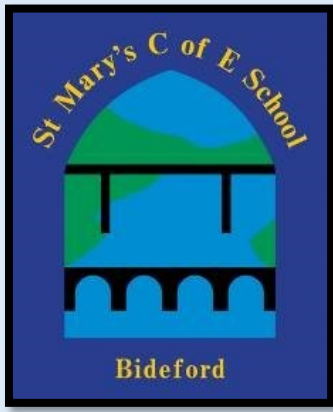




"Together we journey to a future of opportunity."

Friday 22nd May

Newsletter



St Mary's C of E School Values

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

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Football!

Well done to our fantastic Year 5 boys football team, who competed brilliantly against tough opposition made up mainly of Year 6 players. Despite the rainy conditions, the boys showed excellent determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the tournament.

They kept their heads up all day, never complained once, and simply enjoyed playing the game they love. Every player represented the school brilliantly and should be very proud of their efforts.

The lads gained valuable experience and will no doubt come back even stronger next year — but most importantly, they loved every minute of it! 🏆👏

Girls' Football Team Success

A huge congratulations to our incredible girls' football team, who should be extremely proud of their amazing achievement in finishing 3rd in Devon after another fantastic tournament performance. The girls narrowly missed out on reaching the final, but they can proudly say something no other team can — they were the only team to beat the eventual Devon champions all season! I'm sure the champions were very relieved not to face St Mary's again in the final.

The girls were outstanding throughout every tournament this year, showing determination, teamwork and excellent sportsmanship. Their final match summed up everything that St Mary's football is all about. In the highest-scoring game of the whole tournament, the girls produced a brilliant performance to win 4-0 comfortably, tackling hard, working together and scoring some fantastic goals.

Every player represented the school brilliantly and should be very proud of what they have achieved this season. Well done girls! 🏆👏

Summer Fete—We need your help!

On **Friday June 19th** the PTFA will be holding its annual fete, after school on the field. This year's theme will be **"Under the Sea"**.

Like last year, families will be able to purchase a "Game Card" (£5 and £2) to take part in the activities and play a variety of games at the fete. *Presale of game cards will take place at the end of the day **on the playground** the week beginning 15th June (cash only).* Game cards will also be sold (cash and card) at the Summer Fete on Friday 19th June.

To make the day a success, we really do need your help. Even small contributions really do make a difference. If you can, please consider one (or more) of the following:

- Help to run a stall at the fete. Paired up with another parent or staff member, this is a great way to have fun and engage with some of the wonderful children at our school. Even if you can only contribute a portion of your time, it is greatly appreciated.
- Donate. On June 12th, in exchange for an item for the fete, children may come to school in non-uniform. Donations can be new/nearly new cuddly toys, bottles of drink (alcohol and non-alcohol), chocolates/biscuits /other confectionery, fancy soaps and toiletries, etc.



- Bake a cake. Following last year's success, we hope to repeat our bake-off competition, so get out your measuring cups and mixing bowls ready to bake your finest "Under the Sea" cupcakes and biscuits, which will be judged this year by Miss Brend and Miss Naylor. Bring your cakes to school on the day of the Fete, 19th of June. After judging, all cakes will be sold that afternoon at the cake stall. Winners, one in every year group, will be announced in the following week's celebration assembly.

Bringing Toys to School

We kindly ask that children do not bring toys into school for swapping or trading other than Resins.

Whilst we understand that this can be enjoyable for the children, it can sometimes lead to disagreements, upset, or items going missing, which we would like to avoid during the school day.

We would really appreciate your support in keeping personal toys at home unless specifically requested by the school.

WHAT'S ON

HALF TERM AT THE BURTON



26 May

10am - 3pm

Crafty Kids - Make a box of treasures
FREE

27 May

2 - 4pm

LEGO® Building Drop In
FREE

28 May

10am - 12pm

LEGO® Stop Motion Workshop
£10

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Pentecost Experience

This week we were very fortunate to have visitors from St Mary's Church in school. They taught the children all about Pentecost through engaging workshops.

The children enjoyed these interactive sessions and could talk about what they learned afterwards. We are very grateful to all of the adults at St Mary's Church for giving up their time and putting so much work and effort into delivering this to our children. Many thanks!



History Day

Our **Whole School History Day** was a wonderful success, filled with excitement, creativity and a real sense of stepping back in time. It was fantastic to see the incredible range of **outfits and artefacts** that the children – and adults – brought in, helping to bring history to life across the school.

Each class embraced the day with enthusiasm, taking part in a variety of engaging activities linked to their topics. A standout highlight was the **amazing effort in Year 5**, who recreated the **Titanic**, complete with icebergs, a captain, passengers and even the ship's cat!

In Reception, the children took a different but equally special approach, dressing as a **grandparent or older relative**. We were delighted to meet "Ethel," who at **101 years old** is still going strong! This thoughtful focus helped the children make meaningful connections between the past and their own families.

The day was a brilliant celebration of history, sparking curiosity and enthusiasm across all year groups.



Menu for Week Commencing 3rd June

Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1 (Main)			Oven Baked Sausage & Yorkshire Pudding	Salmon & Broccoli Bake	Breaded Fish Fillet
Option 2 (Vegetarian)			Vegetable Wellington	Vegan Sausage Roll & Potato Wedges	Vegetable Nuggets
Option 3 (Light Bite)			Cheese & Tomato Sandwich	Ham & Lettuce Sandwich	Tuna & Cucumber Baguette
Option 4			Jacket Potato & Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato & Choice of Filling	Jacket Potato & Choice of Filling
Carbohydrate / Vegetables			Roast Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Corn on the Cob or Vegetable Sticks	Crispy Chips, Pasta, Mixed Vegetables & Ketchup
Salad			Classic Salad	Rainbow Salad	Garden Salad
Dessert			Ice Cream	Flapjack	Raspberry Ripple Cake

Long Term Dates for the Diary

Thursday 11th June – Skylarks Act of Worship
 8th-10th June – Year 5 Residential
 17th June – Year 2 Northam Burrows Trip
 Friday 12th June – Year 6 Photos
 Monday 15th June – Year 4 Appledore Trip
 Friday 19th June – Summer Fete
 22nd June - Sports Day Week
 Thursday 2nd July – Year 1 Quince Honey Farm
 Friday 3rd July – Transition Day
 6th- 8th July – Year 6 Residential to London
 Tuesday 14th July – Rock Steady Concert
 Wednesday 22nd July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly

School Term Dates

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



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Enjoy your break!



BACK TO SCHOOL ON

3RD JUNE



We can't wait
to see you!

