



St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter

Friday 21st March



What a wonderful week we have had, with children demonstrating their many talents. All of the year 4's across our local area of schools were invited to perform in the Wessex Music singing performance on Tuesday evening at Thomas Hardy School. The children from Icenii class made our school proud with expressive, enthusiastic and clear singing.

Maiden class continues to adapt our Forest School area on the field whilst Anning class's writing is going from strength to strength with many children bringing writing in from home. Shire Class have been thinking really carefully about descriptive words to use in their character descriptions this week and Maurward class are busy supporting one another to complete their class challenges. I hope you all have a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday



Olivia Neil is this week's golden padlock winner, well done Olivia.

Olivia cycles regularly to school which is fantastic.

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BIG WALK AND WHEEL
24 March-4 April 2025

We're taking part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2025 challenge.

Join in by walking, wheeling, scooting or cycling to school between 24 March-4 April.

- ✓ Be active and feel more energised
- ✓ Help the environment by replacing a car journey
- ✓ Help us win some fantastic prizes



Emily and Elara looked fantastic- great work, getting in the St Patrick day spirits on Monday.



This week we have been learning about Holy Week in RE. We created 'peace sculptures' to show peace or reconciliation linking to Jesus' words on the cross.



Iceni have been litter picking around the school grounds this week- very helpful work! We have been making the most of the great weather this week and they have had a great time playing duck duck goose on Thursday afternoon.

Playtimes have been very artistic this week, as you can see from some of the wonderful drawings that the children have created using colored chalks. Spring is definitely in the air this week Mrs. King has been admiring all the bulbs that were planted last autumn. The daffodils are so cheerful.





Easter Garden Competition

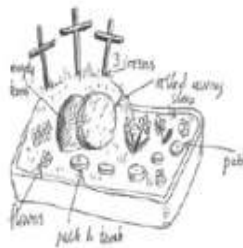
This year we will be holding an Easter Garden competition. An Easter Garden is a miniature garden that represents the Easter story.

If you would like to enter the competition please collect an entry form from Mrs Sparke and bring your entry into school on Thursday 3rd April.



How To make An Easter Garden

1. Place your flowerpot on its side in the tray. (this will be the tomb)
2. Cover the tray with soil.
3. Cover the side of the flowerpot with soil to make a hillside. (You might find it easier to dampen the soil a little first)
4. Cover the soil with moss.
5. Use the sticks to make 3 crosses tying them string or thread.
6. Stick them into the top of the "hill". If you have one cross that is bigger than the others, place it in the centre to represent the cross on which Jesus was crucified.
7. Make a path to the tomb with the small stones & gravel to show how the women ran to the tomb on Easter morning.
8. Place a folded piece of white cloth inside the tomb to represent the risen Lord.
9. Place the large stone to the side of the tomb entrance to represent the stone that was rolled



Optional extras:-

- o A ribbon/cloth over the central cross.
- o Flowers/foliage.
- o A woven crown of thorns on the central cross.
- o Cut out figures to represent the people in the Easter Story.

Your garden can be in a tub, flowerpot, tray, shoe box, lunch box or something similar. Be creative, use natural materials, craft materials, small toys or figurines. Please be mindful that if you are using real soil or plants that your container is water tight.

Have fun!



Upcoming events

| Year Group | Event | Date |
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| Whole School | PTFA -Bingo | Friday 21 st March 5.30pm |
| Iceni -parents | St Osmund's-Parent transition meetings with Claire Hudson- in the House of Joy | Monday 24 st March 8.30-3.20 |
| Whole school | Sustrans Big walk and Wheel, join in by walking, wheeling, scooting or cycling to school. | Monday 24 th March-Friday 4 th April. |
| Anning | Wagamama trip 9.15-11 (No Cost) | Tuesday 25 th March |
| Whole School | Class Photo's | Tuesday 1 st April |
| Whole School | Break up for Easter | Friday 4 th April |
| Whole School | Return to School | Tuesday 22 nd April |
| Iceni | Springhead residential | Wednesday 30 th April- Friday 2 nd May. |
| Maurward | Farmer Plamer Trip/ all day –Local food Links to order packed lunch- payments via parent pay | Thursday 1 st May |
| Shire/Anning/ Maiden Castle Iceni | Fire Safety Visit | Wednesday 7 th may |
| Whole School | Sports Day | Wednesday 18 th June |

Have a good weekend. *P.Fearn*