



Spring Term — Half Term

14th February 2025



## Meet the Staff.. Mrs Welch - Year 6 Tutor

**1 What three words would your friends use to describe you?** Kind, organised, creative

**2 If you could trade places with someone for a day, who would you choose and why?** I would love to swap lives with someone who can bake. I love to cook but my baking skills are not up to the same level. Someone like Prue Leith would be amazing.



**3 What is your hidden talent?** I am a very creative and crafty person. I do calligraphy, journaling, embroidery and art in my spare time.



**4 If you could only eat the one same meal for the rest of your life, what would it be?** Carbonara pasta bake with extra cheese.

**5 What is the one song or artist that you are embarrassed to admit you like?** I really love Celine Dion's songs but the French versions. I find them really calm but others might find that strange given that I am only just learning French!

**6 If you could choose to travel to one place in the world for free, where would you go?** I would go on a food tour of the UK and taste all the local dishes.

**7 What is the best film / series / programme you have ever watched?** Film- The Little Mermaid, Series- Friends, Programme- Criminal Minds.

**8 What book are you reading at the moment?** I am reading 5 books at the moment: Abigail the Breeze Fairy with my daughter, Dragon Mountain with my son, Rooftoppers is in my bag, Written in the Stars anthology is on my kindle and The Purgatory Poisonings is by my sofa!



### Message from Dr Ennion..

Thank you to all our parents and families for your support with ensuring your child comes into school each day wearing the correct uniform. The St Mary's dress code is important to creating a strong community identity, supporting high expectations and in preparing the children for the next step in their education and, ultimately, for the world of work. Please bear in mind that if you are struggling to purchase items of uniform, or if your child has certain sensory needs, we encourage you to let us know. We have a large stock of used/nearly-new uniform at very reduced prices, and we are always happy to donate uniform to parents as the need arises. *Best wishes for a relaxing half term break.*

## *Message from Safeguarding Team.*

As a school, we take our responsibility for pupil safety, including online, seriously and to this effect would like to remind parents of the following:-

- Mobile phones are to be kept in lockers at all times.
- If a pupil is seen accessing their phone during the school day, this will be confiscated and held in the safe in the school office for the pupil to collect at the end of the day.
- If this happens for a second time, the phone will be confiscated, held in the safe in the school office and parents will need to collect the phone at the end of the day and the pupil will be required to hand their phone into the school office, every morning, for a period of time agreed by the school

Please carefully consider if there is a real need for your child to be bringing a mobile phone to school at all.



On Tuesday 11th February, our Music Department joined eight prep schools; Bryanston Prep, Castle Court, Durlston Court, Forres Sandle Manor, Hanford Hazlegrove and Yarrells for an Orchestra Day at Bryanston School.

The children attended rehearsals throughout the day and ended with a wonderful concert for parents, performing Bizet's March from 'Carmen'. Our thanks to the Director of Music, Xavier Illes and his team for all of their hard work and inviting us to be a part of the day.

Bryanston's Director of Music, commented, "Once again, Orchestral Day was a fantastic day led by Dave Andrews. The standard of playing by the young musicians was outstanding and we thank them and their music teachers for a super day of music-making."

*Miss Rogers*



*Big thank you to the School Association for putting on a fantastic UV Valentines Disco last night, the children and a brilliant time!*



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

**Year 5**

Benji W—5A  
Summer G—5A

**Year 6**

Oliver P - 6DW  
Brandon H—6S  
Marley M—6CW  
Georgie R-S—6SD

**Year 7**

Hayden B—7B  
Savannah C—7B

**Year 8**

Hamish F— 8CR  
Martha C—8HC  
Robin B—8SE



# Area Cup Football Round-up!

## Year 7

Our Year 7 Area Cup team put on a fantastic display of possession-based football and clinical finishing. Thomas produced a superb display, dictating play and tempo. Hector contributed to the score line with his first goals for the school. The team came away with a 7-0 victory and progressed to the next round of the Area Cup with a tough game against Wey Valley School.



## Year 8

Our squad were involved in a much anticipated match vs St Osmunds Middle School. The team had to be resolute and disciplined against a strong St Osmunds outfit. The team took their chances on goal and isolated St Osmunds to very few chances on goal. Jesse's work rate was outstanding! Benji's defensive solidity gave confidence to the rest of the team and allowed the attacking players to look after the ball as much as possible. George's first half goal was one of the best long range strikes I have seen in my time at St Marys. The team progresses to the next round where we will await our opponents with great excitement.



*Well done boys!*




**Year 5** Greek Day will be taking place on Tuesday 11th March. A letter has gone home to all parents this week.

**Join 442 Football Coaching for a football fun day at Puddletown St Mary's Middle School on 18th February 10am-3pm.**

**Call 07484 292472 for more details.**



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