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Our Christian Value for the term: Caring

Dear Parents and Carers,

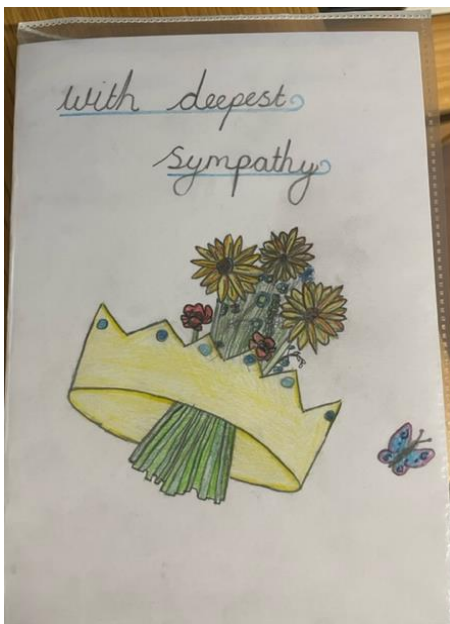
Welcome back to the start of the Autumn Term. We have had a really positive start to the new school year and it has been lovely to welcome new children and staff to the school.

We are currently in the process of reviewing our behaviour policy. Staff met to discuss this in on the INSET day and we will be participating in further training over the term. I will be holding a meeting for parents at 5.30pm on Thursday October 13th in the school hall to explain our approach to behaviour management and the rationale behind what we do. Please do come along if you are able.

Mrs J Woolley
Headteacher

Message to our King from all at St Marys

As many of you are aware, King Charles visited his home at Highgrove yesterday to take time out from his busy schedule. During Thursday afternoon, as a mark of respect, two Yr 6 children accompanied by Mr Walters and Mrs Royle, visited the gates of Highgrove Estate to lay flowers and a card. The two Year 6 children designed and made the card from all children and adults at St. Mary's.



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Children also had an opportunity in school to write their own personal message in our reflection corner.

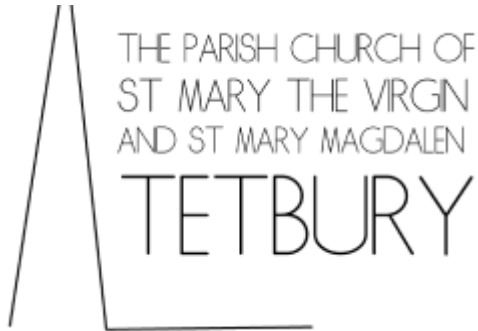


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The service will be live streamed
<https://www.facebook.com/St.MarysTetbury/>



Remembering Queen Elizabeth II
21 April 1926 – 8 September 2022

The Benefice of Tetbury,
Beverston, Long Newnton
& Shipton Moyne

**Sunday 18th September
6pm in St Marys'**

Special service of hymns
and prayer on the eve of the
funeral of Her Majesty Queen
Elizabeth II

The service will also be
livestreamed.

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The late Queen Elizabeth II will be honoured with a national one-minute silence on Sunday 18th September at 8pm, the Feoffees have kindly offered underneath the Market House as a focal point for residents to come together.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

Tetbury Town Council



We hope you have all enjoyed lovely summer holidays and that the return to school has gone well.

Welcome to all our new reception children and their families. It has been lovely meeting you at drop off with 'welcome' bags and seeing the smiling faces of children having their pictures taken in our 'Class of 2022' frame. It was great to see so many of you at our coffee morning. We look forward to continuing getting to know you.

As parents, the PTFA are easing ourselves back into school life, before starting to arrange lots of fun fundraising events. Please see below for details on our first meeting of this school year, where you can come and share your ideas, and keep an eye out for further details on what's to come this year. We are hoping to run our popular school discos and fayres again this year along with other fun events.

Supporting St. Mary's PTFA is a great way to be involved with your children's school and to meet other parents. We are a friendly committee with a fantastic group of helpers. The money we raise, will provide a lot of great resources and fun experiences for all of our children, improving and enriching their school journey.

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Please contact us if you have any questions, would like to know more or feel you are able to help out.

St. Mary's PTFA

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

(Facebook: @wearestmarys)

St. Mary's PTFA AGM

All parents, guardians, friends and supporters of St. Mary's Primary School community are welcome to attend the PTFA AGM on Wednesday 28th September at 7pm in the school den.

This is our first official meeting of the year, where we will be discussing fundraising ideas for the current school year, as well as providing an update on last year, finances and expenditure.

Our AGM is a great opportunity to meet your PTFA committee and our helpers, for us all to share ideas on how we can best support and provide for our wonderful school.

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.

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.

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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-amazon-smile>

Friends and family can also use AmazonSmile as an easy way to support your children's school.

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.

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Here is the [link](#) to the next issue of [Families Gloucestershire Magazine](#) for you to **share with your parents**. Our '**Back to School**' issue is loaded with really useful information and articles for parents including:

- Getting school support for a child with SEN
- Why education begins at home
- Road safety for children
- Chapter books that encourage kindness
- New term teething problems
- Brilliant first chapter books for early readers
- Screen free rainy day activities
- Enjoying Autumn outside
- Family friendly walks for Autumn
- DIY Halloween costumes

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The cost of living crisis

Here at Citizens Advice Stroud and Cotswold Districts we are seeing an increase in demand for our services as a result of the cost of living crisis.

