

**Friday 13th January 2023**

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and that the children are returning refreshed and ready for the new term ahead.

It was great to welcome so many reception parents to the hall on Wednesday for the Early Years reading breakfast. I think everyone enjoyed spending the time reading together - what a super start to the day!

We had some very excited children in school this morning - all ready to travel to Birmingham to take part in the Young Voices event. I know lots of parents are joining them there. Thank you to everyone taking part and to Mrs Pike and Miss Beckett for teaching the children the songs. I am sure it will be another memorable occasion for all.

We are looking forward to our next singing event - I Sing Pop is returning to school on 23<sup>rd</sup> January for a week. Children will be learning the songs at the start of the week and will be performing them for parents in two concerts at St. Mary's Church at 2pm and 6pm on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Please save the date in your diary.

Mrs J Woolley  
Head Teacher

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## Pete the Poet

On Tuesday, year 6 were lucky enough to welcome Pete the Poet to St Mary's who ran workshops with the children throughout the day. The children were taught some very important life lessons surrounding equality, diversity and respect through song, dance and storytelling. The children had a fantastic time, dressing up and playing instruments, even creating their own equality rap at the end. Thank you, Pete, for a great day!

Many thanks to the PTFA for funding this event. It was much appreciated by all.



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## Reading Breakfast – Cherry and Lime

On Wednesday morning, we held a Reading Breakfast for children in Cherry and Lime Classes. Lots of parents, family members and friends turned up to share stories with the children whilst enjoying a cup of coffee and croissant.

It was lovely to see so many children and adults enjoy reading together. Thank you to everyone who came.



The next Reading Breakfast will be held for children in Year 1 information to follow.

## Sport at St Marys

It's been great to welcome back ECB (England Cricket) into school as our children develop new skills alongside their usual PE lessons. By the end of this term all our children would have benefited from the programme we have provided from the ECB.

Over the next week all the sporting after school clubs will be starting and it's very pleasing to see the great offering across the year groups.

We are excited to start some lunchtime sport clubs in the coming weeks giving even more opportunities for our children to foster that life long love of sport. If your child would like to participate in sport in our community please email the school office for our attention and we will do our best to make those connections.



Mr Knight and Miss Browning



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## Forest School

Ash, Elm and Chestnut have enjoyed being at Forest School this term. The children have been creative making their own mini Forest Schools, creating mini beast houses and den building. The children always finish their time at Forest School being able to choose their own activities. This is which is always special to see, as they allow themselves to continually foster a positive relationship with nature. We have been fortunate so far with some lovely winter sunshine but extra layers of clothes are always needed.





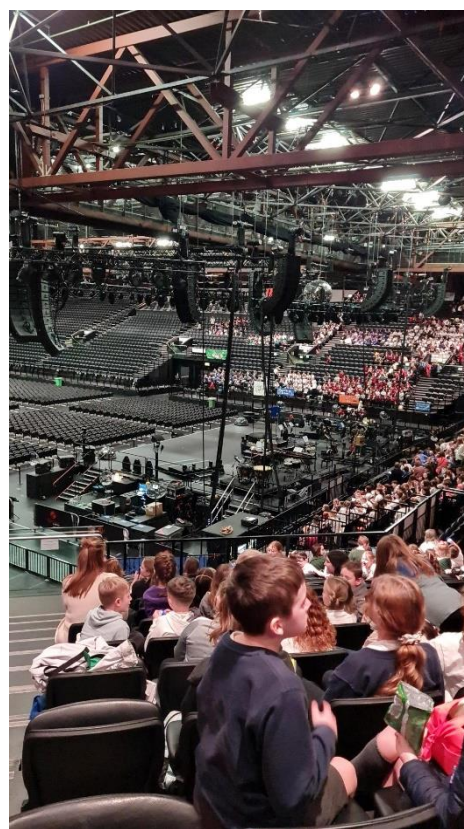
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## Young Voices

The Young Voices choir has arrived in Birmingham. They are warming up their singing voices and practicing now with all the other school choirs ready for tonight.



Wishing you all a fantastic evening. I have been before to watch my children and it is an amazing night.

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## A Starry, Starry Night...

We would love to be able to welcome children and families into school for a stargazing evening where we can: wrap up warm, drink hot chocolate and look up at the planets and stars!

For this evening to go ahead and to be able to welcome as many people as possible, we would be grateful if any families that have telescopes wouldn't mind lending them or bringing them along on the evening. If you do have a telescope, please let Miss Beckett or Mr Hainsworth know. Hopefully this event will be able to go ahead in the not too distant future...



