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Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely Easter break and everyone at school would like to welcome you back to the start of Term 5. We are looking forward to the summer term and we really hope that the sun continues to shine. We currently have cricket and rugby coaches coming into school delivering cricket and rugby coaching on the field, to some of the classes, which the children are enjoying and we hope that we will be able to put on some additional activities as we progress through the summer.

### **Covid-19 update**

Whilst the numbers of cases in the locality has dropped and restrictions are being lifted across the country, the government advice to schools as yet has not changed. Schools are required to continue to review their risk assessment, follow the systems of controls to minimise the risk of infection, including asymptomatic testing of staff and have contingency plans in place to manage any outbreaks.

I am aware that some parents have been asking if we can put on different events for children however until the guidance to schools change we will continue with the controls we currently have in place. I will of course keep parents updated as the situation develops.

The teachers will be planning exciting activities and opportunities for the children as they always do as part of the curriculum.

Mrs Woolley  
Headteacher

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### **Juniper and Holly**

Year 2 launched their new topic this term with some photos that showed that Mrs Pockett had visited the Arctic over Easter to take lots of photos for our English lessons. We are using her photos of animals to research and write about seals, polar bears and arctic hares. Looks like she had to wrap up for such a cold place. Thanks Mrs P for the fab pictures, we are looking forward to writing our reports now. Juniper & Holly class



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## Forest School

It was lovely to be back at Forest School today after the Easter break. The children had opportunities to learn to tie knots, go on a woodland shape search, pond dip and den build as well as free choice time.

The pond was a hive of activity with newts and frogs in abundance, lots of trees have a lovely show of blossom and the ground is awash with colour as spring flowers bloom.

Next week the children in year 3 and Rowan class will enjoy s'mores over the camp fire.

Mr Knight





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## Mrs Maisey and Mrs Higgs sponsored walk



Liz Maisey, Chair of Governors and Chris Higgs, member of staff, are doing a wonderful thing to raise money for our school. Together they are walking the entire 184 miles of the River Thames from source to mouth. They are raising money for our school. If you are able to sponsor them please do at: <https://donatemy school.com/campaign-page/chris-liz-challenge-the-thames-2>

## Pick up and drop off

Please can we remind parents to drop off children promptly in the morning. If there is a member of staff on the playground there is no need for you to wait with your children. Please do not drop your children off too early as a member of staff might not be available to supervise before 8.40am. Could we also request that parents move away from the gates to help social distancing and allow parents with push chairs to get through.



St. Mary's PTFA invites you to join in and help create a permanent joyful art installation for children and teachers to share as a positive reminder of this time.

The art installation, which will be a collaboration between children, teachers and school governors, will be installed in a common shared area this year so everyone currently at school has time to enjoy it.



How to get involved...

### Step one:

Order your rock via Parentpay by Sunday 2nd May. Minimum donation £3 per rock, however you can donate up to £10, 100% of donations support our school.

### Step two:

Over the coming fortnight, you will receive your rock to decorate with your own unique design and pattern. Please look out for further updates on when this will happen. There is no theme, however the focus of the art installation is positivity, thankfulness and our school community.

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Step three:

For your rock to be installed, they must be returned by Wednesday 26th May.

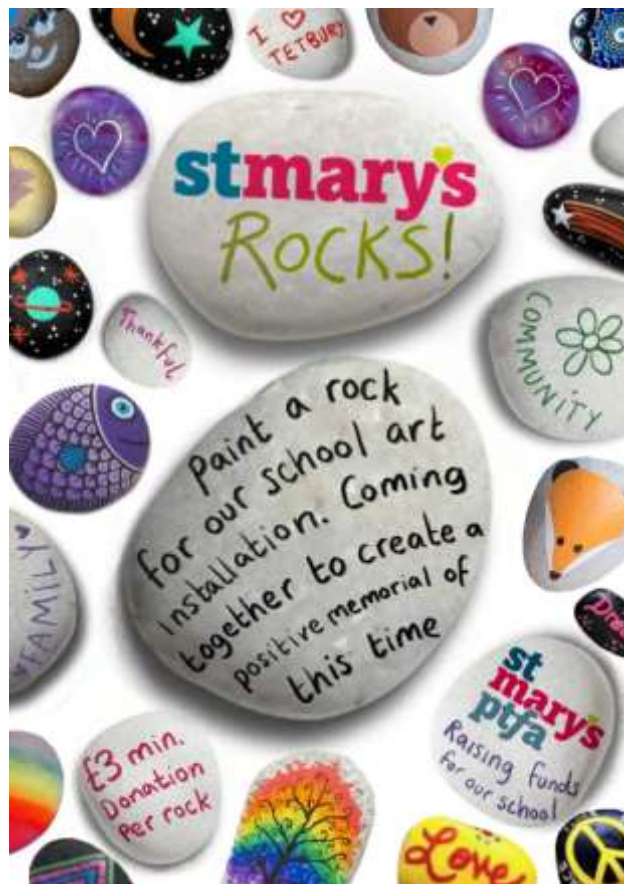
Step four:

