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Our Christian Value for the term: Caring

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many children at the Remembrance Service in St. Mary's Church last Sunday. Abel and Maria proudly represented the school as the oldest available boy and oldest Girl. It was also really good to sit with two of our ex-pupils who were representing Sir William Romney's School as head boy and head girl!

We are looking forward to the PTfA Christmas Fayre next Friday. Please come along and support the PTfA's fundraising efforts. We need their support more than ever at the moment. Thank you.

Mrs J Woolley
Headteacher

Remembrance Day

Last Friday, 11th November, we joined the nation in observing the two minutes silence for Remembrance. Just before 11am, the whole school gathered together in the hall to remember the people who have died in wars around the world. We also thought about those who continue to serve in the armed forces today. Earlier that morning, whilst in Forest School, Beech Class gathered leaves to share an important message on our school field. You can read that message in the photograph here.



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T4U Shoe Box Appeal

The children of St Mary's School made 72 shoe boxes for children and families in Eastern Europe who are not as fortunate as us. Each box will be given out in poor communities bringing joy, excitement and the gift of friendship.

Thanks to the Year 2 children whose desire to help others inspired us to run this appeal, to all parents for your help and support and to Mrs Royle for taking them to the collection point.



Year 5

Year 5 Earth and Space Day at Westonbirt School

"When I heard about me being selected for Earth and Space day, I knew it would be an amazing day and I knew it would be so much fun.

My favourite part of the visit was in the space dome where we did some star spotting.

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Also, I found out some interesting facts I didn't know about meteors. We did an experiment where we dropped marbles into sand to learn about crater impacts.

At break time, we were given space chocolate cookies which were delicious. Westonbirt School was so big and grand. I had so much fun.

by Scarlett E



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Forest School

Beech Class

It was great to see some winter sunshine at Forest School this morning. Beech class continued learning about trees with some maths added in. They found a stick they estimated to be 1 metre long and used it to mark out the height of a Cherry Tree and an Oak Tree. We then explored the tallest tree in the world, a 'Coast Redwood' in California, the children were wowed to find out it would take all of Beech class to stand on top of Big Ben to be as tall as a Coast Redwood! The children used the field to measure this out using themselves as the rulers.



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Year 2 had a quick trip to Forest School to bring their topic of The Great Fire of London into Forest School to see how mocked up wooden houses can easily catch fire from a tiny spark.



Year 1 enjoyed exploring forest school this afternoon and linked their learning to looking at the different natural materials that we find at Forest School. The children identified various materials such as wood, stone, leaf matter and moss. Afterwards the children created their own activities in the Forest school area, it was brilliant seeing mini base camps created with children toasting their own marshmallows.

Beech, Plum and Pear Forest School sessions will run every Friday until Friday 9th December and please remember the Children will need the following kit in school on Forest School days;

- Warm hat (not all in one hat/scarf)
- Gloves
- Long sleeved t-shirt
- Hoody/jumper/fleece
- Long trousers/Leggings
- Spare socks
- Wellies
- Waterproof coat
- Waterproof trousers
- Plastic bag for dirty clothes

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Guitar Lessons

We are hoping to start Guitar lessons for KS2 who are wanting Peripatetic lessons – from January 2023- if your child is in KS2 Years 3 – 6 and are interested in learning to play the guitar, please register your interest via the online Gloucestershire Music system, please see link at point 1 - 9 below.



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Gloucestershire Music Peripatetic Service – 2022/23

Dear Parent/Guardian,

St Mary's C of E Primary School (Tetbury) has expressed an interest in offering individual & small group tuition through Gloucestershire Music. Instrumental lessons are a great way to not only engage your child in music making but are also proven to improve their confidence, concentration and much research has shown the positive effect of music on English and Maths in particular. The time that lessons commence will be decided in due course by your school and the GM tutor who will deliver the lessons. GM staff are DBS checked, employees of Gloucestershire County Council and are quality assessed to maintain the highest standards of teaching across the county.

Gloucestershire Music also offers a [musical instrument hire scheme](#). More information on prices for this scheme can be found at www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk

A [student bursary](#) is also available for those who wish to apply for financial assistance. This can cover tuition, instrument hire and exam fees up to £200 per term (based on a 3 term year). Visit <https://www.makemusicgloucestershire.org.uk/schools/mmg-grants-and-bursaries/> or ring us on 01452 427242 for more information.

St Mary's C of E Primary School (Tetbury) would like to offer pupils the opportunity to play:

Guitar		

To sign up to our music lesson waiting list through our online parent pay system please use the following instructions.