Thank you!



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## Clubs

### Artikids Club

In Artikids Club, Esmae made and coloured a skeleton body which she received a prize and a certificate for & Lily also received a prize and a certificate for creating a bright, colourful aeroplane.



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## 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).



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## UPDATE from St Mary's School PTFA

This year we are looking forward to:

- Our upcoming disco
- Easter Competition
- Summer Fayre
- Summer Raffle



We will be updating shortly with further details on upcoming events so remember to follow us on Facebook at @wearestmarys

We hope you'll enjoy everything we have planned this year.

St. Mary's PTFA

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## 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](mailto:ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk), it only takes half an hour of your time.

## Get involved!

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 or have any fundrasing ideas.

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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-amazonsmile>

**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.

**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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## St Marys Parish Church

Please see 2 flyers below for 2 events running at St Marys Church.

Reflect breakfast for women – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January

Songs of Praise – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm



**You are invited to**  
**Reflect breakfast**  
**for women**  
**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> January**  
**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.**

Organised by TACT (Tetbury Area Churches Together)



**You are invited to**  
**Tetbury's own**  
**Songs of Praise**  
**5pm**  
**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January**  
**2023**  
**St Marys' Church**  
**Tetbury**

**Join in favourite hymns**  
**chosen by people from our**  
**local community**

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## Tetbury Goods Shed

Over a weekend in February, Tetbury Goods Shed is organising a second colourful Window Wanderland trail of decorated windows throughout the town. It is free for anyone in Tetbury to take part as a window maker, you just need to register your address at [windowwanderland.com/event/tetbury-2023](http://windowwanderland.com/event/tetbury-2023). There are free drop-in workshops at the Goods Shed at weekends in January for ideas, with some materials for sale. The workshops are on Saturday 14th and 28th and Sunday 22nd between 11am and 2pm. Children are welcome with their families and will have a chance to make their own decoration.




**HOW CAN I TAKE PART?**

- Register as a window maker on the event webpage: [windowwanderland.com/event/tetbury-2023/](http://windowwanderland.com/event/tetbury-2023/)
- Make a display in your window or garden - anything goes!
- Lend your window to someone who wants to make a display
- Wrap up warm and go out on the night - it's going to be magical!

**HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?**

- Visit [windowwanderland.com](http://windowwanderland.com) for more information
- Come to a free workshop at Tetbury Goods Shed to meet experienced window makers and buy materials
- Follow our social media channels for information, workshops and ideas!

 @tetburygoodshed  
 @windowwanderlandtetbury







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## What's On!

### COMING TOGETHER THIS WINTER

<b>MON</b>	<b>Tetbury Library</b> 10am-1pm <b>St Mary's Seedlings - Baby and Toddler Group</b> 9am - 11am Front of Christ Church Activities Tea/Coffee and a snack	Free Tea/Coffee £3.50 for Adult and Children
<b>TUE</b>		
<b>WED</b>	<b>Tetbury Library</b> 10am - 5pm <b>Tetbury Police Museum</b> Tetbury Town Council <b>Coffee Pot</b> Christ Church - 10.30 until noon	Free Tea/Coffee Free Tour with Tea /Coffee Donation
<b>THU</b>	<b>Friendship Cafe</b> Dolphins Hall - Tetbury 10am until noon	Free Tea/Coffee
<b>FRI</b>	<b>Coffee Morning</b> The Priory Inn 10.30am <b>Chipping Chicks Toddler Group</b> Activities Tea/Coffee <b>Tetbury Police Museum</b> Tetbury Town Council - pop in for a tour and a hot drink <b>Tetbury Library</b> 10am - 6pm Free Hot Drinks	£2 per person £2 per person Free Free



**Tetbury**  
Town Council

[www.tetbury.gov.uk](http://www.tetbury.gov.uk)



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## Happy New Year! Bright ideas for saving energy, money and our planet



*Figures from the Energy Saving Trust  
Oct 2022 for a 3-bed gas-heated home*

- Wash a full load at 30 C  
(save £65 / year)
- Avoid the tumble dryer  
(save £70 / year)
- Switch off appliances at plug  
(save £65 / year)
- Limit showers to 4 minutes  
(save £70 / year)

For more ideas, see:

[www.greeningtetbury.org](http://www.greeningtetbury.org)



**Greening Tetbury**






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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 (MIIU)

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](http://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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