



Friday 25th March

Dear Twyford St Mary's Families,

This week, I have had the pleasure of joining year 4 and 5 for their Stubbington residential then returning back to a school filled with sunshine! Joy is **everywhere** as the spring flowers are blooming all over the school site.

PTA Disco Joy!

A huge thank you to the PTA and the parent volunteer team who ran an incredible disco event last Friday night! DJ Andy rocked the playground with his tunes and dance off games! We do have some brilliant photos to share with you in next week's School Bell.

Yew class artwork

The Year 6s have been writing mock SATs papers this week while the Year 5s have been at Stubbington. We are very proud about how calmly they approached these assessments and the progress shown. Well done, Year 6.



It hasn't all been about tests in Yew Class this week. The Year 6s worked in two groups on an art sculpture project. They found out about the work of a Portuguese artist Bordalo II, who uses trash to make giant sculptures on the sides of buildings. His subjects are endangered animals threatened by the very thing the sculptures are made out of - plastic.



The Year 6's first challenge was to create an owl out of the blue blocks in a given time limit. They worked really well as teams to make wonderful sculptures of owls.

The next day, inspired by Bordalo's 'Owl Eyes' sculpture, they worked in their groups to make child-size sculptures of an owl using trash and recycled items. We were very impressed by their collaboration, creativity and resourcefulness and I'm sure

you'll agree their finished sculptures are amazing.

Stubbington Residential fun in the sun!

Badger spotting, owl pellet investigations, eco warrior work, animal tracking, small mammal hotel making, team challenges, coastal exploring, pond dipping...This year's Stubbington residential has been packed full of exciting scientific experiences for our Year 4 and 5 pupils! Every child had a wonderful time exploring the Stubbington site, with plenty of time for fun with friends, delicious treats and wildlife gallore! **Below are photos of just a few magical moments on the trip - our celebration evening is booked for Wednesday 27th April at 5:30pm - we cannot wait to share more of the wonderful stories and images with you from the visit.**





Easter Service

You will have seen the date for our Easter Service in the calendar section of the newsletter – Wednesday 6th April at 9.30am. Two representatives per household are very welcome to attend the service at St Mary's Church. A letter will be sent out early next week with more details.

PTA News – Painting parties, Meetings and Uniform Sales

Thank you so much to the PTA working party who came to paint the outside of the kitchen wall last Sunday. The building looks so much better already! We are so grateful for all the help from parents. The PTA are planning another **painting work party on Sunday 3rd April at 10.00am**. All help and support appreciated, even just for an hour! Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided.

On **Tuesday 29th March at 7.30pm**, the PTA are having a **meeting at The Phoenix Inn**. The PTA could really do with an injection of energy to help us organise and run the wide variety of fundraising events. If you feel you could give us some time, please do join! Drop an email to twyfordstmaryspta@gmail.com for further information.

The PTA are holding a **pre-loved uniform sale** on the playground after school on **Friday 1st April at 3.30pm**. We have LOTS of lovely school uniform to sell! Please bring cash to pay.

A Thank You

... to all the TSM families who went along to the Ukraine charity fundraiser at The Bugle last Sunday. They raised £8095!

Have a lovely weekend, TSM families!

Warm wishes,

Sophie Davies

Headteacher



Star of the Week

Class	Name	Reason
Ash	Jaxson	For superb scientific reasoning throughout our experiments this week.
Beech	Imogen Go	For being an Incy Independent in Maths when adding across boundaries this week. Well done!
Sycamore	Fraser	For your constant effort and determination to do well in ALL of your science this week!
Willow	All at Stubbington	
Yew	All the Year 6s	For persevering so well this week when writing your Mock SATs assessments and for your amazing teamwork and creativity making your owl sculptures from recycled items.



Roll of Honour

Class	Name	Reason
Ash	Ada	For being an Incy Independent in science this week!
	Moses	For his enthusiasm in guided reading!
Beech	Isla	For being a Team Bee when creating a vehicle in DT and helping her peers as well.
	Emma	For being a Curious Cat when designing and making her vehicle in DT thinking carefully about its purpose.
Sycamore	Rio	For his outstanding scientific thinking – he used his own personal knowledge and exploration skills to create an incredible wildlife area design!
	Lucy	For her outstanding contributions to RE and Science – she explored and explained her thinking like an expert!
Willow	All at Stubbington	
Yew	Isabel	For her creativity inventing ‘missing link’ animals between an extinct and a living animal in Science and for her leadership in the art project activities
	Venne	For her super pie chart interpretation and construction work in Maths.

Dates for your diary

Spring Term	
28th March – 1st April	Final week of after school activity clubs
29th March	Netball at Kings' (selected Yr 5/6)
30th March	Yew Class Trip to Hawk Conservancy
30th March	School Council – annual Water Meadows flooding event
1st April	PTA Pre-loved uniform sale – 3.30pm
4th April	Willow Class Trip to Winchester Cathedral
5th and 7th April	Parents' evening appointments 3.50 – 7.00pm
6th April	Easter Service at 9.30am
8th April	INSET day/End of term
Summer Term	
25th April	First day of Summer Term
26th April	Bag2School Collection
26th April	Year 3 Forest School programme begins – letter to follow
26th April	Cricket match at Hunter Park
27th April	Stubbington celebration evening – 5.30pm
28th April	Year 5 Swimming programme begins – letter to follow
2nd May	Bank Holiday
9th – 12th May	Year 6 SATS Weeks
30th May – 3rd June	<u>Half Term Break</u>
15th July	PTA Pre-loved Uniform Sale
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	
26th March	Mothering Saturday - Coffee and Simnel cake from 10.00am
27th March	Mothering Sunday Service at 11.00am
30th March	Soup Lunch in aid of Christian Aid's work in Afghanistan
2nd April	Churchyard working party 09.30am – 12.00pm
2nd April	"Twyford Litter Pick" at St Mary's Parish Hall from 10.00am
9th April	Annual church Spring clean from 10.00am
13th April	Twyford Benefice Evening Prayer at 07.30am
15th April	Twyford Benefice Holy Communion at 11.00am
17th April	Easter Sunday Service at 11.00 (followed by an Easter egg hunt)