



# St Mary's News

C.E. Middle School, Puddletown



## Autumn 2023 - Motivation

*To all Year 5 children and their families,* welcome to St Mary's! We enjoyed meeting and chatting with lots of you last night at our Meet the Tutor evening.

As we move through the weeks of the first term, we can congratulate our children on how marvellous they have been. They have taken on new challenges, made new friends and thrown themselves back into their learning. They have settled into a successful routine and are loving the independence and thrill of a middle school environment. Plans ahead include Rainforest Day, a trip to the British Museum and the panto.

Your child has come home with a number of logins to various apps. This does seem overwhelming at first, but home learning will consistently be set on Satchel One, your spelling practice will be on Spellzone and timetables fun can be found on TTRock Stars. So, we hope that through habit, access will become second nature. If you do not have your logins to any of these apps or have problems accessing them from home, then please let your tutor know and we will support them in their learning.

We have now all accessed the library and are enjoying a weekly library session. Reading is the foundation of your child's learning success and we are making it a key focus this year. When you read with your child, please make a note of it in their GWBs and together we can get them reading more frequently.

St Mary's will be welcoming all prospective parents to an Open Evening on 21st November where you can wander the halls, meet the teachers and get a feel for a day in the life of a pupil. There are also two open mornings on 22nd and 23rd November when you can tour the school during its working day.

Finally, a thank you for how prepared and smart the children look in their uniform. As we move into winter and they start to wear coats - don't forget to label them so they can find their way back to their owners when misplaced!

Have a great weekend,

Mrs Young  
Year 5 Leader



## 6th October 2023

*The pupils who have done exceptionally well...*

### Year 5

Alisa L 5AL  
Amy K-M—5MO

### Year 6

Maddie C—6WG  
Adam N—6ST

### Year 7

James G—7CS

### Year 8

George C—8OD

*Last day to get your School Photograph orders in online is Monday 9th October!*



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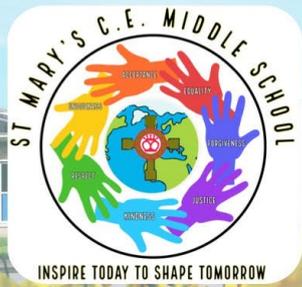
# Christmas

## MARKET

**9TH DEC** Lots of Exciting Stalls, Games, Raffles available  
**10 - 2 PM** Let's have fun!

School Association St Mary's Middle School, Puddletown, DT2 8SA

*Respect, Acceptance, Forgiveness, Justice, Uniqueness, Equality, Honesty, Kindness*



# OPEN EVENING

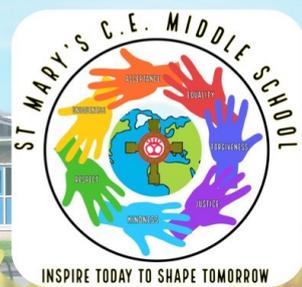


Tuesday 21st November

6:00 – 8:00pm

We invite all parents of Year 4 children to join us for our school Open Evening on Tuesday 21 November, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. You will have the opportunity to meet the staff, tour the site and find out what it's like to be part of our wonderful school.

We are also offering opportunities to see our school in action on the mornings of either Wednesday 22 November or Thursday 23 November, 9:30am – 11:00am. These open mornings will include a tour of the school and the chance to meet some of the staff.



# OPEN MORNINGS



Wednesday 22nd November

9:30 – 11:00am

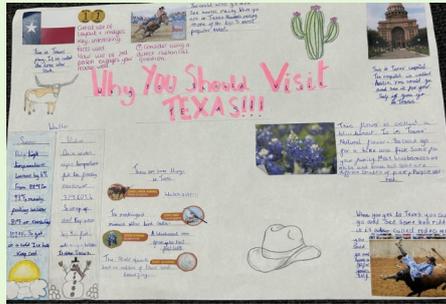
Thursday 23rd November

9:30 – 11:00am

Parents of Year 4 children – come and see our wonderful school in action! We are offering two Open Mornings on either Wednesday 22 November or Thursday 23 November, 9:30am – 11:00am. These open mornings will include a tour of the school and the chance to meet some of the staff.



Wonderful home work from Grace W in 7CS. In Year 7 English, we have been looking at the contextual reference points for our novel, 'Holes'. We have been persuading visitors to come and visit Texas and, more importantly, the 'wonderful' Camp Green Lake.



On the last day of this half term - **Friday 20th October**, we are celebrating **Wear it Pink Day**, raising money for **Breast Cancer NOW!** All St Mary's students are invited to come in to school in home clothes, with either a hint, a splash or a whole outfit of pink, in return for a £1 donation. On Monday 9th October, I will be launching the 5p challenge where each tutor group is invited to raise as much money in 5ps as possible to try to win some of my famous chocolate brownies and a non uniform day for the tutor group. Do start collecting your 5ps and planning your pink day outfit! *Miss Foot*

**It has been said that we need to make Mental Health as important as Physical Health.**

In our PSHE lessons this half term, we have been learning about our emotions and how they can affect our wellbeing. We have also been investigating strategies for how to deal with different situations.

This week, on Tuesday 10th October, we will be recognising World Mental Health Day.

World Mental Health Day is about raising awareness of mental health and driving positive change for everyone's mental health.

It is also a chance to talk about mental health, how we need to look after it, and how important it is to get help if you are struggling. Throughout the day, we will take opportunities to talk about our mental health and ways to help our well-being.

This year, the company 'Young minds' are inviting you to 'Stand out and show up!' for young people's mental health. We are asking the staff to wear Yellow and if students would like to join us, they may accompany their uniform with a token yellow item e.g. socks or hair bands.

We need to remind our students that Mental health is not a luxury, it is a necessity: it is not a weakness but a strength and that it is ok to not be ok and to ask for help.

If you would like more information, please check out these websites and it is ok and to ask for help.

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>  
<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/world-mental-health-day>



St Mary's School Association

## Autumn term Disco!

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2023 6pm - 8pm

£2.50 entry (pay on the door). Sweets and cold drinks available.

Parents/carers - To avoid traffic issues please use New Street to arrive at school and Combe Road to leave. Please arrive at 8pm to collect your children and wait outside the school front entrance. The children will be released in year order. Thank you.

**Year 8 Upper School Applications**  
**Deadline 31st October 2023**

Year 8 Parents can now apply for an Upper School place for September 2024 by visiting the following link.. [www.dorsetforyou/schooladmissions](http://www.dorsetforyou/schooladmissions)

**Important notice...**Please note, for all pupils who have music lessons under DASP, it is their responsibility to please remember the time of their lesson each week.




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