- 1) Visit <https://gloucestershiremusic.paritor.com>
- 2) Under the School Direct Tuition section, click the Enrol button.
- 3) Select the relevant school from the list.
- 4) Select the relevant instrument lesson from the available options.
- 5) Complete the details over the next pages.
- 6) Once you have completed this and created your Schooble account, complete your application.
- 7) Once we have organised the tutor, you will receive an email offering you a place in that music lesson.
- 8) Follow the instructions to accept the place and make your payment.
- 9) Once we have received the payment, lessons can begin.

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Group Tuition 3 – 5 pupils 30m.....	£63.35
Paired Lesson 30m.....	£94.25
Individual Tuition 20m.....	£125.15
Individual Tuition 30m	£186.95

Lessons are priced based on 10 lessons a term

Terms and conditions apply <https://www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk/youth-groups/terms-and-conditions/>

Happy music making!

Nick Steel

Schools' Manager – Gloucestershire Music

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Sport at St Marys

We have had lots of clubs after school continuing to run into the new term and it's especially pleasing to have football and rugby as part of these offerings as we can celebrate the events these sports have globally with the Women's Rugby World Cup just finishing and the Football World Cup starting soon.



We have a fantastic connection with Gloucester Rugby which is enabling our children to experience a fantastic sport both in PE sessions and as an after school club.

We will be exploring the Football World Cup in our classes as an opportunity to expand our knowledge of the sport and the participants from around the world who will be taking part in the upcoming tournament.



Lastly athletics club had a fantastic challenge this week as they collectively tried to run a marathon as a group over the duration of a session. The children managed over 18 miles and I'm sure they will be attempting to better that in the weeks ahead.

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If your child would like to look at the opportunity to further their sporting skills outside of school, we are very lucky to have some wonderful sports clubs in our community who would be very happy to invite any new members along to give a new sport a go.

Mr Knight and Miss Browning

Free school Meals

If you are not receiving Free school meals and you think you may qualify - apply for Free school meals now - instant decision [Apply for free school meals - Gloucestershire County Council](#) (please have your National Insurance number to hand)

Free school meals is not the same as Universal Free School Meals children automatically receive in reception to year 2 - Free school meals attracts additional funding to the school, which can help you with school trips and school events as well as securing your child with a free school meal for the whole time they are in primary school, so even if your child is in reception to year 2 it is also worth applying for free school meals - all approved applications are eligible for a free school jumper (please contact the office to order this, when your application has been approved).

Milk

Reception Children whose parents/carers have registered for Free school milk (under 5's), are receiving milk in class at the moment. This is not an automatic registration. If you would like to take advantage of the free school milk scheme (for under 5's), please register your child at www.CoolMilk.co.uk. Please be aware, as your children turn 5, this will become chargeable and an invoice will be sent to the parent/carer from Coolmilk.

All children who receive FSM (not UNFSM) can have school milk throughout their time at primary, if required. Again parents need to register for this.

If you do not want your child to receive milk in school, the parent/carer will need to cancel it. This should be done via Coolmilk. We are unable to do this in the school office. For further information please look at the coolmilk website or contact the school office.

ready to order - if you did not receive the card - please contact the school office - who will be able to help you.

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School Christmas Lunch – 14th December

Don't forget to book your child's Christmas lunch, please go to parentpay for 14th December and book the roast for the day which will give you the Roast Turkey and all the trimmings and if your child would like the vegetarian option, please book the vegetarian option for the day and your child will receive the sweet potato and parsnip loaf.

- there will be not be a jacket potato options on that day.

(Unfortunately, we cannot update the menus on parent pay for this special lunch – but by choosing the main roast or the vegetarian option this will give you the special Christmas lunches for that day)



