



St Mary and St Peter's Church School News



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Head of School Update...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term! I hope you all had a great Easter break. We have a short but very busy half term ahead with school trips, SATS week and lots of exciting learning.

Thank you to our families who completed the parent survey last term. Your feedback is so important and valued. It was lovely to read lots of great feedback and also areas that we can continue to reflect upon. All families felt children have a range of experiences, were taught well, feel they are challenged academically and would recommend the school to others. We will be continuing to ensure all children's needs are met with ongoing reflection of SEND provision and home learning.

On Monday, Hogwarts class will receive a letter about swimming lessons in Summer 2. We will be running 6 swimming sessions over 6 weeks at Chard.

Best wishes,

Kirsey Luffman
Head of School



**Our School
attendance
target is
95%**

**We are at
92.02%**

**Hogwarts
Class current
attendance**

**92.97%
+ 0.11%**

**Gruffalo Class
current
attendance**

**90.23%
- 0.60%**

Congratulations
to this week's
winners!

Headteacher's Award
Albie Tommy Bella Penny

Friday's Child
George Scarlett

Attendance Superstars!

George Bella Noah
Isla Dakota Charlotte
Albie Tommy Andre
Logan A Penny Kyle
Kimmy Deacon Logan L
Scarlett Esme Lucas
Zara Kayne Joseph
Jack Yennifer Nadine
Jared Emila Hettie Willow

Head of school drop-in sessions

As I work between both schools, I am mindful that I am not always around for drop-in sessions. Please do contact the office if you would like to meet with me if I am not on site and I will get a meeting booked in as soon as possible.

Friday Family Assemblies
Every Friday at 2.45pm

Reading Raffle

We are excited to be launching St Mary and St Peter's Reading Raffle!

Children can win raffle tickets for reading at least 3 times a week or completing FFT Lightning Squad 3x a week. At the end of term, we will pick the winning raffle ticket who will win a Toniebox and lots of story cards!

Gruffalo Class

Gruffalo Class have had the best week settling into the summer term. We launched our new topic Coasts by visiting the Seaton Tramway and then the Jurassic Centre. We started off our visit by getting on the tram, Gruffalo class were lucky enough to sit at the top! We then went on a dinosaur poo hunt, looked for fossils, explored a dino dig and then looked at some incredible moving dinosaurs. The children were superstars and we are so proud of how they all behaved. We have also started our new book in English Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish. The children have loved starting to read the story and enjoyed sharing their wishes with the class. We are already looking forward to our next trip next Thursday when we visit the Orchestra at Westlands!

Hogwarts Class

Hogwarts have been superstars this week! They have shown amazing resilience, independence and maturity – they have been wonderful with Mrs Gafney who has been covering for Miss Sealey this week. This week, they have started their new English text "Varmints" exploring the impact of pollution on the environment. Linked to this, Hogwarts have dissected and explored flowers creating their own diagrams. Hogwarts also started their summer term history project all about Ancient Civilisations. They learnt about what a civilisation is and started to make links to Egyptians.

Diary Dates:

Thursday 30th April - Gruffalo Class Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra at Westlands.

Monday 11th - Thursday 14th May- Year 6 SATS week.

Friday 15th May - Eco Day. Families are invited to join from 2pm.

Friday 22nd May - Breakfast and Puzzles 8.30 - 9.15am Family Assembly 9.15 - 9.40am

Friday 22nd May - Last day of term

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May - Half term

Monday 1st June - Return to school

Monday 1st June - Wednesday 3rd June - Hogwarts Bristol Residential

Friday 12th June - INSET Day School closed to pupils

The school calendar for 25/26 and 26/27 can be found under the Parents Tab, listed as Term Dates. Go to: www.stmaryandstpeters.co.uk

Reading is
magic



**READING
COMPETITION**

Children must read at least three times a week and have their reading record signed by an adult to be entered into the raffle. They can also qualify by completing three online reading sessions on Lightning Squad.

The raffle will be drawn at the end of the summer term. The winner will receive a Toniebox filled with stories.



FREE Parent and Carer Workshops:



Each session will create a safe supportive space where parents and carers can engage in a way that feels comfortable for them, including anonymous contributions and end-of-session questions.

You only need to attend **ONE** workshop - but you are welcome to join two or all three if you wish.

Duration: 1.5 hour workshop + 30 mins Q&A

Online (live only):

Monday 20th April 2026, 7pm-9pm (please login by 6:55pm) - **Parents of Secondary Pupils** - Talking about sex and relationships with your teen: What parents need to know.

Monday 11th May 2026, 7pm-9pm (please login by 6:55pm) - **Parents of SEND Learners** - Supporting your SEND child with Bodies, Boundaries and Relationships.

Monday 8th June 2026, 7pm-9pm (please login in by 6:55pm) - **Parents of children ages 0-11, Early years professionals welcome too** - Starting the Conversation: Bodies, Boundaries and Relationships for the Early Years and Primary aged children.

These sessions will be led by Alice Hoyle, national RSHE expert-educator and co-author of Great Relationships and Sex Education and Becoming a Sensory-Aware School. Alice is a neurodivergent professional and parent of neurodivergent children, offering both expert guidance and lived experience to support truly inclusive, sensory-aware RSHE.

To book please scan the QR code or follow this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/2AKi48BfN8>



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