

Friday 23rd June 2023

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Key dates for the Diary:

<https://www.stmarystetbury.com/the-office/key-dates>

Dear Parents,

Since the start of the school year, teachers have been selecting particularly caring, curious and courageous children from their classes each Friday to come and join me and Mr Walters for a special hot chocolate at 2.15pm. We 've been calling this 'Hot Chocolate Friday' and it is a very special time that I look forward to each week when we can sit down and have a treat and a chat. It's been a bit too warm for hot chocolate this week, so we switched to ice lollies and strawberries!

This term all the children are learning about Tetbury in their humanities lessons. As we have been adapting our curriculum to meet the needs of our children, it became apparent that the children did not know much about the history and geography of their home town. It has been wonderful for so many of the children to visit Chavenage House this week to learn about its history. The feedback I have had has been so positive and the children have learnt so much. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to walk with the children and to Chavenage House who have welcomed the children so openly.

Over the last few weeks we have had a tennis coach working with the children and everyone has been enjoying skipping games with Dan the Skipping Man. Some children also went to Area Sports and competed in athletics against children from other schools. We also had Year 2 camp earlier in the term and welcomed an author and illustrator into school to work with our Year 2 children. Reception children also went on their trip to the Cotswold Wildlife Park and had a fantastic time! Thank you to all the staff who have worked to make these events possible.

We only have four weeks until the end of the school year and so much to fit in. We are really looking forward to KS1 Sports Day on Monday 26th June starting at 09.30 and KS2 sports day on Wednesday 28th June also 09.30 start both will finish by 12.30pm. Parents, as always, are welcome to come along and support from 9.15am. Please can we remind parents not to come over to mix with the children in their classes. It makes supervising the children more complicated if we have lots of adults in the mix.

The PTFA are preparing for the Summer Fayre on Friday 30th June 3.30pm - 6pm. We look forward to welcoming all our families and community to join in the fun on the school field.

As you will be aware, there will be some staff changes at the end of this year. The teachers are in the process of allocating children into their new classes, and I will be writing to parents shortly to let you know which staff

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will be teaching in which classes in September. This year, we are not asking children to write down their friend preferences for next year. Staff will group the children into similar class groups and they will take account of friendships. Please remember that social times in school are at breaktimes and lunchtimes when the classes mix. Children will be told their new classes on Thursday 13th July when they will meet their new teachers. Other transition arrangements will specifically be planned for EYFS children moving into Year 1 to ensure children are really familiar with their new teachers before the end of the school year.

You may have heard in the news that the NEU are calling their members to strike again on the 5th and 7th July. As soon as I know how many members are planning to strike on those days, I will let parents know. I will also communicate to parents if any secondary school transition events are affected by strike action as soon as I possibly can.

Have a very happy weekend.

Mrs J Woolley
Headteacher

Yr 6 leavers Service – Gloucester Cathedral

Last week, Year Six children from St Mary's joined hundreds of other Year Six children from Church of England Primary schools across the county to celebrate moving on to new adventures at the end of this term. The diocese of Gloucester organise these services annually and it gives the children a sense of community as they leave the primary phase. It was a very peaceful and enjoyable service. Thank you to the PTFA for funding the coach for this event.



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Year 2 Camp

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On Monday June 5th to Tuesday June 6th Year 2 took part in their camp experience. We worked closely with "The Outdoors People" who took the children through creating their camp as well as lots of different activities such as water purification, making fire using a flint and steel to launching water rockets across the field for Mr. Brown to catch!! The children were amazing although we didn't get a lot of sleep! Thank you to the hard work of all the staff who were involved, great team effort.

I tried eating
some meal worms,
they tasted lovely,
and I went back
for some more"
Holly

I loved sleeping
in a tent with my
friends, we had
the neatest tent
and won a prize!"
Esmee

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Year 2 Chavenage House Visit

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On Wednesday 21st June Year 2 walked to Chavenage house as part of this term's local history topic. We wanted to find out all about the different jobs people would have had in the house in the Victorian times. Caroline showed us round the house and told us all about the different people who worked there in the past such as butlers, scullery maids, cook, wet nurse and gardeners. She also shared stories of things she got up to growing up there. We had an amazing day. Big shout out to all the adults who helped on the day.

It was a bit of a long walk there, but I loved seeing the house.
Max

I loved hearing the story about ghosts in the chapel.
Adeliia



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Year 5 visited the Police Museum

On Tuesday 13th June, Year Five visited the Police Museum in Tetbury. We learnt about Victorian punishment and how the police force has changed. We were able to explore the museum and some children were handcuffed and locked up in a cell! We also listened to a court hearing from the late 1940s and listened to calls that were reported to the police station. The children had a fantastic visit and asked some great questions. We are lucky to have such a wonderful part of history down the road.



