



29th April 2022

Dear Twyford St Mary's Families,

Thank you to all the pupils and families for such a positive start to our new summer half term! We have been out on the field this week enjoying the sunshine and children have already begun investigating their new topic areas. Our new worship theme is courage and pupils enjoyed a special worship this Friday form some visiting schools direct students learning from us at TSM!



COP26 Meeting

Written by Barney and Roscoe

On the last day of school before the Easter holidays, Roscoe and Barney went to an 'Ask the Minister' event. It was led by Steve Brine and Alok Sharma, our local MP who was the president of COP26. Lots of people attended and everyone who wanted to ask a question got to. We both got to ask our questions and we got very good answers back. In all, it was a very educational evening about climate change and we hope to do something like it again.



Chicks Arrive in School!



Ash Class have been inspired by some very special visitors to the school this week... chicks! They have been watching the eggs closely and have even written their own explanations about the lifecycle of a chicken. The chicks visited Ash Class on Thursday afternoon and where the children were fascinated by how quickly they have changed. There was lots of interesting chat and several pieces of art inspired by our new fluffy friends were created.

First Day at Forest School!



Year 3 had a fantastic time at their first Canopy Forest School session. This week we spent time getting to know Emma, our instructor, and the Hunter Park site. We made our own special name tags, and played a game of connections which required us to answer questions about the local wildlife. We made so many connections we ran out of string! We also took time to explore nature independently. Some of us got involved in the mud kitchen, while others went hunting through the undergrowth – we even had some litter pickers, determined to keep our site clean and safe. We can't wait until next week!



We don't like cricket....we love it!

This week our Y5/6 cricket team took part in the first round of the Hampshire County Cup at Hunters Park in glorious sunshine on Tuesday. The first team we were up against was Fair Oak Juniors who were very well matched opponents. The children displayed fantastic sportsmanship and teamwork, and eventually **won the match by just 1 run!** It was a nail-biting final innings. We look forward to competing in the quarter finals next month!



Summer is coming!

The days are finally warming up, and we're likely to make the most of the lovely weather and get involved outdoor activities! As such, we wanted to remind parents and children to remember to bring water bottles/hats and wear sun cream, particularly on hotter days.

Warm wishes,

Sophie Davies

Headteacher



Star of the Week

Class	Name	Reason
Ash	Lola	For being courageous and confident in her learning this week.
Beech	Bronnie	For showing our value of 'care' when drawing a detailed diagram of a tree for her explanation text.
Sycamore	Finn	For his fantastic enthusiasm and insightful observations when comparing the film and written versions of our text
Willow	Daisy	For superb progress in statistics this week; you were so accurate when interpreting bar graphs!
Yew	Lauren	For her excellent diary entry written from the dragon's point of view, which had a clear writer's voice and super use of formality.



Roll of Honour

Class	Name	Reason
Ash	Rupert	For his independence in all his maths learning.
	Moses	For his brilliant explanation about quartering numbers.
Beech	Leo	For super focus during class discussions. Leo is always ready to share his thoughts and ideas with the rest of the class. Well done Leo!
	Annabel	For being an Incy Independent in maths and working hard to complete the challenge question all week!
Sycamore	Fraser	For his fantastic use of language when exploring settings in Literacy this week, making excellent use of personification to describe.
	Guy	For showing exemplary maturity in his class contributions this week, showing the courage to stop, evaluate and change his thoughts and opinions in front of his peers.
Willow	Zef	For excellent effort and focus across all lessons in independent learning.
	Sammy	For being very conscientious and persevering in writing this week.
Yew	Lola	For excellent perseverance to read and complete 'The Boy At The Back of The Class' which is 320 pages long! A superb achievement!
	Luke	For tremendous progress in his Maths Arithmetic practice papers.

Dates for your diary

Summer Term	
2 nd May	Bank Holiday
W/C 3 rd May	After School Activity Clubs begin this week
5 th May	Mid-Year Reports Yrs 1-6 – Home to parents
9 th – 12 th May	Year 6 SATS Weeks
24 th May	Cricket Tournament – Selected Pupils (letter to follow)
30 th May – 3 rd June	<i>Half Term Break</i>
7 th June	Class and group photos
10 th June	Penguins swimming gala
14 th June	Willow class trip to Winchester Science Centre

16th June	Year 6 Leavers' Service at Winchester Cathedral
21st June	Year 5 Music and Drama event at Twyford Prep School
27th June	Sport Day (AM)
4th July	INSET day
5th July	School Transition Morning
5th July	Yr 5 Maths Challenge at Stroud School
6th July	KS2 Play at St Mary's Church at 2pm
6th July	Parents Drop-In – Open Book event 3.30pm-5pm
7th July	KS2 Play at St Mary's Church at 9.30am
8th July	Final Reports – Home to parents
8th July	PTA Summer Fair – Afternoon/Evening
11th July	Final week of After School Activity Clubs
15th July	PTA Pre-loved Uniform Sale
21st July	<u>Last day of Summer Term</u>



Church Corner

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

Upcoming Events at St Mary's Church

Upcoming events to be advertised...

The Plant Exchange, The Green Fair & much more!