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Dear Parents,

We are rapidly approaching the end of another extraordinary school year. I would like to extend my thanks to all the St. Mary's parents for the overwhelmingly positive support you have shown the staff over the past year. We have received so many encouraging messages from you and everyone has been so understanding of the situation, even when you were all juggling childcare, work and school closures. You have done a fantastic job of prioritising your children's education and I appreciate, as a working parent myself, the challenges you faced. The government have produced new guidance for schools, and you will be pleased to hear that many of the restrictions we have been working under should be lifted next year. Let's hope we can all get back to some sense of normality.

I have attached a separate letter about the new guidance and what it will mean for St. Mary's. Nothing will change this term and our current system of controls will remain in place.

We have lots of school events planned over the next 10 days. Year 6 children will be performing their play, which will be recorded and sent out to parents. We will also be holding our sports days next week, weather permitting. Year 6 will be off to Bowood for their leavers' trip and Reception children will be 'graduating' - a recording will also be sent to parents. At the end of term, we will be recording our final assembly when we will wish our Year 6 pupils farewell and present our Mrs Lewis awards. A recording will be made available to parents.

Some children are bringing in Pokémon cards, please could we ask children to leave these at home as they are causing problems in class.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and a great summer holiday, when it arrives.

Mrs J Woolley
Headteacher

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Thank You

Lions Supports Primary School Reading



The on-going pandemic and three lock downs have caused great difficulties for so many families both nationally and in our community. In schools, reading has been identified as being of particular concern as this, in some cases, this has taken a back seat. St Mary's Primary School is promoting reading for every year group using a "Reading Road" to plan materials and where they fit across the curriculum. Knowing the school considers reading and the joy of books as key to its pupils' success, Tetbury Lions has supported St Mary's with a donation of £1,050 to purchase a selection of books, both fiction and non-fiction, for all age groups.

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Year 6

The Year 6's looking very smart in their leavers' hoodies, which they received earlier this week.



Year 6 pupils have been very busy over the last few weeks practising for their end of year performance Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits. They have a dress rehearsal next Tuesday afternoon and then the production will be filmed on Thursday with year 5 children as an audience. Details of how to access the filming will be released later next week. Thank you to all parents for their help in sorting costumes.

Year 5

Cricket Tournament - Cirencester

On Monday a team children from Ash and Elm went to a cricket tournament in Cirencester.

Team Ash and Team Elm played pool games before lunch against other schools. Team Elm played brilliantly in their pool games scoring some fantastic runs, bowling incredibly and most of all playing so well as a team. Unfortunately, on the last pool game they lost by 1 run so didn't make the finals but played another game in the afternoon against Kemble to round off a great day for Elm.

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Team Ash played their pool games with real determination, a real team effort throughout seeing them win all of their pool games to the delight of Mr Walters! After lunch they progressed to the finals where they reached the semi finals losing narrowly. Some great performances from Team Ash which encompassed our school value of being courageous.

It's always pleasing taking children to sporting events and reflecting afterwards how well they have represented St Mary's.

Mr Knight and Mr Walters



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Year 4

What a term Year 4 has enjoyed! Our topic is ECO-WARRIORS and the children have learnt how to care for our environment through a variety of different activities...

We were delighted to have been invited to judge the shops and businesses who took part in the *Painting Tetbury Green* event. The children really impressed us, not only with their choices of winners but their reasons for choosing them too.

We also joined an online STEM event, *Plastic in the Environment*, discovering how big the problem is and how we can play our part in helping to make it better.



A walk in and around Tetbury has become a Year 4 tradition towards the end of the summer term. The sun was shining as we headed along Bath Road and through the fields, back to the Goods Shed where we enjoyed a picnic. Chestnut Class were busy picking up litter and Maple Class explored the amount of plastic in their lunch boxes and how we could find alternatives to single-use plastics.



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Summer Reading Challenge

Don't forget to sign up for the library's Summer Reading Challenge. Please see details below




- * Go to your library this summer to join the Challenge – IT'S FREE!
- * Sign up to receive your special Wild World Heroes collector poster
- * Choose books to read over the holidays
- * Collect stickers for each book you read
- * Add the stickers to your poster to complete the Challenge and become a Wild World Hero!




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Visit the website

wildworldheroes.org.uk



- Set your own summer reading goal
- Rate and review your books to unlock badges
- Play games and enter competitions
- Enter the codes printed on your stickers to unlock extra rewards
- Use the Book Sorter to find books recommended by other children




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The Challenge Begins...