Dan the Skipping Man

On Wednesday and Thursday, we were lucky enough to have Dan the Skipping Man come into school and teach the children how to skip and perform tricks. Yesterday afternoon, we had a showcase in the hall where some of the children demonstrated the skills they had learnt. We were all very impressed! Jack, the coach, commented how fantastic the children were in every session he taught. Thank you to all of the parents who purchased skipping ropes from the pop-up shop. If the children would like to continue learning new skipping techniques, there are lots of videos they can watch and follow along with on their YouTube channel [Dan The Skipping Man - YouTube](#)



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Area Sports

Yesterday, some children from Key Stage 2 who qualified at District Sports, took part in Area Sports at Deer Park. It was fantastic to see so many children compete in a range of field and track events. Despite the warm temperature, the children represented St Mary's brilliantly and demonstrated great sportsmanship. We even had children break previous records! Thank you to all the parents who came and cheered the children on. We are extremely proud of the children and their achievements.



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Year 5 – creativity morning

On Thursday morning Year 5 were set the task to create a Vivienne Westwood inspired outfit using only sellotape and newspaper. Their art and design skills were put to the test as were their cutting skills! We were so impressed with their designs we invited the rest of KS2 to come and watch a Year 5 catwalk in the hall. Not only the designs but the level of teamwork should be commended. As should the models who all confidently walked the runway Well done to you all!



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St Marys Church

You are invited to a Special Benefice Eucharist 10.30am, Sunday 25th June, St Marys' Tetbury



Come and celebrate the priesting of our lovely Curate, The Revd Dr Steve Bullock, as he presides at The Eucharist for the first time, following his ordination as priest at Gloucester Cathedral the previous day.

Everyone is then invited to enjoy a catered celebration lunch together in the Vicarage Garden afterwards



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Get ready... Next week we have lots of fun to look forward to!!

** Our Summer Fayre and Raffle draw is next Friday 30th June, 330-6pm, on the school field.

** Please join us for a family fun event and don't forget to bring your friends and family.

** There will be fun games and activities, a bbq and bar, plus everyone's favourite... The teacher ran stalls!

** Our wonderful fundraising events cannot go ahead without the help of volunteers. Please contact us on ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk with your availability.

** We will need help during the fayre and tidying away afterwards, volunteering can be flexible around your work and childcare commitments.

Thank you,

St. Mary's PTFA

(ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk)

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PTFA Non-Uniform Day

Children can also enjoy a non-uniform day on Friday 30th June in exchange for a donation to the Tombola Stall. Please donate a box of chocolates and/ or a bottle of wine. These can be given to your class teacher.

There is no theme.

Please wear comfortable clothes appropriate for a day of learning.

No fancy dress allowed.



PTFA Summer Raffle

Summer raffle tickets have been sent home, tickets are just £1 each, to be in with a chance of winning some fabulous prizes!!

Don't forget to see if your family, friends and neighbours would like any tickets to be in with a chance of winning!!

If you would like extra tickets, please contact us or ask at the main office.

Please return any unused tickets to main office as soon as possible so we can sell them on.

Return all completed raffle ticket stubs and monies to your class teacher in an envelope by Wednesday 28th June.

Good luck!



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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 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.

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.

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!!!!

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- 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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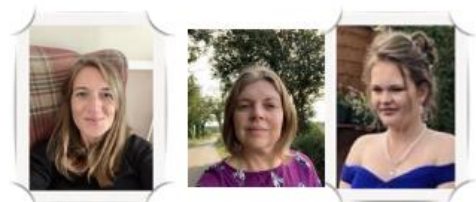
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Community

Who we are

Tetbury Area Youth & Community Trust was set up to provide a safe, supportive and fun environment for young people in Tetbury. We offer weekly Youth Club sessions, short projects and in school 1:1 Mentoring Support to those who need it. Our sessions are run by trained youth workers & volunteers.



Contact



We can be found through the blue door at the back of the Dolphins hall or in the main hall when our larger sessions are running

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*TETBURY
Youth Club*

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Our Sessions

From September we will be hoping to offer 3 sessions a week which will be split into school year groups. These will run on a Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

The days and times of the sessions will be confirmed via our social media sites so please follow for all session information

All our sessions are FREE to attend.

When the weather allows we hold our sessions outside on the Rec

There is a tuck shop if your child would like to bring a small amount of money for a treat. Drinks & confectionary range from 10p-70p. 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.

You're Invited

We are pleased to invite your year 6 child 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 3rd July 6-7.30pm**

Please let us know if your child has any medical or allergy needs ahead of their attendance by emailing

lisa.hoult@tayct.org.uk



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SPECIAL INVITATION

Come and celebrate
your Christening,
giving thanks to God
for the gift of
baptism!

St Marys' church
10am Sunday 2nd July

Singing, bible story,
Activities, bubbles
(of course!) ... and
celebration cake
afterwards

Led by Poppy & Michèle

Fun & family-friendly
All are welcome

CELEBRATE BAPTISM
Sunday 2nd July
at 10.00am

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 **CELEBRATE**

NEXT MEETS: 4pm SUNDAY 9th JULY
IN ST MARYS' CHURCH

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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Paint the TOWN Green PROGRAMME

JUNE 2023

Saturday 3rd 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 11th 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 14th 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
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 17th 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

Saturday the 24th June Greening Tetbury Stall
at the Market place.

Come and join Greening Tetbury.

