



Attendance

Our attendance this week is 94.18%.

We hope you have all had a good week. As you will see below, we have been busy in school.

Enjoy the weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mass- St Francis of Assisi - Friday 4th October – 9am school hall – all welcome.

St Francis of Assisi – dress up and fund raise.

This coming **Friday, 4th October**, is the feast day of St Francis of Assisi – he is the patron saint of animals and the environment. Last year we invited everyone to dress up as animals, birds etc. for the day – and to bring in a donation of either pet food or cash; we split the pet food between the Swanage Foodbank and The Margaret Green animal rescue centre, in Church Knowle and made a cash donation to them to support their work.

SCARF

We are delighted to welcome the SCARF team into school next week. Each class will take part in a workshop linked to our PSHE curriculum.

Friends of St Mary's AGM – this will take place on Monday 30th September at 7pm at the Mowlem Show Bar - all welcome.

Harvest – The children were certainly 'bright' last Friday!



Parking - Despite the new road lines and signage outside of school, we are still getting cars parked on the zig zag and double yellow lines outside the school gate. This obviously raises significant safety concerns. Please help us keep our children safe. We have been informed by County that the new lines are legally enforceable, and they are



no stopping, so it is an offence to stop even momentarily on the lines if picking up a child or dropping off - photos of anyone parking on the school keep clear area can be sent to Dorset police through their op snap initiative see below.

<https://www.dorset.police.uk/police-forces/dorset-police/areas/campaigns/campaigns/operation-snap/>

We have already received complaints from nearby residents regarding driveways being blocked; please can we ask that you park in a responsible and courteous manner.

Just a reminder that the car park near Days Park (at the end of De Moulham Road by the Football Club) is **free** at school drop-off and pick-up times and no ticket is required.

News from across the school

<p>Reception</p>	<p>Reception have had another very busy week! We have been looking at the book ‘Super Duper You’. We have been thinking about our likes and dislikes and how they are all different. They enjoyed cutting and sticking pictures of things they liked on Thursday afternoon. We had a brilliant listening walk on Wellie Wednesday and even managed to avoid the rain for a lovely afternoon outside. We have started learning about the Creation story in RE and the children shared some lovely thoughts about what God had made.</p>	
<p>Year 1</p>	<p>Year 1 have had another great week. Some of the Year 1 children attended the Harvest Mass last Friday, more children will be attending the St Francis of Assisi Mass. We have started looking at our new book ‘Mrs Armitage on wheels’. The children had a think about what she could add to her bike to make it go faster, they came up with some fantastic ideas. In RE we have continued to look at the creation story. We have been learning the first 4 lines of the Nicene Creed and have been learning a song to support our learning of this- The Nicene Creed (youtube.com). In Art we have been looking at using black and white paint to create different tones. We continued looking at the seasons and the children came to the conclusion that we are in Autumn because of the evidence they could see outside the window. In science we have been looking at the animal group reptiles, ready for our exciting visitor on Thursday. Thank you to the parents that came to the parent talk on Wednesday.</p>	
<p>Year 2</p>	<p>Another week of hard work and fun! Year 2 is making Miss Georgie and me very proud; they have filled their marble jar for the second time - well done! In RE, we have retold the story of Noah and the flood by writing what happened and why. This was our first piece of extended Year 2 writing; all the children worked hard and were deservedly proud of how well they all remembered the story and how they have developed their resilience in writing longer pieces – keep up the great work and attitude, Team 2.6! In art, we created another Piet Mondrian inspired piece of art, this time mixing secondary colours and</p>	

	only using orange, purple and green in our compositions. In Maths, we have started looking at addition and subtraction fact families.
Year 3	This week has been filled with excitement and exploration for our Year 3 students! On Monday, we kicked off our swimming lessons. The children flung themselves into the pool with enthusiasm, splashing around and learning new skills. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they made a big splash in the water! On Tuesday, we took a trip back in time to Stonehenge. The children launched themselves into the Stone Age, discovering how early people lived and how they moved those enormous stones. With two fantastic history tour guides leading the way, our students listened intently as they explored the round houses and learned about ancient religious beliefs through fascinating artefacts. The kids were fully engaged and had a blast! Following our wonderful trip we have continued to read our Stone Age story, 'Stig of the Dump' and are beginning to work on writing descriptions of the different environments featured in the story. We wish you all a wonderful weekend.
Year 4	Year 4 have had a busy week and have enjoyed some further exploration of their class text, with an opportunity to predict what might happen next in the story. In maths, they have also been focusing on rounding numbers and have been working hard with their timetables. They have worked hard with some different teachers and their excellent attitude to coping when things change has been much appreciated.
Year 5	Year 5 have had another week of attacking each subject to the best of their ability. We have got our Spanish under away and are enjoying learning all the different sounds. In maths, we have been focusing on rounding numbers, all have made really good progress with this and hopefully this will be demonstrated in their homework. In PE we did manage to get outside for both days, and we again were working hard on our netball footwork.
Year 6	<p>This week in Year 6 we made a human network to signify the Internet- the biggest network in the world! Each pupil became a router who had to follow the algorithm exactly to transfer data packets across the network. In Art we are making Greek vases from mod rock and other resources. In due course we will transfer our intricate designs which retell Greek myths and legends. In Topic we had an online learning experience with an author called Marie Basting. We took part in a quiz about Greek facts and learnt how she wrote her books.</p> 

Useful Dates

Monday 30th September – Friends of St Mary’s AGM – Showbar at the Mowlem 7pm – all welcome.

Friday 4th October - Mass for the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. 9am school hall – all welcome.

Friday 4th October – Dress up day – come to school dressed as an animal and bring a donation of pet food or a cash donation – for The Margaret Green Animal rescue centre and Swanage Foodbank.

KS2 SATs dates for 2025 are as follows:

Monday, 12 May: English grammar, punctuation, and spelling papers 1 and 2

Tuesday, 13 May: English reading

Wednesday, 14 May: Mathematics papers 1 and 2

Thursday, 15 May: Mathematics paper 3