Saturday 19th June - Scotland and Northern Ireland

Saturday 10th July - England and Wales





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New Reception – September 2021

School Milk

If you would like your child to have milk when they start in September, please register child through coolmilk - <https://www.coolmilk.com/parents>

2nd hand uniform

We do have a selection of 2nd hand uniform, please let the school office know if you would like to come and have a look through before buying new uniform, we can then arrange a suitable time to come and have a look at what there is available - we have a card machine for you to make a donation.

Free school meals – apply now! Calling all year 2's ready for year 3

Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, our school will received extra funding if your child is eligible.

The free school meals policy is as follows-

Children might be able to get free school meals if they or their parents get any of the following:

- * Income Support
- * income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- * income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- * support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- * the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- * Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- * Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- * Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)



Parents can apply for free school meals via the following link- <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Free school jumper and tie to every successful application – please contact the school office

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We receive extra funding for each eligible child registered. So even if you don't want your child to have school lunches, you still need to apply to make sure our school receives all the government funding to which it is entitled – helping us provide your child with the best education and support. If you need any help please contact the school office.

Mr Hainsworth's Skydive



Mr Hainsworth has always wondered what it would feel like to fly... so he is going to find out! Mr Hainsworth will be jumping out of a plane (maybe we should call him Mr Planesworth instead) from 15,000ft. That is the same height as 15 Eiffel Towers stacked on top of each other!

The reason he is doing this, is to raise money for the Cotswold Dogs and Cats Home, who do amazing work. They look after neglected and abandoned animals and try and find them a new home.



If you would like to donate money to help, that would be fantastic! You can scan the QR code with your phone's camera or type in this link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/MrHainsworth>

Mr Planesworth will also have his fundraising bucket at the end of each day by his classroom.

Thank you for your support!

Lunchbowl appeal – we raised a fantastic £528.81 – Thank you



@thelunchbowlnetwork



www.lunchbowl.org

1 Happy Hippo = 30 pieces
of fruit for
children in Kenya.

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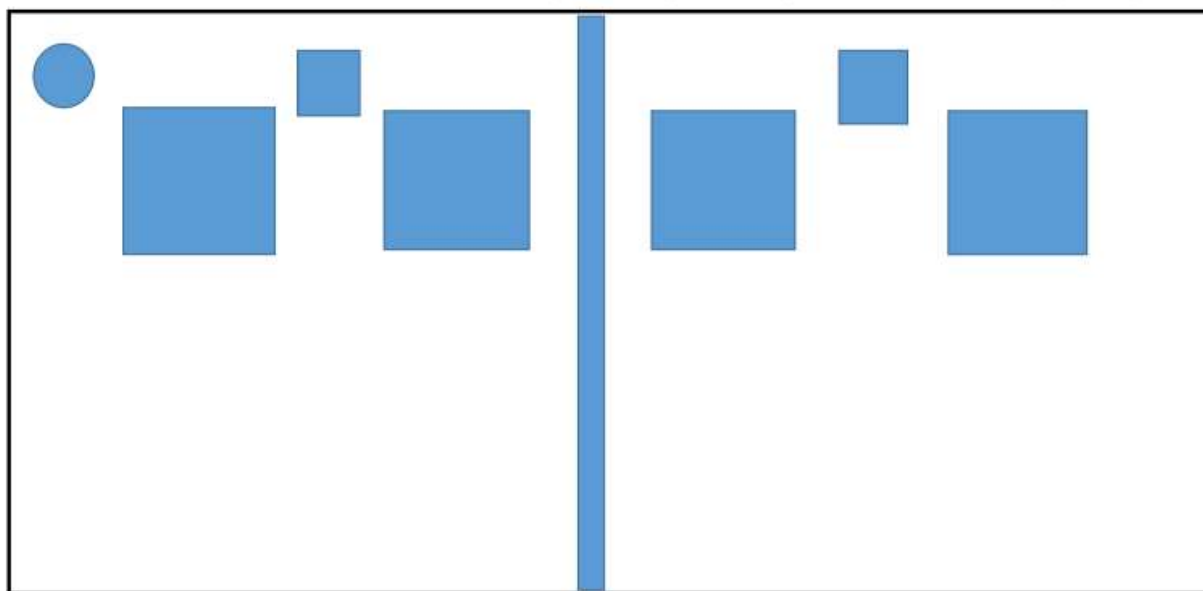
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Mural Competition Entry Form

£2

Please design your mural on the 'wall' below. Your design should be in colour and incorporate the theme of 'The 3 Cs' (Caring, Curious, Courageous). The shapes on the 'wall' below are windows and features that cannot be moved so your design must go around them! The winning design will be painted on the wall in the courtyard for all to see! Mrs Woolley and Mrs Silins will be judging the entries and the winner will be announced before the end of term. Return all entries to school with your £2 entry fee. Closing date for entries is Wednesday 14th July. Good luck!