Over the last three months we have seen a 92% increase in requests for charitable help from the same period last year, with people seeking help with food, fuel or hardship fund payments. Whilst the Energy Price Guarantee announced on the 8th September comes as a huge relief to households, energy bills are still very high. In winter 2021, the energy price cap was set at £1,277 for typical use. The new Price Guarantee starting on 1 October for households on typical use will be £2,500 a year.

We are very concerned about how vulnerable residents will cope this autumn and winter when temperatures drop and they need to turn their heating on. Many of our clients have been unable to afford their essential costs during the summer months. We have already had clients on prepayment meters who do not have enough credit to run medical equipment that relies on electricity; clients who cannot afford to heat their water; parents who are skipping meals to feed their children and pensioners unable to afford their fuel bills. In our largely rural districts, many residents rely on oil for heating and hot water and we have been contacted by people who cannot afford the cost of the minimum order.

What to do if you are worrying about money

If you are worried about paying your bills there are a few simple things you can do:

1. Work out your budget. Find out exactly how much you have coming in, and what's going out, and think about where you may be able to make savings. There is a useful budgeting tool on the national Citizens Advice website (<https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk>) to help you.
2. If you don't think you can pay your energy bills, contact your supplier. There are schemes to help customers but if you don't tell them you are struggling then they can't help you.
3. If you have debts, look at the guidance on debt on the national Citizens Advice website.
4. Check if you might be entitled to any benefits. If you have internet access you can use Turn2Us, Entitledto or Policy in Practice benefit calculators to check what you might get.
5. Make sure you have received any cost of living payments that you are entitled to. If you are in council tax Band A-D property you should have received a rebate on your council

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tax and if you are a pensioner, on benefits or disabled there are various payments that you should be receiving.

If you cannot access the internet please call us on our freephone number 0808 800 0510 to access advice.

If you are really struggling and don't have enough food to eat you can call the Trussell Trust Help through Hardship Helpline on **08082 082138**.

Please do ask for help – we understand that these are worrying times.

You can get advice by calling us on our freephone number (**0808 800 0510**) and email advice through our local website (<https://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk/>) under the Get Help section. We are also seeing clients by appointment in our Stroud and Cirencester offices and in the community at various venues across both districts – currently Dursley, Paganhill Community Hub, Stonehouse APT, Wotton under Edge and Moreton in Marsh and Tetbury. We are also looking for new volunteers to train as admin assistants in both our Cirencester and Stroud offices – if you are interested please email info@ca-scd.org.uk. We also welcome donations to support our service – find out more on our website <https://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk/>).

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Gloucestershire Constabulary and the
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner

OPEN DAY

Saturday 17 September 2022
10am - 3pm at Police HQ

We invite you to join us for a free day of excitement, family fun and insight into how we police your county, including live demonstrations from the dog section and information on how you can work with us, for us and alongside us.

Also:

- There will be a great range of local food suppliers
- Fun dog show and children's fancy dress competition
- Dogs welcome but only outside (unless assistance dogs)
- Car parking nearby and onsite for those with disabled badges.

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter or check for updates and information on our website www.gloucestershire.police.uk

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 **01666 502336**
8.30am-5pm
Monday to Friday
(closed on public holidays)



To keep our patients and visitors safe we are wearing masks again.
If you are visiting the hospital for an appointment or treatment please wear a mask.
If you don't have one we can provide one at the entrance.



We are here for you and your families
We can now treat illnesses as well as minor injuries in our
Minor Injuries and Illness Unit

Minor Injuries and Illness Unit (MIU)

8.30am - 4pm Monday to Friday
(closed on public holidays)

Minor cuts and lacerations, including infected wounds
Dog and cat bites
Bruises
Strains and sprains
Simple fractures and dislocations
Minor burns and scalds
Head injuries (if the person has not been unconscious or intoxicated)
Minor eye injuries
Splinters and other foreign bodies in the skin, eye, ear or nose
Insect bites and stings
Minor illnesses including earache and sore throat

Unsure if we can help— Call us on 01666 502336 (during opening hours) or 111 (24-hour service)

Other Services at Tetbury Hospital

- **X-ray Department**
- **Outpatient Clinics**
- **Procedure Room** (outpatient procedures)
- **Day Surgery Unit**

Read about our treatments and consultants at www.tetburyhospital.co.uk

NHS patients - Ask your GP for a referral to Tetbury Hospital

Private patients - Contact us on 01666 501773

Find us: GL8 8XB



Free parking available

Reg Charity No 1008926



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Returning this Autumn to St Mary's School Hall ... You are invited to



CELEBRATE

For all the family, on Sunday afternoons (see dates below).
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.

Celebrate is run by our churches in Tetbury:
St Marys', Christ Church,
Five Valleys Christian Fellowship & St Michael's Catholic Church.
ALL ARE WELCOME

Celebrate this autumn:
Sunday 2nd October &
Sunday 6th November
Then at St Marys' Church for Christingle:
Sunday 11th December