

Friday 26th May 2023

● NEWSLETTER

Diary Dates

May Half term – 29th May – Monday 5th June
(children return to school on Tuesday 6th June)

Fernworthy and Burrator Swimming sessions

– weekly on Wednesdays from 14th June (see separate letter)

Fernworthy Class Mass – Thursday 15th June

Mass for St Peter and St Paul (Avon Class to lead) – Thursday 29th June.

As this is a whole school Mass, only parents/ carers from Avon Class will be able to attend due to the capacity in the school hall.

Induction days for new Reception children –

Thursday 6th July 1.30pm, Thursday 13th July at 1.30pm and Thursday 20th July at 1.30pm (further details in separate letter sent to all new Reception parents /carers).

Sports day (AM) for KS1 and Reception children- Tuesday 4th July at 9.15

Sports day (AM) for KS2 - Tuesday 11th July 9.15am

Reserve sports day – Tuesday 18th July

Mufti Day for FOSMS tombola/ raffle prizes – Friday 7th July

Summer Fair – Friday 14th July

Leavers' Mass (Year 6) – Friday 21st July at 9.30am led by Burrator Class. Parents/ carers of children in Burrator are invited to attend.

Last day of term – Friday 21st July

A full list of dates for the can also be found on the school website:

<https://stmarysrc.devon.sch.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2023/03/Term-dates-2022-2024.pdf>

Clubs

Just a reminder that you can sign up for clubs for next half term on Parent Pay. Please note that there are NO CLUBS the first week back; clubs will start from the week commencing Monday 12th June.

Thank you!

St Mary's took part in a pilot RE inspection this week – thank you to all who were involved in this. It was a very useful two days and the inspectors really enjoyed their visit.

Text messages

From after half term, the school will be starting to use a text messaging service to share messages with parents/ carers when necessary. Please could you ensure that the school office has your most up to date mobile phone numbers so that you are able to receive any messages sent.

Congratulations!

Tottiford

Meldon

Venford

Avon

Fernworthy

Burrator

Golf Awards - Harrison G

Drumming Grade 1 - Braxton

WOW

Isabel

Ebba

Evie I

Ava Y

Max

Riley W

Scorriton running award - Scarlett

Tennis Award - Jonathan

BLP

Harry B

Mason

Becca

Charlie T

Kyree

Poppy

Prayer Focus

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&p=7&v=89.2>

Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, so this week's word is PENTECOST. St John's Gospel tells the story of how the gift of the Holy Spirit was given to the church. Pentecost is not just a historical event; the Holy Spirit is alive and active today. We could ask the Holy Spirit to help us to share the following qualities with others today: courage, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, self-control.

'Come, Holy Spirit, Amen.'

Children in each of the classes have been thinking about Pentecost, some of which can be seen in the photographs below.



Buckfastleigh Swimming Pool

The pool is open all half term, and until September.

The half term time table can be found on <https://www.buckfastleighpool.org/whats-on>.

(Tomorrow swimming is half price and children can swim for £1).

Recycling

As you are already aware, this year our School Councillors have been working on a recycling project. One issue that was identified was a lack of food bins on the school playground. We have now purchased some new bins which are positioned next to the black general rubbish bins on the field and lower playground.



Insects

Tottiford, Meldon and Venford Classes had workshops in school this week based around a variety of minibeasts.



Take 5

This week our Year 4,5 and 6 children were invited to a 'wellbeing festival' at Buckfast Abbey called 'Take 5'. Children took part in a number of activities including drumming, nature crafts and forest chi.



Employment opportunities

The school will be advertising some Teaching Assistant jobs after the half term holiday. If you would like to find out more details, please email Laura Vallance (admin@st-marysrc.devon.sch.uk).