Name _____ Class _____

Your child should have brought home the above entry form - please return to their class teacher with their £2 entry fee. Please remember to put your child's name and class on the form.

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PTFA Summer Raffle

Following fantastic support for our summer raffle we have raised an amazing **£1,768**.

All winners have been contacted and are able to collect their prizes from school reception.

Thank you to all of our generous contributors for donating such great prizes.



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St Mary's Rocks!!

We have been busy varnishing your children's beautiful rock creations so they last longer when installed. With help from Scott Ellis, we have cleared the area for the final display just outside Juniper class and school reception. We will have a finished display to show you soon.

Sports Day

Tesco have very kindly donated ice-pops for each child to have on sports day.

A lovely treat on what will be sure to be a fun packed day!



Ice Cream Fridays!!

We will be selling ice creams after school every Friday in front of reception. Cones, rocket lollies and Fabs are £1. Mini milks are 50p.

- We accept cash or card.
 - o We start selling at 2.50pm so please consider buying before you collect your child/ children.
 - o Please adhere to the school one-way system and social distancing while queuing.
- We have hand sanitiser.

If you are able to help sell ice-creams 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

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>

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.

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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T-minus 2 weeks to go 🕶️

Hello all,

Happy Friday to you and your little legends – almost another week of term down and only 2 weeks to go until we open up for a sensational summer of fun 🙌 If you are yet to book your place, pop on over to the link below to secure a spot now 🖱️

[**BOOK NOW**](#)

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Atlas Camps

Child and Parent Experience



Our wonderful Child and Parent Experience Lead, Becky, will be popping her fun hat on for the next few weeks to work purely on the experience for both the parents and children at Atlas Camps.

This summer, we will be bringing all kinds of new ideas and amends to camps for both you and your little ones. With this said, Becky would love to hear from anyone who has a cool idea that may enhance your experience with us at Atlas Camps. Ping a response to this email if there is anything that springs to mind, and we will see what we can do!

Emails and Phone Calls

With summer coming, our booking systems, and in turn, our office manager Kelly, are as busy as ever. Please allow up to 48 hours for a response to your emails at this time. If your enquiry is urgent, please feel free to call the office on 0800 772 0743 between 9am and 4pm weekdays.

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Tax Free Childcare

As many of you are very aware, we are able to accept payment through both childcare vouchers and the Government Tax-free childcare scheme. If this isn't something you currently utilise, it may be worth a peek to see if it applies to you. Here's the link for your perusal:

<https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>

Hoodies and T-shirts

Should your child (or you!) want an Atlas Camps hoodie or t-shirt this summer, all you need to do is ping us an email to info@atlas camps.co.uk with: child name, size and venue you will be at this summer. We will then ensure it is delivered to your child at camp.

Hoodies: £12.50

T-Shirts: £8

Have a lovely weekend one and all. T-minus 20 sleeps before the fun begins 

The Atlas Camps Team



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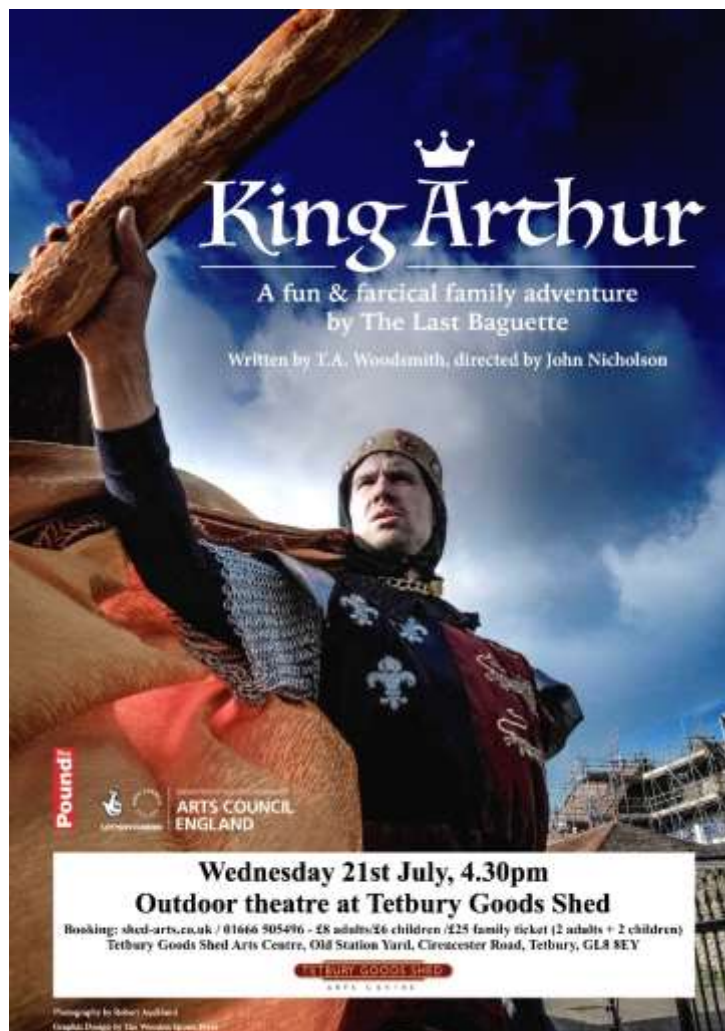
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Community News



