

# St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



20th September 2024



Dear Parent /Carers

What an exciting week the children have had! PE outside in the sunshine, the start of new curriculum topics and a wonderful display on Friday of biking and scooting skills. Icení and Maurward continue to develop great relationships and the whole school is demonstrating positive attitudes to learning.

## Updates from classrooms

### Anning

We've had a great week! This week we have been inspired by the story of the Crow's Tale by Naomi Howarth to write sentences using onomatopoeia and adjectives to describe the Crow on his perilous journey to and from the sun. We have been partitioning 2 digit numbers in maths using a part/whole model and using dienes to help us find different ways of doing this. In RE we retold the story of Noah and the Ark using very dramatic freeze-frames, which we put into a storyboard and really enjoyed.



### Maiden Castle

Maiden Castle class had a wonderful week thinking about different ways we can use charcoal in art, the different pronunciations of vowels in french, thinking of our own similes in writing and using number lines for place value in maths.

## Iceni

This week we have been using If statements in coding to create different conditions when we run a program. In RE we have been learning about the story of Abraham.



## Upcoming Events

| Year Group                       | Event  | Date   |
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| Whole School                     | Rocksteady launch event<br>In School                           | Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September            |
| Anning<br>Maiden Castle<br>Iceni | Rocksteady workshop<br>In School                               | Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September            |
| Maiden Castle<br>Iceni           | Meet the author. Jack Meggitt-Philips<br>Manor Park School     | Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October             |
| Shire<br>Anning                  | Meet the author. James Turner & Steve May<br>Manor Park School | Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October              |
| Whole School                     | Non school uniform day   | Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October                |
| Shire<br>Anning                  | PTFA school disco  | Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October<br>3.30-4.30pm |
| Maiden Castle<br>Iceni           | PTFA school disco  | Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October<br>4.45-5.45pm |
| Whole School                     | Children finish for half term                                  | Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October              |
| Whole School                     | Return to school   | Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November                |
| Anning                           | Dorset Council Remembrance Service<br>County Hall              | Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November               |
| Whole School                     | Scholastic book event  | Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November              |
| Whole School                     | PTFA Christmas shop  | Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December                |
| Whole School                     | School closes for Christmas Holidays                           | Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December               |

Have a good weekend.

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