

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023

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Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of another busy half term. Year 1 enjoyed a trip to Crocodile World last week and this week children have been up to SWR for District Sports and Years 4 - 6 attended a Pentecost service at Church led by Poppy and Steve. After this period of sunny weather, the field has dried out so children no longer need to wear wellies at play time!

The disco was very well attended last night. Thank you to all the PTFA and staff who volunteered to help out. I think the children had a great time - these events are always a great fundraiser for the school.

On 1<sup>st</sup> June, our school will officially become part of the Diocese of Gloucester Academies Trust. Everything will look and feel the same when the children return to school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June. We will, however, be welcoming members of the DGAT's executive leadership team into school later in the summer term.

As communicated in Mr Walters email last week, after half term children will be taught relationships and sex education as part of our PSHE curriculum unit 'Changing Me'. The curriculum content for each year group was attached to the email so parents should know about what topics are covered by each age group. If you would like more information regarding the content and resources that the children will be using within the lessons, class teachers will be available on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June from 4:00 – 4:45.

Next term kicks off with Year 2 camp on the school field on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June and Reception children are going to Cotswold Wildlife Park on 11<sup>th</sup> June. We have tennis coaches coming to school and skipping workshops booked and Area Sports and then we will be into sports days and Year 6 play. So much to look forward to.

I hope you all have a lovely long weekend and half term and enjoy the sunshine.

Mrs J Woolley  
Headteacher

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## District Sports

On Wednesday 24th May, children from KS2 went to the annual District Sports Day at Sir William Romney's School. Children took part in track and field events across the morning. On the track children competed in events like sprinting, middle distance running, shuttle relays and track relays. In the field events, they competed in throwing events, speed bounce and jumping events. The children were amazing and demonstrated brilliant sportsmanship throughout the events while being very courageous as they did their best in their events. We look forward to some children competing in the forthcoming Area Sports Day which will be communicated out in the near future. Thank you to all the staff who took the children along and encouraged them throughout the morning.





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## Year 1 Crocodiles of the World Visit

Year 1 enjoyed a trip to Crocodiles of the World. We saw lots of different animals including caimans, crocodiles, alligators, Galapagos tortoises and monitor lizards. We learned lots of facts about Komodo dragons and got to watch the meerkats and Nile Crocodiles being fed. We had a fantastic time, and it was great to see the features of some of the different animal groups.



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## Forest School

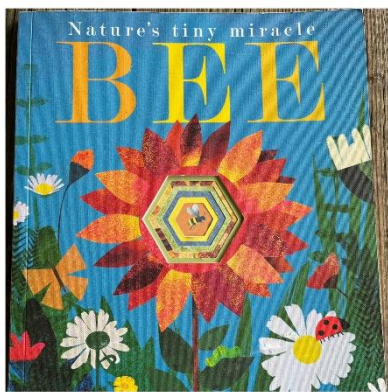
Oak class and Year 1 have enjoyed some glorious spring sunshine for their recent Forest School sessions.

Year 1 were extremely excited to receive some fantastic wildflower seeds to mark the coronation of King Charles. The children helped prepare the ground before excitedly scattering the seeds. We are looking forward to seeing the wonderful flowers bloom and provide a great wealth of food for a wide range of insects including bees and butterflies.

Year 1 also became bee experts as we focused on World Bee Day. The children learnt bee facts, the life cycle of a bee and finished with the beautiful book, Bee, by Britta Teckentrup.

We have a lovely collection of books that we use at Forest School, it's a great opportunity to bring books into the natural world. Next time you have a few spare minutes wow your child by taking your favourite book outdoors and share the love of reading with them! Oak class have encompassed our school values at Forest School firstly by being extremely caring and curious building new insect habitats and by being courageous as we found some beautiful newts in the pond as well as lots of frogs. Whenever I'm in Forest School, I'm always drawn to our amazing pond – on the look out for newts and frogs and eager to see how the area is developing as we look to attract wildlife but also look to protect creatures like hedgehogs.

We are so fortunate that Forest School takes place in our woodland environment to support the development of a lifelong relationship between the children and the natural world.





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**We are delighted to announce that St Mary's has been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark! The whole school has been working hard behind the scenes to make science at St. Mary's something to be really proud of. A big thank you to the PTFA for sponsoring our participation in this award. Below is the press release from the PSQM team.**

## **St Mary's Awarded Primary Science Quality Mark**

**Close to 200 Primary Science Quality Marks** have been awarded to infant, junior, primary, middle and special schools this month to celebrate their commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning. So far, since its national launch in 2010, over 5000 schools across the UK have achieved a prestigious Primary Science Quality Mark.

Primary Science Quality Mark is a school improvement programme for primary science, which provides professional development for new and experienced subject leaders each year. PSQM enables confident, knowledgeable, reflective leadership which results in an improvement in the way in which science is planned and taught across the whole school.

The Primary Science Quality Mark is led by the University of Hertfordshire in collaboration with the Primary Science Teaching Trust.

Associate Professor Jane Turner, PSQM National Director said: *"There was never a more important time for primary children to have a high-quality science education. The coronavirus pandemic and climate change crisis have made everyone aware of the importance of science in our world. Primary schools have an important role to ensure that children understand how science works and keeps us and our planet healthy and safe."*

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*Schools that have achieved a Primary Science Quality Mark have demonstrated a significant commitment to science teaching and learning. The profile and quality of science in each awarded school is very high. Children are engaging with great science both in and outside the classroom, developing positive attitudes towards science as well as secure scientific understanding and skills. Science subject leaders, their colleagues, head teachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud."*

A big thank you Mr Hainsworth and Miss Beckett our science subject leads and to the PTFA for sponsoring our participation in this award.

