



St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter

Friday 24th October



Half term is finally upon us. What a busy time we've had since September! I am so happy to have found myself here and I love the atmosphere that the children, families and staff create. This truly is a small school with a huge heart. We had a visit from the Mayor, Mr. Andy Canning, this week and it struck me that the children really are growing up in a town and school community that model service to others and a sense of having something to give.

On INSET day the teachers will be busy receiving updated training on the delivery of phonics as we continue to put reading at the heart of everything we do.

It was lovely to share an author visit with Manor Park; hopefully we have some budding authors in school. The school is looking much fresher following the huge amount of work that volunteers have put in during weekends and our Laudato Si day. We are truly blessed to have such a proactive and helpful community. We welcome your contributions to the school and if you have any ideas or comments you think we should know, please feel free to approach me on the gate.

I would like to wish you all a pleasant time with your families over half term and for those of you lucky enough to be travelling a safe journey.



On Wednesday, Andy Canning, the Mayor of Dorchester, along with Mel Lane the mayoress, delivered a fantastic assembly.

The children had the opportunity to learn about the important work the council does for Dorchester, and how they, too, can make a difference through their own School Council.

Laudato Si Day





School Grounds Day - 18.10.25

We are incredibly grateful to our fantastic families who gave up their Saturday and worked so hard to make our school look wonderful. Thank you.