The PTFA will install the art installation over the May Half Term break ready for us all to enjoy during the last school term and going forward.

We hope this will be a fun activity for everyone to enjoy and bring us altogether during these unusual times.

If you have any queries or are able to help with installation please contact us on [ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@st-marys-tetbury.gloucs.sch.uk)

Thank you, St. Mary's PTFA



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## Amazon Smile

We have recently been accepted by Amazon Smile. If you select your children's school as your chosen charity **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>

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## Easyfundraising.com

Don't forget if you are doing any shopping online, click via Easyfundraising.com to support St Marys 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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## Textile Recycler

The bin is located in the carpark by the Yr3/4 playground and all your donations are gratefully received. Please keep filling it up. The items are collected every couple of weeks or so if you find the bin full when you use, it please let us know in the School Office so that we can arrange for it to be emptied. This is a good fundraiser for the school which raises approx. £550 per year.





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## Community News



**TETBURY JUNIOR  
LAWN BOWLS**

**Sunday 2 May**  
**10am - 2pm**

**AGES 9 to 18**

**FREE** taster session  
**Wear flat sole shoes**  
**Bring an adult!**

Be one of  
the first!

  
New Church Street  
Tetbury, GL8 8DS  
(behind the Dolphins Hall)

Questions? Email us at  
[tetburybowls@gmail.com](mailto:tetburybowls@gmail.com)  
or call 07414 274375  
[www.tetburybowlsclub.co.uk](http://www.tetburybowlsclub.co.uk)

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## Tetbury RFC Girls Rugby

Every Tuesday Night at SWR playing fields  
5:30-6:30pm throughout April & May

**Players aged 6-12 years old**



Training 25th April  
and 16th May 11-12pm

**Girls U13's  
Starting  
Sept 21**

Email [stephenknight82@gmail.com](mailto:stephenknight82@gmail.com)



# news

from our **caring** **curious** **courageous**  
learning family

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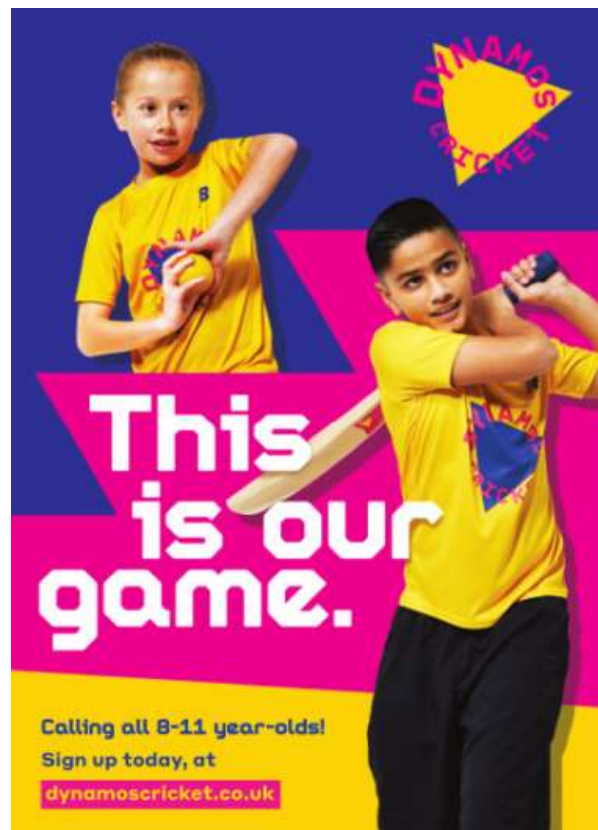


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of summer fun!

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CRICKET

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Give your little star a summer of big moments, making new friends, learning new skills and creating new memories.  
Every participant receives their very own personalised kit bag including bat, ball, cap and t-shirt!

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