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



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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.

## Mystery Brownie Fridays!!

On the last Friday of every month, we will be selling chocolate brownies along with a new mystery flavour each month in association with Fudgin' Shell Brownies!!!!

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

## 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.**

## 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>

## 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.





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## Atlas Camps – May half term

May half-term camps are just around the corner! Atlas Camps will be running their award-winning holiday clubs this May with a selection of places still available to book! Rating Outstanding by Ofsted, Atlas Camps specialise in multi-activity clubs for children ages 3-14. 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 <https://atlas camps.co.uk/promo/generic-16x9.mp4> or check out the attached poster.

Head to the Atlas Camps website at [www.atlascamps.co.uk](http://www.atlascamps.co.uk) to book.



**COME AND JOIN THE FUN** ★★

★ WE'RE RUNNING ACTION-PACKED HOLIDAY CAMPS THIS MAY AND JUNE, FROM ONLY £27.50 A DAY ★

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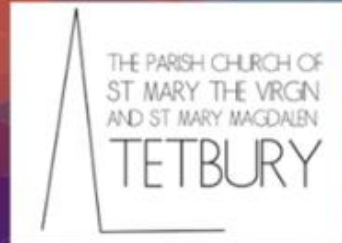
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## CELEBRATE PENTECOST



THE BIRTHDAY  
OF THE  
CHURCH

**SUNDAY 28TH MAY**

**10AM, ST MARYS TETBURY**

**A FAMILY SERVICE FOR ALL**





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**NEXT MEETS: 4pm SUNDAY 11th June**  
**IN ST MARY'S SCHOOL HALL**

For all the family, on Sunday afternoons  
St Mary's School Hall, 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.

Organised by TACT—Tetbury Area Churches Together



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*The Feoffees  
& Thirteen of Tetbury*

Invite you to join them  
for a

**FREE Bar-B-Que**  
*on the Millennium Green, Gumstool Hill*

**Friday, 16th June**  
from 6.00 p.m.

*Come and enjoy  
a great Tetbury social evening  
- Bring your own beverage!*

Any donations in aid of Millennium Green projects

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**You are invited to**  
**Reflect breakfast**  
**for women**  
**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July**  
**9.30-11am**  
**Christ Church, The Chipping.**  
*Time to chat & be encouraged  
as we share a simple craft activity,  
listen to someone sharing their faith and enjoy  
breakfast including:  
hot drinks, pastries, granola,  
fruit & yoghurt...*

**Please book your place: email**  
**[office@Tetburychurch.co.uk](mailto:office@Tetburychurch.co.uk)**  
**If you can, we suggest a £5 donation on the day.**  
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## Paint the TOWN Green PROGRAMME JUNE 2023

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>** Greening Tetbury Flag flying from the Council Offices



Greening Tetbury stall in the Market Place  
Come and make your Climate Pledge!



We have been running a story competition with the schools, the title of their challenge has been 'Eco Flash Fiction'

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June** at the Goods Shed, Old Station Yard, Cirencester Road, Tetbury  
**3pm** There will be a video of the Nursery Playgroup children singing an Eco song.

**4pm** Prior to the **Tremendous** Eco Puppet show, there will be a reading of the winning story 'Eco Flash Fiction' from Avening and St Mary's Primary schools.



**4.30pm** The **Tremendous** Eco Puppet Show about Earth Protector Towns and Ecocide. This Puppet show is appropriate for ages 6-65! Fun with a serious message. You will need to book for this at

SHED-ARTS.CO.UK

Box Office: 0333 666 4466

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm** At the Goods Shed, Professor Dave Waltham's lecture on Climate Change Solutions – *why we need them, what they are and how can we pay for them?* Dave Waltham is a Professor of Geophysics at the Royal Holloway, University of London. There will be an opportunity for Q&A after the lecture. You will need to book for this at [SHED-ARTS.CO.UK](http://SHED-ARTS.CO.UK) Box Office: 0333 666 4466

Prior to Professor Waltham's Lecture, there will be a reading of the High school winning stories 'Eco Flash Fiction' from Sir William Romney and Westonbirt schools. Come and join the conversation and support our young people.

**Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> June** Two sessions exploring The Art and Craft of Repair 11am-1pm or 2pm-4pm at the Prince's Foundation, Highgrove. Focusing on repair of clothing and furniture, learn basic skills from experts. Free of charge. Please email for further details and to book: [Highgrove@princes-foundation.org](mailto:Highgrove@princes-foundation.org)

**Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> June** Greening Tetbury Stall at the Market place.

Come and join Greening Tetbury.





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**Fun for Kids from 6 to 65!**

**Date:** Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Time:** 4.00pm

**Venue:** The Goods Shed, Old Station Yard,  
Cirencester Road, Tetbury

**Price:** £3.50 per child, accompanying adult  
goes **FREE**

**Please book:** [SHED-ARTS.CO.UK](http://SHED-ARTS.CO.UK) Box Office: 0333 666 4466



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Amended closing date date

## ECO FLASH FICTION Competition



Greening Tetbury as part of 'Paint the Town Green' in June is inviting you to write a 'GREEN' story of 300 words or less.

The deadline for submission of the story is Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June. Prize giving and reading of winning story will be at the Goods Shed in June.

For further information and submission of story - Email address:  
[greeningtetbury@gmail.com](mailto:greeningtetbury@gmail.com)

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There are still tickets available;

## Magical Mythologies with Peter Clifford

27 May | 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

<https://shed-arts.co.uk/event/magical-mythologies-with-peter-clifford/>