



St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter

Friday 26th September



Autumn seems to have arrived and we have those lovely, crisp mornings. We can feel the school year picking up pace and we will soon be running parents evenings. Such meetings provide a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's wellbeing and progress and we place a lot of value on this two way dialogue with you. Bookings for a time slot can be made online.

As the weather turns colder our thoughts often turn to our next holiday. However, please could I ask you consider the effects of attendance on the children's academic performance? We know that the more time the children spend in school the better they perform. The attendance policy can be found on the school website and I would ask you to look at this before booking holidays during term time. Penalty fines may be issued from now in line with the policy. Please be assured that there are still circumstances outlined in the policy that will allow for time off during term time.

Maurward

Amongst other things we have been practising handwriting skills; sequencing cards in the correct order; building our social skills by playing co-operatively and collaboratively; creating sorting rules; drawing pictures of nocturnal animals and thinking about the initial sounds for those animals.





Shire

Shire class have had a great week. We have been learning to catch in PE and have been using multilink to make and compare numbers in maths.



Anning

Anning class has had a great week of learning. In Science they learned about different food groups and how to balance their diet, in RE they have been learning about Baptism in the Catholic Church, in Maths they have been continuing to partition numbers and in PE they have been Playing tag whilst changing directions.

We are all looking forward to our trip to Lulworth Castle on 7th October and have been learning about places and the reasons for castles with Mr Thomas on a Friday.



Maiden Castle

This week Maiden Castle class have been working hard in maths adding and subtracting. In English we have been working hard on our story for the DOMVS story competition. In art we have been expressing our ideas using charcoal.



Iceni

Year 4 have been learning the story of Kathrine Johnson a pioneering mathematician for NASA and have been doing some storytelling through art.

On Thursday the 2nd of October our Key stage one classes –Reception, year one and two will have the opportunity to try a local food links Hot Lunch if they do not already have one ordered, they will be able to try a Jacket Potatoes with beans and cheese which is perfect warm lunch for the colder autumn days. Please do send your child in with their usual packed lunch if they do not wish to try this.

Parent Meetings for Years 1–4

Parent meetings for children in **Years 1, 2, 3, and 4** will take place on:

- **Monday, 20th October**
- **Wednesday, 22nd October**

Appointments can be booked via your **eSchools account** from **Monday, 29th September**. You will have **one week** to make your booking.

If you need assistance or prefer for us to book your appointment on your behalf, please feel free to pop into the school office — we're happy to help.

Year Group	Event	Date
Anning	Lulworth Castle trip-Packed Lunch option available on local food Links	Tuesday 7th October
Shire and Anning	Meet the Author –Simon Philip at Manor Park school/ books are available to buy on parent pay	Wednesday 15th October
Maiden and Iceni	Meet The Author-Chris Smith at Manor Park school/ books are available to buy on parent pay	Thursday 16th October
Whole School	Parents Meeting	Monday 20th October
Whole School	Parents Meeting	Wednesday 22nd October
Whole School	Children break up for half term	Thursday 23rd October
Whole school	Children return after half term.	Monday 3rd November
Whole School	Local MP Edward Morello-School Visit	Thursday 27th November
Whole School	Meet The Donkey-PTA	Monday 1st December
Shire/Anning/ Maiden Castle/ Iceni	Christmas Story Night 5pm -6pm	Date to be re-confirmed
Whole School	PTA-Christmas Shop	Thursday 11th December
Whole School	Rocksteady –Concert/ parents of Band members invited	Friday 12th December
Shire, Anning, Maiden castle. Iceni	Nativity	Monday 15th December
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EYFS	Nativity	Wednesday 17th December

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