

Friday 21st July 2021

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Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of another academic year. Like last year, it all feels a bit strange as we haven't been able to have parents in school for all the events but we have recorded as much as we can. The children have enjoyed all sorts of activities including sports days, reception graduation, the Year 6 play and Leavers' waterfight and barbecue. We are extremely grateful to Katie Rowlett, reception parent, who has filmed the Year 6 production and the Reception graduation this year. Thank you.

Mrs Lewis Awards

The children watched the recordings of the Mrs Lewis Awards made by the teachers. There are so many children in the school who could be recipients of this award and every year the teachers find it very difficult to choose. This year the awards have been given to:

Cherry	Amelia S
Lime	Bertie G
Pear	Riley N
Plum	Thomas C
Juniper	Skylar M
Holly	Riley O
Willow	Freya B
Beech	Jake E
Maple	Lily M
Chestnut	Olivia S
Ash	Amy C
Elm	Darcey W
Oak	Izzy H
Rowan	Kristiana W

Very well done to all of these children – congratulations and thank you for your positive contribution to our school and all your continued efforts this year.

A link for parents to view the recording can be found here: <https://youtu.be/ON-W8IQ2MBE>

A link to Year 6 leavers service: <https://youtu.be/bm1uy0ilfJk>

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Year 6 production

The Year 6 children put on an amazing performance of Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits. The year 6 staff have done a fabulous job of encouraging the children and helping them learn all their lines and songs and the children themselves have really excelled themselves with their dramatic and musical performances. Absolutely brilliant Year 6! The show was so good it appeared on the local news!

A link to the Year 6 performance of Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits is here: <https://youtu.be/VhpWGYTdMEg>

A link to the ITV news item is here: <https://www.itv.com/news/westcountry/2021-07-19/gloucestershire-school-celebrates-year-6-school-leavers>

Graduation Reception

Cherry and Lime classes all received a certificate and a book to celebrate the end of their first year at St. Mary's.

A link to the Reception Graduation is here: https://youtu.be/zlYpU_Ycbes

St. Mary's Rocks!

Hopefully you will all have seen the display of all the painted rocks outside the school. Thank you to the PTFA for creating this lasting memorial to recent times and to all those who contributed to the display. It really is fantastic and has been admired by everyone. The PTFA have done an incredible job of continuing their fundraising and I would like to extend my thanks to them and all the parents who have continued to support the PTFA throughout lockdown.

Mrs Maisey – Chair of Governors

Liz Maisey will be stepping down from her role as Chair of Governors in September. I appreciate that parents are not always aware of how much work the governors do behind the scenes. Liz has been on the governors for 7 years and has been Chair for 4 of those years. She has been a huge support to me during her term of office and I can't thank her enough for everything she has done for the school. We will miss her sense of humour and expertise next year. A new Chair of Governors will be appointed in September from the current board.

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Good bye.....



Today we sadly say good bye to Mrs Silins. She has been overwhelmed with messages from children and parents over the last few weeks and we held a small farewell tea for her last week, attended by a few colleagues from the past and current staff and governors as well as representatives from agencies she has worked with over the years. Staff, parents and governors donated towards a leaving gift and we presented her with a John Lewis voucher, two pots of roses, some crystal gin glasses and a good bottle of gin! Helen wanted me to include these words in our last letter of the year:

Thank you so much for all your kind words and generosity. I will so enjoy spending the voucher and the roses are really beautiful on my patio!

It has been a privilege to work at St Marys and with Tetbury families over the last 30 plus years.

I shall miss all the children and families but really hope the next years are good to you all.

*My successor Helen Calabria will, I know be here to support you when she starts in September.
With thanks and best wishes*

Helen Silins

We also say goodbye to Miss Morris, Miss Fitzgibbon, Miss Archibold, Mr Tapley and Mrs Purnell (swimming coach).

We wish them well in all their new roles.

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I would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy summer. I hope you all manage to enjoy some fun times with friends and family. Keep safe everyone and we look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 6th September. Happy holidays!!

