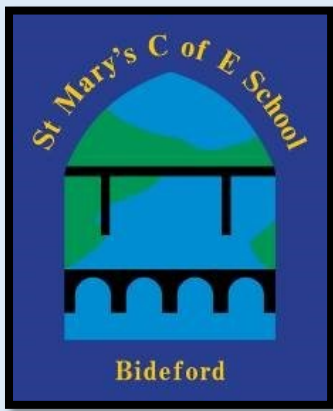




"Together we journey to a future of opportunity."

Friday 1st May Newsletter

St Mary's C of E School Values

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

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Flag Football-St Mary's Students in Bristol

Even though St Mary's only began its Flag Football journey last year, our pupils have made incredible progress, narrowly missing out on a place at Nationals by just two touchdowns! I truly couldn't be prouder of them all—they ran, passed and flagged with determination and teamwork throughout, truly embodying the spirit of the Mighty Saints.

One particular touchdown left referees and coaches in disbelief, showcasing the real talent within the team. As the only school in Devon to reach the South West regional round, they should hold their heads high.

Mr Shuttleworth.

Thursday 11th June – The World Cup 🏆🌐

The official start date of the World Cup is Thursday 11th June. We would like to celebrate this by inviting children to wear red, white or a football kit into school on this day.

The Kitchen Team have kindly put together a Special Menu to celebrate! Children will get to choose from the following:

Option 1: Beef Chilli with Nachos

Option 2: Veggie Tortilla Wrap with Nachos

Option 3: Great British Sandwich (Sausage Bap)

Option 4: Around the World Potatoes (Jacket Potato with Cheese, Tuna or Beans)

Supporters: Sweetcorn and Peas

Dessert: Celebrate America – Donut Worry! Be Happy Donut 😊

If you find a sticker under your plate, you win a prize!!



Judo at Kingsley

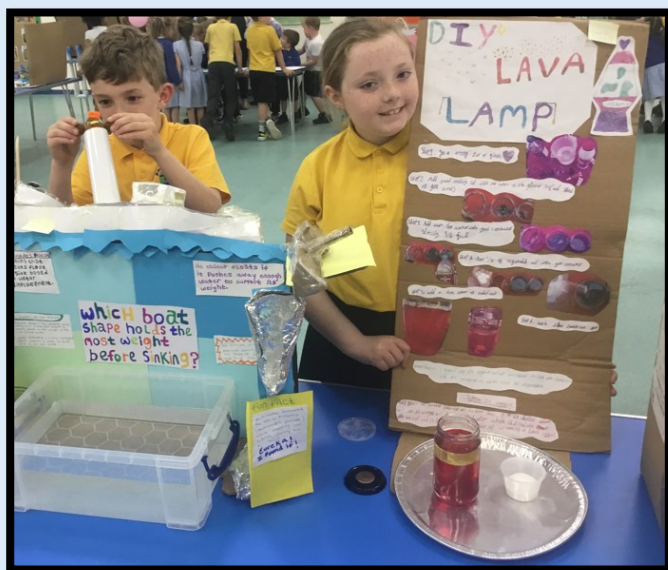
This week, the children had an exciting opportunity to take part in a judo experience day at Kingsley School, where they met an Olympian and learned all about the sport and its rich culture. They showed great enthusiasm as they practised their skills, enjoying rolling, balancing and working together.

It was wonderful to see their confidence grow throughout the day, and they thoroughly enjoyed learning new techniques while developing respect and discipline, which are at the heart of judo.



Science Fair

This year's St Mary's Science Fair was a wonderful success! It brought together enthusiastic young scientists from Reception through to Year 6. Every project was unique, showcasing the children's individuality, creativity, and impressive knowledge about their experiments. From colourful splashes to exciting (and safe!) explosions, the hall was filled with curiosity and joy. A huge thank you to all the children and parents for their fantastic support. As our very first Science Fair, it has set the bar high—and we're already excited to build on it even more next year.



Menu for Week Commencing 4th May

Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1 (Main)	BANK HOLIDAY	St Mary's Sausage Roll	Roast Chicken & Stuffing	Salmon & Broccoli Bake	Breaded Fish Fillet
Option 2 (Vegetarian)	BANK HOLIDAY	Quorn Stir Fry & Rice	Vegetable Wellington	Vegan Sausage Roll & Potato Wedges	Vegetable Nuggets
Option 3 (Light Bite)	BANK HOLIDAY	Tuna & Lettuce Wrap	Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	Ham & Lettuce Sandwich	Tuna & Cucumber Baguette
Option 4	BANK HOLIDAY	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna	Jacket Potato with Cheese, Beans or Tuna
Carbohydrate / Vegetables	BANK HOLIDAY	Diced Potatoes, Peas & Green Beans	Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Corn on the Cob or Veg Sticks	Crispy Chips, Pasta, Mixed Vegetables & Ketchup
Salad	BANK HOLIDAY	Crispy Salad	Classic Salad	Rainbow Salad	Garden Salad
Dessert	BANK HOLIDAY	Carrot Cake	Ice Cream	Flapjack	Raspberry Ripple Cake

Thank you – RNLI

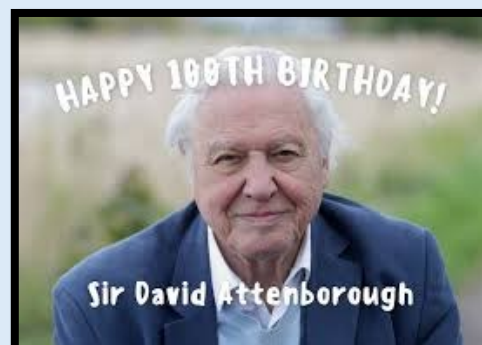
A big thank you to the RNLI who came into school this week to do an assembly on water safety. The children really enjoyed themselves and found it very interesting!

Bibles

On Wednesday during collective worship, Rev Claire and Emily from St Mary's Church presented the year 6 children with their Bibles. The pupils would like to thank St Mary's Church for kindly giving each of them a Youth Bible to take on their journey to secondary school. This is such a kind gesture and both staff and children are very grateful.

Wear Something Green

On Friday 8th May, children are invited to wear something green to school, to honour Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday!



Sports Day Timetable

We are very excited about this year's Sports Day, and have our fingers crossed for sunshine! It is the week commencing 22nd June, please see the table below for what day each year group is.

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

Request for Uniform Donations

We would be very grateful for any donations of Yellow/Gold Polo-Shirts and any School Jumpers / Cardigans/Fleeces that you no longer need please.

Many Thanks.



!! Reminder !!

School is closed for the Bank Holiday on Monday 4th May.

Wrens Act of Worship

Wrens have their Class Act of Worship on Thursday 14th May. Parents of children in Wrens class are invited into school to watch the assembly, which starts at 2:45pm.

Long Term Dates for the Diary

11th May-14th May – Year 6 SATS Week
Thursday 14th May – Wrens Act of Worship
Thursday 21st May – Year 6 Milky Way Trip
Friday 22nd May – History Day
Thursday 11th June – Skylarks Act of Worship
8th-10th June – Year 5 Residential
Friday 12th June – Year 6 Photos
Friday 19th June – Summer Fete
22nd June - Sports Day Week
Thursday 25th June – Doves Act of Worship
Friday 3rd July – Transition Day
Thursday 9th July – Wagtails Act of Worship
6th – 8th July – Year 6 Residential
Tuesday 14th July – Rock Steady Concert
22nd July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

School Term Dates

4th May – May Bank Holiday
25th May – 29th May – Half Term
1st June – Occasional Day
2nd June – Non Pupil Day
3rd June – Children return to school
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