

# St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



18th October 2024



What a wonderful week the children have had! Maurward enjoyed a fun Forest School session on Friday making Stick Men, based on the popular Julia Donaldson book. Shire and Anning met cartoonist and illustrators James Turner and Steve May and have been inspired to draw and write. Maiden and Icen classes met author Jack Meggit - Phillips which has led to some wonderful short stories based around monsters. Thank you to everyone who came to the Meet the Teacher sessions. It is always lovely to share how well your child is settling in and to discuss the progress that they are making. I hope you have a good weekend

## School Updates

**The weather is getting colder Please can all children bring in coats to school**

**Please can we remind all parents/ carers that St Mary's School is a mobile free area. Please can our St Marys families refrain from using your phones unless it is an emergency.**

**No Dogs are allowed on school premises, unless they are an assistance Dog. This includes dogs that are held or being tied to the fence in the carpark.**

## Updates from classrooms

### Anning

We've had a lovely week in Anning Class. We've been writing a recount of our visit to Lulworth Castle last week in English and learning about fact families in maths and how to add and subtract 10s and 1s. In RE we have been learning about how we can be stewards for our planet and ways we can care for our common home. We created artwork using only what we found outside in nature and loved it!

### Maiden Castle

Year 3 has had a fantastic week. We had a great trip to see the author Jack Meggitt-Phillips. We have been focusing on column addition in maths, story writing about villains in literacy and we learnt all about rocks in science.

## Photos from this week



### Calling All Bakers!

Please can parents /Careers /Grandparents who love to bake bring in an autumn themed bake to sell on our Laudato Si Day this Thursday.

Thank you to those who have responded and are able to help this Thursday. Any help is appreciated.



## School Competitions

### Competition number-1

**Rotary Young Photographer Competition THEME – ‘WONDERFUL WATER** Our children have been invited to take part in a Rotary Young Photographer Competition. The competition aims to encourage young people to:

- experiment with photography
- use digital and/or traditional methods of photography
- demonstrate interpretation of the topic
- express personal ideas through the medium of photography

**Task and rules:** To produce one photograph based upon the theme, ‘ Wonderful Water’ . Mobile Phones or cameras may be used. Each entrant **MUST** provide a brief sentence describing the relationship of the artwork to the theme . This can be submitted alongside the photograph. The name and age of the child must be recorded with the photograph. The photograph must be submitted via Digital Format and be at least 1500 pixel in size on the longest length. The entries and supporting information sent electronically **MUST NOT EXCEED 15Mb** per email sent. Please Note: Photographs which incorporate images of people under 18 years or vulnerable adults must be accompanied by consent forms for the use of those photographic images. Please submit your entry to the school office by **Wednesday 8th December 2024**

## Competition number-2

Rotary Young Writer Competition **THEME – ‘WONDERFUL WATER** Our children have been invited to take part in a **Rotary Young Writer Competition**. The competition aims to encourage young people to: • be creative • use their writing skills • write with imagination and creativity **Task and rules:** To produce a handwritten or typed story in prose or poem entitled ‘ **Wonderful Water** . The written entry could be fiction or non-fiction, as long as the piece relates to the theme and all entries must be legible. We are looking for original pieces, not copies, which match the theme of the competition. Competitors **must not** use any apps which produce any part of their submission, if detected the entry will be disqualified. ***Prose entries should be up to a maximum 550 words. Poetry entries should be up to a maximum of 40 lines. Entries that exceed these maximum numbers will be disqualified. No pictures and/or drawings are to be part of the entry.*** Judges will consider: • imagination relative to the subject • the ability to engage interest • the ability to be consistent in the power of argument • relevance to the Theme. **Please submit your entry to the school office by Wednesday 8th December 2024 with the name and age of your child on the back.**

Year Group	Event	Date
Maurward	Class visit to Wessex Wild	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
Whole School	Children finish for half term Laudato Si Day-Children wear Home clothes.	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
Half Term		
Whole School	Return to school	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
Anning	Dorset Council Remembrance Service County Hall	Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November
Whole School	School Photographs	Monday 18 <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	Christmas Meal – Book via Local Food Links	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
Whole School	School closes for Christmas Holidays	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Holiday		
Whole School	Return to school	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January

Have a good weekend. **P.Fearn**