice

<u>When collecting children from school on Thursday's</u> – if parents can leave the bus layby free for the bus to park when returning from Swimming every Thursday.

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Our Sessions

We currently offer 2 drop-in sessions per week

Tuesday 5.45-7.45pm Year 7 & Year 8 Thursday 6-8pm Year 9 -Year 13

All our sessions are FREE to attend.

There is a tuck shop if your child would like to bring a small amount of money for a treat. Drinks & confectionary range from 5p-50p. Squash is always available at no charge





What is a drop in session?

This simply means that whilst we would encourage young people to stay in the room and enjoy the activities provided, young people are free to come and go during the session. We do not have the capacity to keep them in the room or follow them out if they choose to leave. If you would prefer your child to stay inside for the whole session then you will need to make that agreement with them, we do not have the ability to enforce this. We cannot supervise or take responsibility for any young people who leave the session.



We are pleased to invite your year 6 chilc to a taster drop-in session of the youth club to meet the youth workers and experience a session ahead of September.

This will take place on Monday 13th June 5.30-7pm

Please confirm attendance along with an medical or allergy information to **lisa.hoult@tayct.org.uk**





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Places still available For further information, please watch his video

https://atlascamps.co.uk/promo/generic-<u>16x9.mp4</u>.

Head to the Atlas Camps website at <u>www.atlascamps.co.uk</u> to book.



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Please consider choosing us as your chosen Amazon Smile charity. If you select your St. Mary's Primary School as your chosen charity **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)

Family and friends can also support your children by choosing us as their charity.

For information on how to set up AmazonSmile please visit: https://www.aboutamazon.com/news/community/how-to-sign-up-for-amazonsmile

Easyfundraising.com

Don't forget if you are doing any shopping online, click via Easyfundraising.com to support St Mary's school without it costing you a penny.

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

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.



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Without our efforts, and your continued support, we wouldn't have been able to support or provide:

- Interactive whiteboards
- Educational maths programmes
- Reading books
- Trim Trail
- PA System
- KS1 corridor decoration etc...

We also pay for many fun experiences to enhance our children's school journey:

- KS1 Play castle
- Children's sandpit
- Christmas pantomime
- Space experience
- Coaches to events etc...

If you have any questions, ideas, or are able to provide any help, please contact us on <u>ptfa@st-marys-</u> <u>tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk</u> or chat to one of us in the playground.

Thank you, St Mary's PTFA



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Here is the **link** to the next issue of <u>Families</u> <u>Gloucestershire Magazine</u> for you to share with your parents.

This issue is full of useful information and advice for parents including starting school resources, times tables resources, Father's Day gift ideas, adventures at home and much more.



More than 4 million parents a year rely on us to get the best out of local family life!



Tetbury Library

Tetbury library are pleased to offer a selection of MICRO:BIT WORKSHOPS.

("Micro:bit is a pocket-sized computer that introduces you to how software and hardware work together. It has an LED light display, buttons, sensors and many input/output features that, when programmed, let it interact with you and your world." Taken from <u>https://microbit.org/get-started/first-steps/introduction/</u>)

Learn how to use a micro:bit and have a go at completing your own interactive projects & mini games. Ages 7-11

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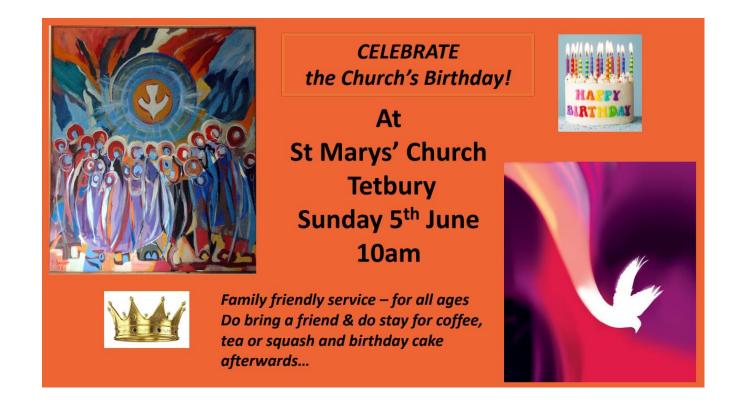


Can you spare a few hours a week to become a reading helper at our school?

Our school is working with a charity called Coram Beanstalk to recruit and train volunteer reading helpers who can spare an afternoon or two a week to come in

to school. As a reading helper you would hold reading sessions with some of our children on a one-to-one basis, giving those that need it extra support to practise reading skills outside of the classroom.

For more information or if you want to apply online, visit the website at <u>www.corambeanstalk.org.uk</u> and complete an application form.





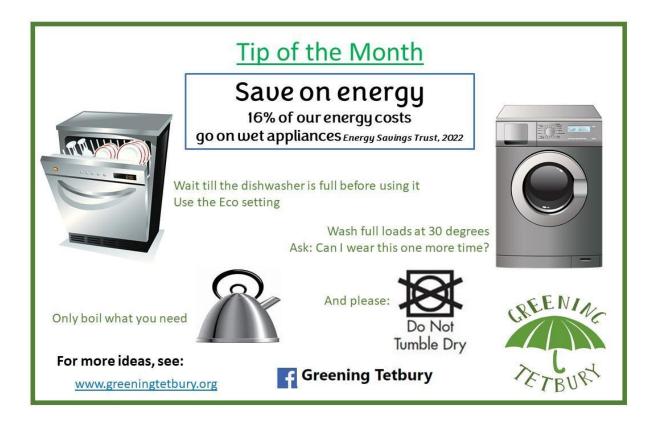
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Queen's 70th Jubilee Sunday 5th June 2022 2pm - 6pm

A family day filled with local community groups, entertainment & an afternoon tea Tickets just £2 or £5 for families (up to 4 people) Email hello@tetburycc.co.uk for more information and to book your tickets

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