

# St Mary's, Swanage Newsletter

**Attendance**

Our attendance this week is 93.90%.

**School News**

**Book Week**

Our annual book week runs next week with the Book Fair being delivered on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>. You will be able to purchase items after school each day or online. There will be additional activities throughout the week, including our ever-popular **Bedtime Stories** and Friday afternoon **Story time** - see information below for more details.

**Bedtime Stories**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November - 5.30 – 6.00pm.

Come in your pyjamas and dressing gowns and share a story -teddies welcome! Hot chocolate provided.

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Reception class</b>
Year 1	Year 1 class
Year 2	Year 2 class
Year 3 & 4	Year 4 class
Year 5 & 6	Year 6 class

Parents should drop off their children at the following points:  
Reception, Year 1 and 2 Office entrance  
Year 3/4/5/6 Pupil entrance

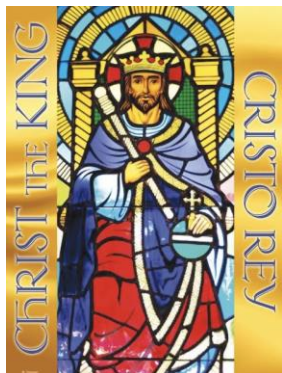
You are then very welcome to come to the hall for refreshments and to explore the book fair!

As part of our book week celebrations, we invite you to **STORY TIME**

Friday 22nd November 2024 at 2.30pm in the school hall.

Miss O'Donaghue, Mrs Phipps-Bennett and Mrs Meteau will be sharing some of their favourite picture books.

Please come to the hall and your child will be brought down to meet you. Refreshments and books for you to share together will be provided.



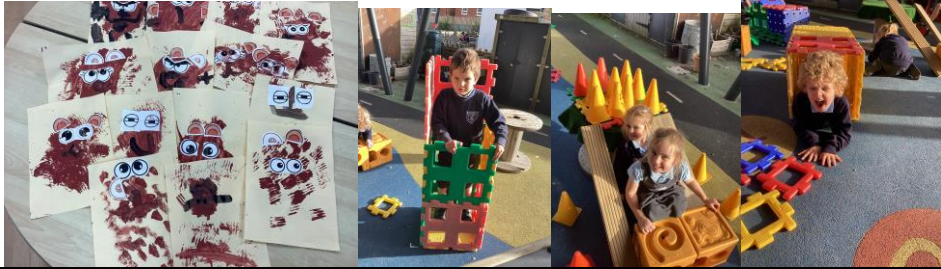
**Mass Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November @ 9am- school hall**

We will be celebrating the Feast of Christ the King at Mass – you are very welcome to join us- please sign in at the office or as you enter at the rear of the hall.

**Stars of the Week – see end of the newsletter**

**News from the classes**

<b>Reception</b>	Reception has had a very busy week as always! We have been thinking about the seasons in particular Autumn and Winter. We looked at what animals do to prepare themselves for winter and the cold weather coming in. We learnt all about hibernation and which animals hibernate during the winter, we made some brilliant hibernation dens outside and produced some super bear artwork.
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**Year 1**



Year 1 has had another busy week. The children have started their history topic- focusing on the change of toys from their grandparents to the toys the children play with now. If you have any pictures of toys that you used to play with, please can you bring them in so the children can have a discussion about the similarities and differences. In Maths, we have continued our learning on part whole models and addition up to the number 10. The children have all worked hard on doing this independently and they have had a go at creating their own number sentences for their friends to complete. In Art, the children have had a go at drawing an animal from observation.

**Year 2**

Year 2 started the week off with a wonderful workshop run by the [Stuff and Nonsense Theatre Company!](#) One of their puppet makers spent the afternoon with us and showed us how to make the most amazing rod pig puppets. We greatly enjoyed this activity and are very proud of the puppets that we made. In English, we have started writing our own firework poems while in Maths we have been comparing numbers. We have looked at the role of a prophet in the Old Testament in RE (focusing particularly on Isaiah and how he shared the news that God would send us a saviour) and then wrote a job advertisement for a prophet. This then led us to create a piece of artwork contrasting light and dark: Jesus is the Light of the World. As you can tell, it was another busy week, but we all love working hard and learning as much as we can!



**Year 3**

Year 3 has been working super hard this week. We have continued to finish our RE work by learning all about stewards of creation and what their role is. We have also been learning

	<p>about fairness and the children have been comparing education at St Mary's school and education at a school in Cambodia.</p> <p>The children then came up with some really interesting ideas about what the world would be like if everyone was treated fairly. They came up with suggestions such as; if people were treated fairly, it may stop wars and bring peace to the world, crime may be reduced, poverty could disappear and everyone would be equal. This was just a small selection of some of their thought-provoking and mature ideas.</p> <p>Swimming lessons continue to go well, and it is lovely to see the progress that has been made since the beginning of the term.</p> <p>We are all looking forward to another busy week next week and we wish you all a fun-filled weekend.</p>
<b>Year 4</b>	<p>Year 4 has had another busy and enjoyable week. Only a few pages left of their class book and their newspaper is soon to be published – having found out about newspaper reports they are completing the final draft of their reports about the Grand Firework Display! Our next class text is a play script which will give us the chance to brush off our acting skills. We have booked a trip to Dorchester Museum for later this term and more details will follow next week.</p>
<b>Year 5</b>	<p>Another week has flown by, and Year 5 has been working very hard in all areas of the curriculum. They were extremely focused in their PE lesson where they were developing their athletic skills. Year 5 carried out fitness tests on their ability to speed bounce, throw, sprint, triple jump and broad jump. In Thursdays PE lessons, we carried on with improving our netball skills. In Maths, we have started fractions and this is going well; we have learnt how to turn mixed numbers into improper fractions.</p> <p>Purbeck Cup football scores (Girls):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swanage Primary defeated Stoborough by 4 goals to 2.</li> <li>• St Mark's defeated Stoborough 13-1.</li> </ul>
<b>Year 6</b>	<p>Year 6 has been looking at a playscript this week and had great fun acting the different parts thinking about their intonation and expression. We have some great thespians in our class! In Geography, we've been looking in more detail at the United Kingdom and comparing populations. We ended the week by going on a super trip to Southampton Art Gallery on the train - more news about this next week!</p>

**Stars of the Week**