Mrs Woolley

Sports Day

KS2

KS2 children enjoyed a fantastic morning of sporting competition last Tuesday. They took part in a variety of races including: the Obstacle, Egg and Spoon, Three-legged race, sprints and relay. Competing for their 'House Team', all the children demonstrated determination, passion and team work - Well done!



Congratulations to Mary Anning – the winning house.



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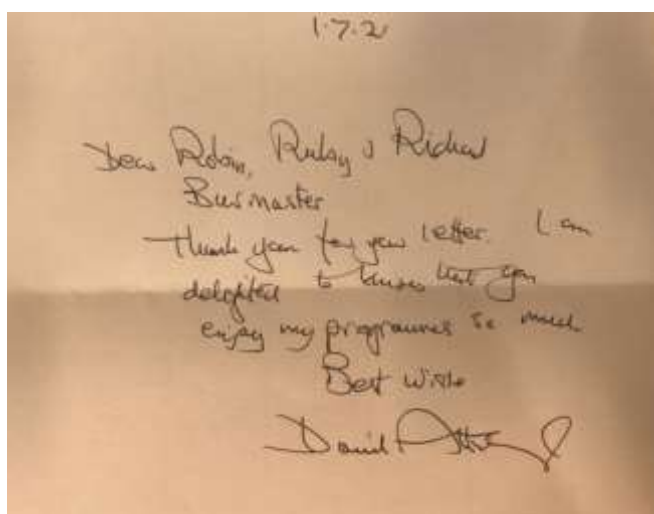
Sports Day

EYFS and KS1

EYFS and KS1 children had a wonderful sports day this week. It was a hot morning so we had ice pops to cool down thanks donated by Tesco - thank you!



Robin, Ruby and Richard each wrote a letter to Sir David Attenborough explaining how much they love his TV documentaries and love learning about nature. They were so lucky to get a letter back from him!!!



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Year 2

Children in Juniper and Holly class took their forest school learning offsite with a walk through picturesque Preston park and along the charming old railway track.



Around Preston park the children were able to marvel at the site of beautiful butterflies dancing through the sways of grass. The children were given time to take in the butterflies and count how many they saw. Whilst walking around the old railway track, the children loved spotting the bat boxes, gazing to the tops of the trees. It's wonderful what you can see when you take a different view in this beautiful part of Tetbury.

Before lunch the children were really impressed by the magnificent Kingfisher that has been installed by the good shed. The Kingfisher is part of a stunning trail throughout the

Cotswolds <https://www.kingfishertrail.org/> definitely worth a visit over the summer!



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Young Minds Charity & Thank You Gifts



Thank you for all the thank you gifts that that staff have received today and for the generous donations to the Young Minds Charity (as an alternative to thank you gifts). We have all been touched by your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Over £230 has been raised for the Young Minds charity a mental health charity that has no doubt seen a huge increase in need over the past couple of years. This money will be passed on to the Young Mind's charity this week.



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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 in September, 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.



Although it's been another unusual fundraising year, missing some of our favourite events, with your support we have managed to raise a whopping **£10,500**

With the money raised, the PTFA have provided the school with;

- Accelerated Reader Books
- KS1 Playground Markings
- Book Storage Boxes
- 32 Bay Laptop Charging Station
- Supported the Reading Shed Project
- KS1 Playground Castle

Thank you for all of your support this year, we hope you have a great summer break.

St. Mary's PTFA

St. Mary's Rocks!!

We are delighted to present the final installation of St Mary's Rocks!

The display includes over 300 painted rocks and raised £800 for our school.

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Huge thanks to EVERYONE who helped turn this idea into reality. In particular, we would like to thank the following people, without whom we couldn't have done it!

- James Sherwood, Jason Thornbury & Adam Silcock – for building the display
- Scott Ellis – for the groundwork
- Heidi Bailey – for the centre stone artwork
- County Building Supplies, TGG Contracts, and King Tree Services for donating materials
- Amazing PTFA volunteers who varnished, painted, counted, negotiated and organised
- Our wonderful school children, staff and governors for contributing their artwork to the display.