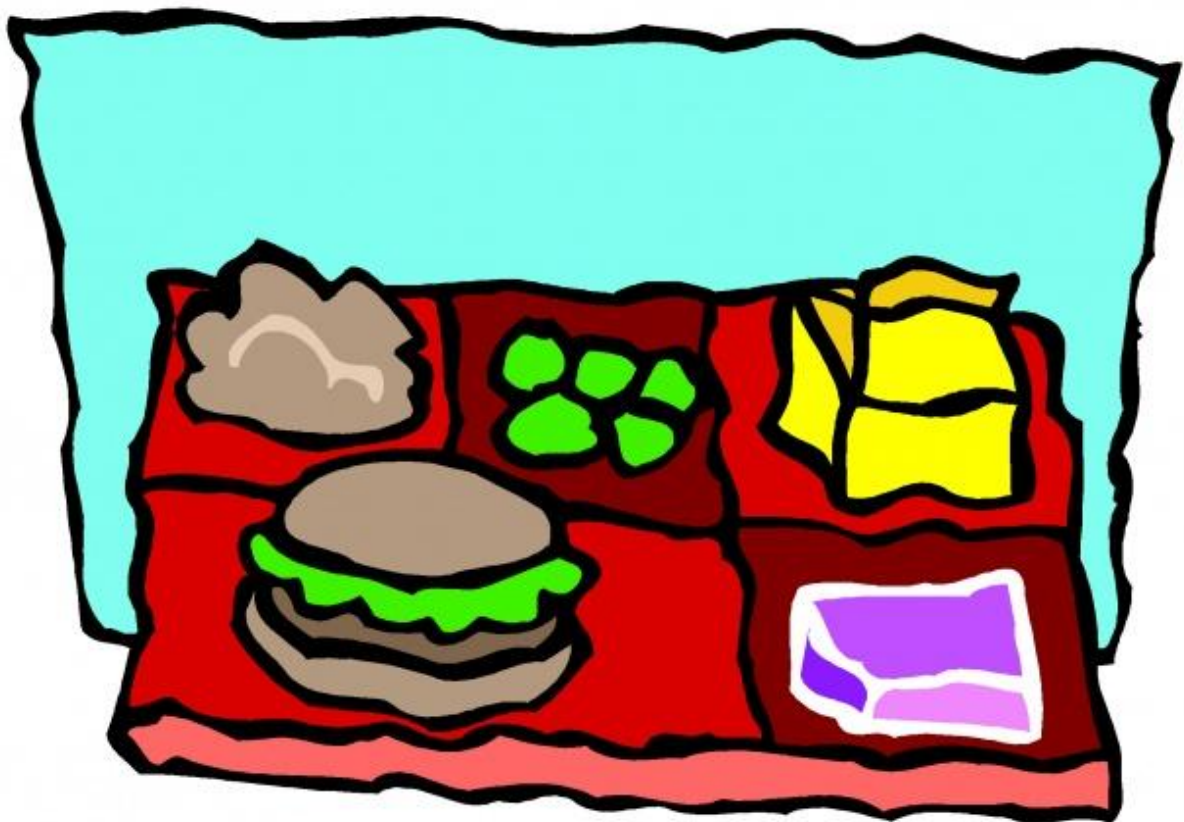


Work for us

We are looking for a hardworking individual to join our Lunchtime team on a casual contract

This role would be to cover staff absence on a zero hours contract.

If you are interested or know anyone that would be please email Michelle on office@stmarysdorchester.dorset.sch.uk



Year Group	Event	Date
Whole School	Children break up for half term	Thursday 23 rd October
Whole school Whole School	Children return after half term. Flu Vaccinations-Morning	Monday 3 rd November
Whole school	Individual school photo's	Tuesday 4 th November
Shire Class	Library trip-1PM	Tuesday 11 th November
Maiden Castle	Longleat Trip	Thursday 13 th November
Whole school	Schooltastic Book Fair	Wednesday 19 th November-24 th November
Whole School	Local MP Edward Morello-School Visit	Thursday 27 th November
Whole School	Bling your Bike	Friday 28 th November
Whole School	Meet The Donkey-PTA	Monday 1 st December
Iceni	Journey to the stable	Monday 8 th December 9.30-
Whole School	Christmas Story Night 5pm -6pm	Thursday 4 th December
Whole School	PTA-Christmas Shop	Thursday 11 th December
Whole School	Rocksteady –Concert/ parents of Band members invited	Friday 12 th December
Shire, Anning, Maiden castle. Iceni	Nativity	Monday 15 th December
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EYFS	Nativity	Wednesday 17 th December
Christmas Meal Reception/1/2/3/4	Local Food Links-Christmas Lunch	Friday 19 th December

CHARMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

A very special thank you to Mark, our incredible Apple Press operator, who spent the entire day working with our students. His enthusiasm, patience, and hands-on guidance.

The children loved the apple juice and many had third helpings!

A Special Thank you

Rachel Lewis for co coordinating last weekend's helping hands.

Laura Kent for working with are children all day with the planting.

To the Raines Family Chris, Megan and their parents Simon and Jodine Raines who own the tractor.

Izzy Kelsall and Malgorzata Mierzwa who ran the cake sale.

Bob Rowe

All those who made cakes.

All those who sold cakes at the end of the day.

Thank you to our Helping Hands families

Chris, Megan, Tucker, Barney and Ronan Raines

Gary and Carol Fry

Paul, Laura and Lucas Kent

Abbi Salkeld

Caroline Dowdell

Paul, Jennie, Hector and Kitty Machin

Kitz, Ben, Dexter and Martha Clifford

Graham and Remy Cote

Wai-Ling Wong and Milo Beckingham

Alex Smith

Paul, Jenny, Rowan and Finley Conrad

Ellie, Laurie, Arlo and Loki Thomas

Jamie Macdonald

Mike and Flossie Motteram

Myriam, James and Bella Packer

Rachel, James and Abigail Lewis

Thank you to our Helpers on Laudato Si Day

Edd Moore

Ella's grandad Steve

Paisley's mum

Dylan's mum

Alyssa Aves

Laura Kent

Fabio's mum

Tatiana's dad

Annie's Dad

Angus's grandad

Nejeera Joseph

Hector's mum

Laura Butt

Mrs Raines (Tucker's mum)

Mr Raines (Tucker's dad)

Bella Packers grandma

Tetiana's mum

Katy Jones (Elizabeth Carter's mum)

Jo Maltby

Mrs MacGregor



Have a good weekend.

S. Thomas