



Friday 11th March

Dear Twyford St Mary's Families,

What an incredibly sporty week we've had! Bikeability, cross country and hockey events- with Y5/6 children ready for another big match next Tuesday! We always so proud of how much joy and respect our children show in sporting events. Other teams and staff always comment on our quality sportsmanship and the care our players show to those we compete against.



U12 Cross Country

A big congratulations to Venne and Sophie E who competed in the U12 County Cross Country Championships- a huge achievement! Venne placed 14th and Sophie E placed 61st out of 103 girls running, with the Twyford St Mary's team as a whole placing 5th! Well done Girls, what an impressive effort!

Donations to Aid Ukraine



Twyford Guiding are collecting **women's sanitary products** to send to Ukraine.

Many collection points have expressed a dire need for these essentials for girls and women who have fled their homes. If you'd like to donate, please use the **covered box outside 3 Segars Lane**. Once it's full everything will be taken to a local collection point to go directly to Ukraine. It's a small thing we can do but will make a HUGE difference to the life and dignity of someone in dire circumstances.

Hockey Trip

Written by Sophie E & Josie

On Wednesday 9th of March a group of preselected students got the opportunity to participate in a hockey event at Kings School in Winchester. To our delight we placed 1st out of four other schools and are going to represent Winchester on Tuesday 15th March! Our talented team included: Josie, Sophie E, Wilf C-R, George, Amber, Harvey, Jack and our two captains who lead us to our victory, Besty and Venne! Our two captains taught us how to play every position we may have played and our team supported each other when any teammate found it more difficult.



We were up against amazing groups from the surrounding area who challenged us to become our strongest in each match. We won three out of four matches and drew one. We are very grateful for this opportunity and will not hesitate to congratulate all the other teams who participated. This has been a great experience for all of us and has taught us many skills we will never forget.



Bikeability

Written by Jack and Josie

This week the Year 6's did Bikeability – an event that happens every year for only the Year 6's. Bikeability comes every year to teach us level 1 and level 2 of road cycling. It also teaches us how to be safe on the road so when we go to our secondary schools, we can ride a bike safely.

On day one we did level one of the course. On this day we didn't go on the road but we cycled around the playground, learning how to indicate, practising how to do an emergency stop, how to keep a good distance from other cyclists and learning road signs.





On day 2 we split into 2 different groups (groups for the entire week) so that we could get through the tasks quicker. On day 2 we also did left turns onto a T junction, the cycling blocking position (as well as the normal cycling position). We also practiced different starts and stops e.g. urban start and a safe stop. On day 3 we did U turns, overtaking cars and right turns in and left turns out of T junctions. On day 4 we turned out of T junctions both ways and put all of our work together by going on a little ride to Shawford and back.

The instructors were most impressed with our behaviour and skills and we look forward to receiving our badges in Celebration Assembly.

The Bikeability team also let the staff know what an absolutely fantastic group the Year 6s were, displaying excellent behaviour and listening skills! TSM are very proud of the Year 6s for exemplifying the school spirit.

PTA News



School Disco!

A reminder that the TSM Disco is coming up on Friday 18th March.

KS1: 4-5pm

KS2: 5.15-6.30pm

Tickets are available to purchase on the PTA events app under TSMPTA (more information included in the parent mail sent earlier this week).

Operation Ground Force!

One of the projects we have in place this year is to freshen up the entrance to school.

We're looking to paint the sheds and the walls of the kitchen extension with the intention of greening up this area with planting to provide a fresh new look to our wonderful school.

We need your help to paint the area and are looking for adults to volunteer for an hour or so on *Sunday 13th March from 10am*.

We will provide you with all the tools and bucket loads of tea/coffee and biscuits in return.

We can't do this project without your help so please consider coming along even for just a short while! (Please note that we cannot have any children on site.)

Please email twyfordstmaryspta@gmail.com or message Nicola on 07462325728 so we can

ensure we have enough biscuits! 

We hope our TSM families have a lovely weekend!

**Warm wishes,
Sophie Davies
Headteacher**



Star of the Week

Class	Name	Reason
Ash	Eden	For her enthusiasm and brilliant drawings in our live lesson with Nick Sharratt.
Beech	Annabel	For being a /curious Cat when writing about Henry Ford. Super explanation about why he is an important historical figure!
Sycamore	Flora	For her fantastic diary entry as Hogarth, making great use of varied sentence lengths and structures to convey feeling and action
Willow	Tamsin & Thaleia	For a superb peer write continuing an atmospheric description of Miss Havisham; fantastic language choices and great team work!
Yew	Lola	For persevering hard at her Maths even when she was tired after Bikeability and making good progress in her understanding of fraction concepts.



Roll of Honour

Class	Name	Reason
Ash	Madeleine	For being an Incy Independent to practise writing lots of tricky words!
	Louis	For being a Persevering Pig to make brilliant progress in his reading!
Beech	Ben	For being a Curious Cat and showing great enthusiasm for our topic 'Off we go!' Thank you for sharing your tank and Leonardo da Vinci facts with Beech Class.
	Archie	For working really hard on his reading. Super focus and concentration- well done Archie!
Sycamore	Haydn	For his excellent teamwork when discussing texts for the Hampshire Book Award.
	Annabel	For her excellent work exploring addition in the context of mass, and expertly converting between g and kg

Willow	Zef	For being identified in his Guided Reading team as being excellent at connecting everyone's ideas to improve them.
	Norah	For being identified as a kind and supportive Guided Reading partner.
Yew	Rosie	For being caring and helpful and going out of her way to assist others when making an computer game during a Computing lesson this week.
	Bella	For her courage to share her perceptive insights during a P4C discussion this week.

Dates for your diary

Spring Term	
15 th March	Hockey Team Match (selected Yr 5/6)
16 th March	Ash & Beech trip to Beaulieu
18 th March	School Disco - letter to follow
21 st – 25 th March	Year 4/5 Stubbington Residential
28 th March – 1 st April	Final week of after school activity clubs
29 th March	Netball at Kings' (selected Yr 5/6) - letter to follow
30 th March	Yew Class Trip to Hawk Conservancy
31 st March	Willow Class Trip to Winchester Cathedral
5 th and 7 th April	Parents' evening appointments *please note change of dates*
6 th April	Easter Service at 0930hrs
8 th April	INSET day/End of term
8 th – 25 th April	<u>Easter Holidays</u>
25 th April	First day of Summer Term
26 th April	Bag2School Collection
2 nd May	Bank Holiday
9 th – 12 th May	Year 6 SATS Weeks

30th May – 3rd June	<u>Half Term Break</u>
21st July	Last day of Summer Term



Church Corner

Don't forget the upcoming events with St Mary's Church!

Upcoming Events at St Mary's Church	
21st Feb – 6th March	Fairtrade Fortnight (inc. Snowdrop Saturday on 26 th Feb)
5th March	Churchyard working party 09.30 – 12.00
26th March	Mothering Saturday - Coffee and Simnel cake from 10.00
30th March	Soup Lunch in aid of Christian Aid's work in Afghanistan
2nd April	Churchyard working party 09.30 – 12.00
2nd April	"Twyford Litter Pick" at St Mary's Parish Hall from 10.00
9th April	Annual church Spring clean from 10.00