Donate my school

You can continue to support St Mary's School Parents, Teachers & Friends Association by making donations here: <https://donatemy school.com/st-mary's-ptfa-tetbury-2345>

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.

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.

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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.



Are you ready - still time to book!!

Hello all,

Happy last day of school to you and your little legends – we are ready to 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.

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

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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

Shirts: £8

The Atlas Camps Team



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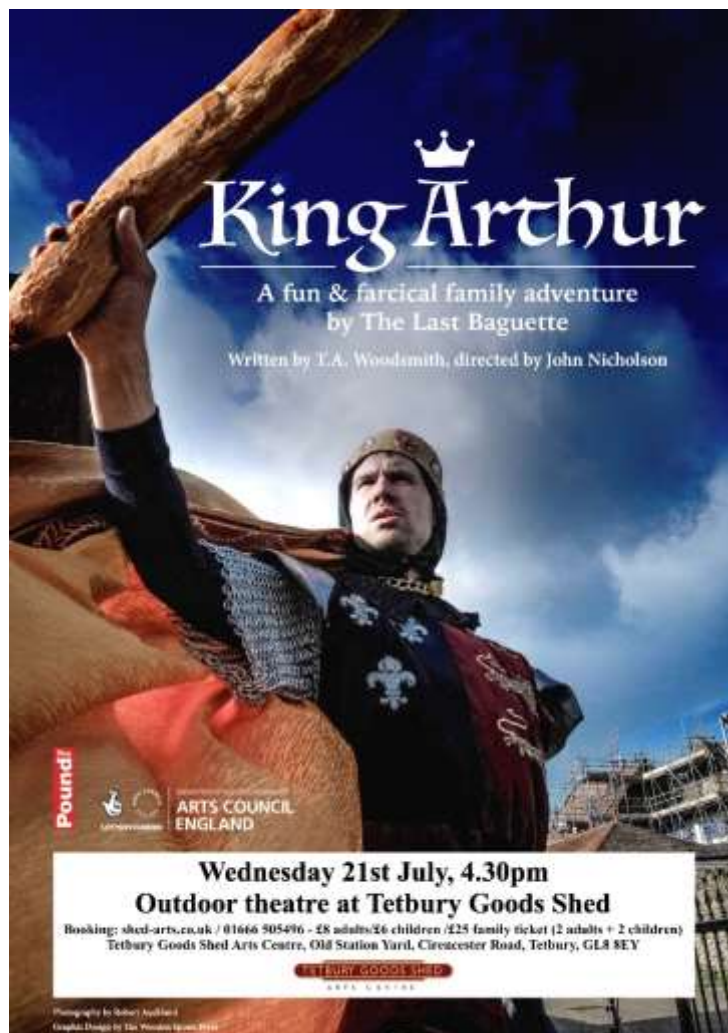
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Community News



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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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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Out and about in August?

The New Countryside Code



Respect


- Remember those who live and work there
- Follow marked paths


Protect

- Care for nature
- Leave no trace
- Think about dogs and livestock

Enjoy

- Discover new places and wildlife
- Find beauty and peace



 **Greening Tetbury**

www.greeningtetbury.org

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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.

Time commitment –

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

Deadline: 31st July 2021



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**FUN FRENCH CLUB
STARTING IN
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**FRENCH CLUB TO INSPIRE
CHILDREN'S LOVE OF LANGUAGES
AND BUILD THEIR CONFIDENCE
THROUGH STORY-TELLING,
GAMES, SONGS, CRAFT & FUN
ACTIVITIES**

**Thursday lunchtime club
for year 2
12.30pm - 1pm
£5.50/session**



**TO BOOK YOUR PLACE:
CONTACT ANNA-KATE ON
AK@CLUBS4KIDS.COM**



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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 red and white. At the bottom is a red banner with white text.

 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

To reserve a place or for more information
contact Madame Fuller on ak@clubs4kids.com

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from our
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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.**