Christmas Menu

Wednesday 14th December

- Roast Turkey
- Chipolata
- Stuffing
- ~~~~~
- Sweet potato & parsnip loaf
- ~~~~~
- All served with
- Herb roasted potatoes
- Glazed carrots & peas
- ~~~~~
- Christmas cookie

Please book on parent pay by Friday 25th November

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COME AND JOIN THE FUN

★ WE'RE RUNNING ACTION-PACKED HOLIDAY CAMPS
THIS CHRISTMAS, FROM ONLY £26 A DAY ★

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PTFA

Christmas Fayre

We are delighted to be able to host our PTFA Christmas Fayre again this year!!!

Please join us on Friday 25th November between 5 and 7pm in the school hall to start the countdown to the Christmas holidays.

There will be children's crafts, festive games, tombola, shopping stalls, music, turkey rolls and mulled wine, raffle tickets, plus a visit from the Big Man himself!!

*** During the day children may wear non-uniform, of their choosing, in exchange for tombola prizes. Please bring in chocolates or wine to your class teachers.

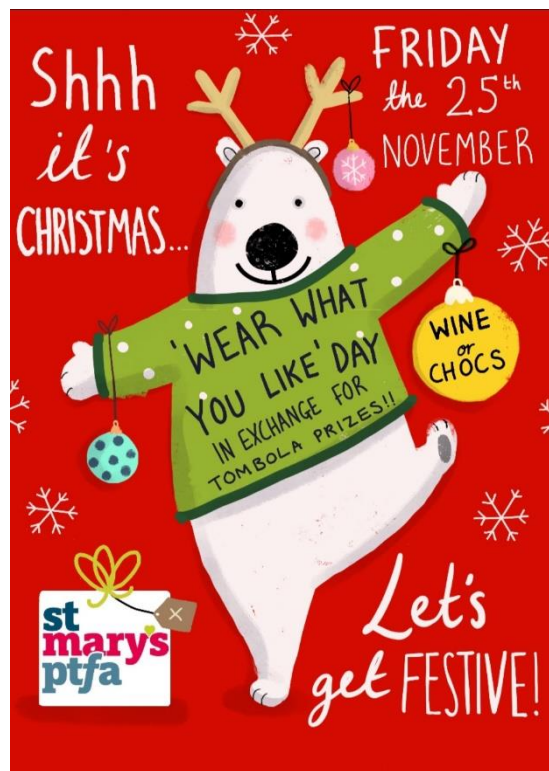


All friends of St. Mary's Primary School are welcome, so please invite your friends, families and neighbours to come and join the fun!

If you are able to volunteer, donate a raffle prize or have any queries please contact us on ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk

Thank you,

St. Mary's PTFA



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BEST CHRISTMAS RAFFLE EVER

DYSON CORALLE HAIR STRAIGHTENERS
DINNER FOR TWO AT CALCOT CONSERVATORY
CHELTENHAM RACING TICKETS
FAMILY PASS FOR LITTLE CENTURIONS
1 WEEK PASS AND 45 MIN PT SESSION AT OPTIMUM
LOLA & CO HAMPER
£20 YELLOW-LIGHTED BOOKSHOP VOUCHER
HAMPER FROM PERRY BISHOP
25 MIN BACK MASSAGE AT PERFECTION
SOAPY CHAMELEON CHRISTMAS SOAP SET
MISS CRAFTY CUTS CRAFT BOX AND MORE
CRATE OF DRINKS FROM DRINKS BY LUCY
BENNETTS FARM VOUCHER
WILD LIKE HER HOODIE
DR JESSICA PRIOR VOUCHER
FUDGIN SHELL BROWNIES VOUCHER
NAT-TASTIC CAKES VOUCHER
COPY OF 'ROBIN WALKS' CHILDRENS BOOK BY CLAIRE BOOSEY
WAX MELT ADVENT CALENDAR - BUBBLES SOAP GAL
EARRINGS FROM CRAFTY BIRD CREATIONS
£30 RAZ-TASTIC VOUCHER
CHRISTMAS MUG FROM MOTTI CREATIONS
CHRISTMAS SWEET BUNDLE FROM LETTERBOX TREATS
£100 VOUCHER FOR YOUR BEHAVIOUR BUDDY
2 TICKETS FOR CHILDRENS PARTIES WITH DJ SWEET LIGHTNING
VOUCHERS FOR HOT DRINKS AND CAKES FROM PEAR TREE DELI
VOUCHER FOR THE FLOWER HUT

TICKETS £1

PLEASE RETURN TICKETS, MONEY AND UNWANTED TICKETS TO SCHOOL BY 1ST DECEMBER
RAFFLE TO BE DRAWN ON 5TH DECEMBER

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PTFA Christmas raffle

PTFA Christmas raffle tickets have been sent home in book bags this week.

Tickets are £1 each which enters you to win a host of fabulous prizes;

- Dyson Coralle Hair Straighteners
- Cheltenham Racing Tickets for Two
- Dinner for 2 at Calcot Manor
- Lola and Co. Hamper
- 2 Children's Disco Vouchers
- Plus many more (see above flyer)



Don't forget you can share tickets with Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles, neighbours, family and friends so everyone has the chance to win!

* Please return completed ticket stubs and payment to your class teacher by Thursday 1st December ensuring all monies and completed tickets are returned to class, in an envelope or a small food bag.

* If you have any unwanted tickets please return them to your class teacher or main reception as soon as possible.

If you have not received any tickets please contact us at ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk

Good luck everyone!!!!

Cuddly toy donations

With our Christmas Fayre fast approaching on Friday 25th November, we are looking for donations of cuddly toys.... ready for a fun game we have prepared.

This is the perfect opportunity to have a clear out of your cuddly toys and hopefully win a new friend to bring home with you!

We have left a box in the foyer of school main reception to collect cuddly friends.

All toys must be washed and in good condition.



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Black Friday Sales

Amazon Black Friday Sales is a great time for you, your family and friends to set up Amazon Smile in support of St. Mary's Primary School Tetbury.

Amazon Smile is an easy way to support your child's school at no further 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>

You can also support us by using 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.

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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Community



