



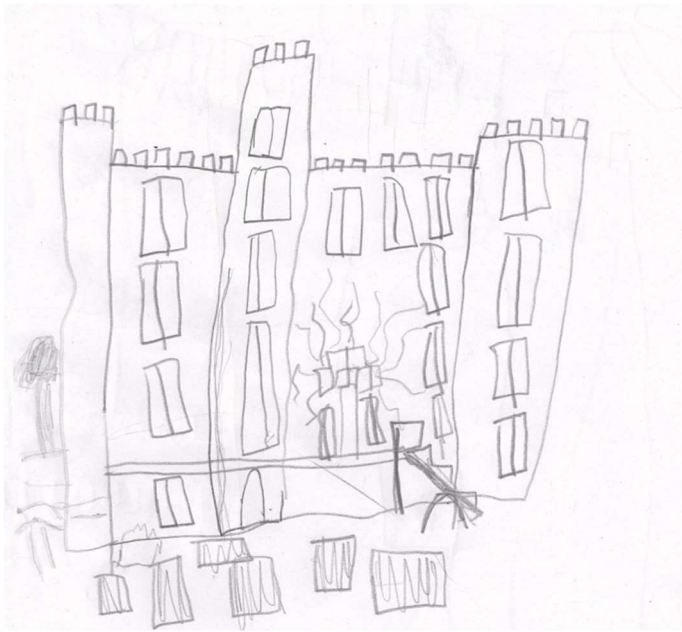
## St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September



I would like to thank all of you have made me feel as welcome as the newest member of staff at St Mary's. I cannot think of a more wonderful school to join. It has been a pleasure to get round to the classes and meet the children this week. There's a word I've heard a lot here at St Mary's. When I met some of the staff last term, I was told by all of them that the best thing about St Mary's was the family feel. On break duty on Thursday one of the Year 3 girls was telling me she loved being in our school. When I asked her why she told me about her friends, the learning and the teachers. She went on to tell me, "I feel like I have a huge family here in school." Having seen the way that the children treat each other and how the dedicated, hard-working staff make every decision for the benefit of the children, I can understand why our school feels like a family. I look forward to the relationship between the school and families continuing to provide an environment where achievement, curiosity and a regard for those around us flourish.

Anning class have had a super start with their learning this week. They have drawn some wonderful sketches of Lulworth castle, have been writing an acrostic poem about belonging and have been brilliant scientists and mathematicians. We can't wait for next week!



We have had a wonderful first week back in Shire class. We have enjoyed exploring our new classroom, especially the new reading area. We retold the creation story using lots of props in RE which was really fun!



## First Holy Communion Programme 2025-26

We are pleased to announce that the First Holy Communion programme 2025-26 will be starting soon, led by Kate Bone and Sarita de Kretser. If you wish to enrol your child and they are starting this September in Year 4 or above, please send an email to us at [jdekretser@btinternet.com](mailto:jdekretser@btinternet.com) stating your desire for your child to receive this Sacrament, and your intention for them to attend the preparatory course and you to attend the parents' meetings. We are so excited to be sharing this special journey with you and your children! God bless, Kate and Sarita



We will keep our St Mary's Families updated on PTA events, please keep in touch with the class PTA reps and they can let you know how to become involved in our PTA events.

| Year Group   | Event                            | Date                              |
|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Whole School | Children break up for half term  | Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October |
| Whole school | Children return after half term. | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November   |

Have a good weekend. **S. Thomas**