King Arthur a fun and farcical family adventure at Tetbury Goods Shed Wednesday 21st July 4.30pm

Tickets start from £6 and can be purchased via our website www.shed-arts.co.uk or by phoning Ticket Source on 0333 666 4466



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The I Sing Pop (& Faith Explorer) team are putting on an event in Preston Park during the afternoon of Sunday 18th July, families are invited to visit 3 activity stations and then join in with a bring your own picnic. If wet we will walk around the park only. Please email the school office with approx. numbers in your family attending by Wednesday 14th July and the office will pass this on to the I Sing Pop (& Faith Explorer) team.

All children must be accompanied by an adult



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Join Gloucester Rugby at our Summer Holiday Camps

Tewkesbury RFC

26 & 27 July | Boys & Girls (U7s - U11s & U12s-U16s)
28 July | Girls Camp (U12s - U18s)

Sir William Romney's School (Tetbury)

29 & 30 July | Boys & Girls (U7s - U11s & U12s-U16s)

Faringdon RFC

2 & 3 August | Boys & Girls (U7s - U11s & U12s-U16s)

One Day Camp just £30 | Two Day Camp just £60

BRING IT ON!
BOOK NOW

gloucesterrugby.co.uk/rugbycamps

All enquires email cdp@gloucesterrugby.co.uk

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CITIZENS ADVICE TRUSTEE – STROUD AND COTSWOLD DISTRICTS

Do you want to help the community where you live, work or study and gain valuable skills?
Do you want to make sure your family and neighbours get the advice they need now and in the future?



We are seeking new Trustees to join our Board and are specifically looking for people with a marketing, communications and IT.

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Time commitment –

6 x Board meetings a year and approximately one other meeting a month with associated paperwork.

Deadline: 31st July 2021

For more information please contact Diane Elsdon, Business Manager by email at diane.elsdon@ca-scd.org.uk.

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Big Moments
of summer fun!

ALL STARS
CRICKET

For all 5 – 8 year-old boys and girls

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!

Sign up today at
allstarscricket.co.uk or at the centre



This is our game.

DYNAMOS
CRICKET

Calling all 8-11 year-olds!

Sign up today, at
dynamoscricket.co.uk

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A poster for French Clubs 4Kids. The background is dark blue with a faint silhouette of the Eiffel Tower and scattered white and red dots. In the top left corner is a logo with a French flag and the text 'Clubs 4Kids'. The main text is in large, bold, red letters. The text reads: 'ALL CHILDREN FROM 4-12YRS WELCOME', 'FRENCH CLUBS', 'to inspire your child's love of languages and to build their confidence through games, songs, cooking and fun activities to bring the language to life.', 'LANGUAGE AND COOKING CLUBS', 'WEEKLY IN TERM TIME & HOLIDAY CLUBS', 'CURRENTLY ALL ON ZOOM'. At the bottom, a red banner contains white text: 'To reserve a place or for more information contact Madame Fuller on ak@clubs4kids.com'.

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**Eat Well
For Less?**

**BBC One's
Eat Well For Less?
is back on the hunt for households looking
to save on their food shop!**

**Email:
eatwell@rdftelevision.com
0117 9707632**

We are looking to represent the whole of the UK and will consider all applications.

Any information you give us will be processed in accordance with our privacy notice, a copy of which is available on request.