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BABY-FRIENDLY CONCERTS

AUTUMN CONCERT

SATURDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
10.15AM & 11.45AM

45 minutes of live classical music for you to enjoy with your little one.

£6 / £4 Children
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Company Number: 04122029 Charity Number: 1052160

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Tip of the Month
I'm dreaming of....

Merry Christmas

Buying a real tree, to replace or grow on

Renting a tree, to borrow and return

Using my artificial tree and decorations, over and over again

Say "No" to

- Glittery cards
- New tinsel
- Shiny paper

For more ideas, see:
www.greeningtetbury.org

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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.

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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 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/>).

COVID vaccines: how to access first or second doses for children aged 5-17

It isn't too late for children to access a COVID vaccination if they haven't already completed their course.

Children are eligible for:

- First or second dose – Children aged 5 to 11 (paediatric dose Pfizer)
- First or second doses – Children aged 12-17 (Pfizer)

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- Third primary dose – Children aged 5-11 who are severely immunocompromised (paediatric dose Pfizer – 8 weeks after second dose), anyone aged 12+ who is severely immunocompromised (Pfizer – 8 weeks after second dose)
 - Autumn booster - Children aged 5-11 who are severely immunocompromised or household contact of someone immunocompromised (paediatric dose Pfizer – at least 3 months after previous dose), anyone aged 12-17 who is severely immunocompromised or household contact of someone immunocompromised (Pfizer – at least 3 months after previous dose)
- *children aged 5-15 inclusive must wait 12 weeks after a COVID-19 infection to get a vaccination
- **people aged 16 or over must wait four weeks after a COVID-19 infection to get a vaccination

To access a vaccination, contact your GP Practice for advice on how to book an appointment at a local vaccination centre, use the national booking system to get an appointment at a community pharmacy or the JabVan at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital (www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination or call 119), or look out for drop-in clinics on the [local COVID information portal](#).

Please make sure to carefully check eligibility before taking your child to a drop-in clinic; depending on their age they may only have specific vaccines which will not always be available at every clinic.

More information about the COVID vaccines for children and young people is available [here](#).

Gloucestershire Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust

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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

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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

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ATTENTION PARENTS

BACK TO SCHOOL CLASSES STARTING NOW
St Mary's Primary School

IF YOU WANT YOUR CHILD TO:

- ✓ Have **CONFIDENCE** to overcome the anxiety of a new school year / setting
- ✓ Build **COMMUNICATION SKILLS** to make new friends
- ✓ **FOCUS** to be able to listen and learn from their teacher and achieve better grades

OUR MARTIAL ARTS CLASSES CAN HELP!

WHAT DO PARENTS SAY?

96.3% of parents said they saw an improvement in **FOCUS**
97.7% of parents said they saw an improvement in **CONFIDENCE**
92.3% of parents said they saw an improvement in **SELF-DISCIPLINE**
99.2% of parents said they saw an improvement in **RESPECT**

MIGHTY MATT'S 3-6 YEARS



Our award winning Mighty Matt programme is designed specifically to aid children's development between the ages of 3 - 6 years old. Our instructors are highly trained on how to bring the best out of your child and help to lay the foundations for them to lead a successful life.

JUNIOR & FAMILY 7 YEARS +



Our Junior & Family classes are for everybody aged 7 years and above. Suitable for children or adults training for themselves and for any adults who wish to train with their child. We've noticed that it can be increasingly difficult to find positive enrichment activities where you can progress & share the experience with your child and our family class provides this.

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