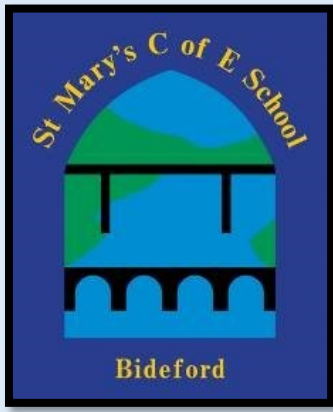




"Together we journey to a future of opportunity."

St Mary's C of E School Values

- **Friendship**
- **Acceptance**
- **Compassion**
- **Respect**
- **Honesty**
- **Perseverance**

Friday 12th June Newsletter

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Message From Mrs Stevens

Most weeks in school are busy, but this week has been an exceptionally busy week for everyone, and particularly me! This week, I had the pleasure of joining our Year 5 pupils on their two night residential visit to Wildwood. From the moment we arrived, the children embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity, and a real sense of adventure. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow and friendships strengthen over the course of the trip.

One of the highlights for many was the swamp walk, where pupils waded their way through muddy terrain with great excitement and plenty of laughter. It certainly challenged them to step outside of their comfort zones, and they did so brilliantly. It was certainly outside of my comfort zone and the moment when the children shouted that there was a frog right next to us was something I'll remember, as well as the smell of the swamp!

The children also took part in a range of bushcraft activities, learning valuable outdoor skills such as building shelters and understanding how to build fires safely. I definitely learned some fire lighting skills from this and was then able to utilise them to keep the yurts warm overnight with the log burner! Everyone's teamwork and resilience were exceptionally impressive.

A visit to the animals in Wildwood provided a fantastic opportunity to learn more about British wildlife. The children were fascinated by the animals they encountered, particularly the bears, wolves, and arctic foxes. It was a joy to see them so engaged, asking thoughtful questions and deepening their understanding of the natural world. Another standout experience was the Saxon village, where the children took part in a living history day. They fully immersed themselves in Saxon life, baking bread in a traditional cob oven, trying their hand at iron forging, and creating their own pieces through wood carving. These hands-on activities brought history to life in such a meaningful and memorable way.

Throughout the week, the children supported one another, embraced new challenges, and made the most of every opportunity. It was, without doubt, a great experience for all, and one that I know they will remember for years to come.

Well done, Year 5 – I hope you catch up on your sleep soon as that's certainly my plan for the weekend!

Menu for Week Commencing 15th June

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1 (Main)	Tomato & Cheese Pasta Bake	Creamy Chicken Tagliatelle	Oven Baked Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Butchers Pork Meatballs in Tomato Sauce	Breaded Fish Fingers
Option 2 (Vegetarian)	Veggie Bolognese	Beans on Toast with Cheesy Pasta	Vegetable Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Supa-Dupa Noodles	Vegan Sausage Roll
Option 3 (Light Bite)	Egg Mayo Sandwich	Ham & Tomato Bap	Tuna & Mayo Sandwich	Tuna & Mayo Pasta Bowl	Cheese Bap
Option 4	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Around the World in a Jacket	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Carbohydrate / Vegetables	Crusty Bread, Carrots or Salad	Garlic Bread, Sweetcorn or Salad	Roast or Mash Potato, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Potato Wedges & Mixed Vegetables	Crispy Chips, Pasta, Sweetcorn & Ketchup
Salad	Garden Salad	Green Salad	Classic Salad	Crispy Salad	Diced Pepper Salad
Dessert	Pineapple Cake	Fresh Fruit Platter	Fruit Smoothie	Handmade Cookie	Chocolate & Date Krispie Cake

Sports Days Timetable

Sports Days week commencing 22nd June:
Parents are invited to arrive at 1pm on the relevant day, ready for a 1:15pm start.

Day	Year
Monday	Reception
Tuesday	None
Wednesday	Year 1 & 2
Thursday	Year 3 & 4
Friday	Year 5 & 6



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WE'RE RUNNING IT AGAIN THIS YEAR!



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FRIDAY 19TH JUNE 2026



The School Hedge

We have had a few requests from parents to cut the hedge back that runs along the pavement by the school. Whilst we understand your concerns; we are unfortunately unable to cut it back until the end of August due to the possibility of nesting birds. Mr Cairns has however cut the bramble branches back as best as he can, without disturbing wildlife. Once we are able to do so, we will further cut it back.

Thank you for your patience.



Long Term Dates for the Diary

Monday 15th June – Year 4 Bideford Walk
Wednesday 17th June – Year 2 Northam Burrows Trip
Thursday 18th June – Choir Event at Kingsley
Friday 19th June – Summer Fete
22nd June - Sports Days Week
Thursday 25th June – Wagtails Act of Worship
Thursday 2nd July – Year 1 Quince Honey Farm
Friday 3rd July – Transition Day
6th- 8th July – Year 6 Residential to London
Thursday 9th July – Doves Act of Worship
Tuesday 14th July – Rock Steady Concert
Tuesday 14th July – Year 6 Production at Bideford College
Tuesday 14th July – Rock Steady Concert
Monday 20th July – Reception trip to Rosemoor Gardens
Tuesday 21st July – End of Year Service at St Mary's Church
2pm
Wednesday 22nd July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

School Term Dates

23rd July – Non Pupil Day
24th July – Occasional Day
27th July – 2nd September – Summer
Holidays
3rd September – Non Pupil Day
4th September – Non Pupil Day
7th September – Return to School

Link for next academic year term dates:

<https://www.thsp.org.uk/Term-Dates/>

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119 v105