

# March 2023 Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy few weeks at St Mary's! The children and staff have been working so hard and there has been a buzz of exciting learning around our school.

We began last week with a wonderful celebration of Ash Wednesday. Father Brian and parishioners commented how reverent the children were and how beautifully they sang.

This week, children have loved exploring different activities inspired by the Little People, Big Dreams series during our World Book Day. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and there was an eclectic array of book characters. We all enjoyed activities related to Music, Art, ICT, PE and Spanish alongside some special reading sessions. Everyone had a brilliant day and this day finished with their amazing grand parade.

We were so proud of the children who attended Songfest – they sang with gusto and were a credit to our school.

Class Four visited The Eden Project earlier this week as part of their art learning and they had an amazing time. The children were so well behaved during the trip, they were a real credit to both the school and you as parents/carers.

Next week, is our parents' evening and we invite you in to speak to your child's class teacher on Tuesday and Wednesday after school.

All that is left for me to say, is have a lovely weekend.

Warm wishes,

Mrs McDonald

## MARCH

Tues 7th– Weds 8th Parents Meetings

Fri 10th Cross Country

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Dress Down Day,  
(donations to CAFOD Big Lent Walk)

Weds 15<sup>th</sup> Y5 Spaceport Visit

Fri 17th Red Nose Day  
(Donations to Red Nose appeal)

Fri 17th Football Festival

Mon 20th-Fri 31st Sustrans Big Walk & Wheel

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Sensory Garden Opening  
(wear school uniform & please bring wellies)

Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March

Easter Egg Hunt

## APRIL

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>-Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Easter Holidays

Term dates for 2022-23 & 2023-24 are on our webpage

[http://www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk/web/term\\_dates/298666](http://www.st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk/web/term_dates/298666)

## Special Educational Needs Support



Thursday from 2.15-3.15 Mrs Titheridge is holding her SENCO sessions.

Parents are welcome to discuss accessing SEN support and Mrs Titheridge will be happy to answer any of your SEN questions.

To book please contact Mrs Titheridge at:-

[senco@st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:senco@st-marys-fal.cornwall.sch.uk)

or call 01326 314540.



Thank you for your donations to our Big Lent Walk,

The link is below and we will be collecting until Easter

<https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/amy-rickard>

FALMOUTH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE INVITES YEAR 4  
AND 5 STUDENTS TO ATTEND

# PRIMARY DANCE MASTERCLASSES



FOUR FREE WORKSHOPS AT FALMOUTH SCHOOL ON:  
TUESDAY 7TH MARCH 3.30-4.45PM  
TUESDAY 14TH MARCH 3.30-4.45PM  
TUESDAY 21ST MARCH 3.30PM-4.45PM  
TUESDAY 28TH MARCH 3.30PM- 4.45PM  
(PERFORMANCE ON 28TH AT 4.20PM)



There are 20 spaces available, offered on a first come, first served basis,  
on completion of the form.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSduQDgGtrCoAESafhU1Mg8Hl9HaxiT-OOH8cRPYmlzo\\_Zzcgg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSduQDgGtrCoAESafhU1Mg8Hl9HaxiT-OOH8cRPYmlzo_Zzcgg/viewform)



Y4 visited the Eden Project  
this week!!



Reception have been smelling, feeling and  
tasting a selection of fruit from our story,  
'Handa's Surprise'. We made a great bank of  
descriptive words following our exploration  
and grew in confidence in trying new fruits if  
we wanted to.



Congratulations to our Song Fest  
Team!

You did us proud!

As of April this year our St Mary's  
Church Brownie Pack will cele-  
brate its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and  
Josie Bee, who has been a Uni-  
formed Guider with Cornwall  
Guiding for over 50 years, both as  
Guide Guider in St. Agnes, her  
home village, and here with St.  
Mary's Brownies as Brown Owl,  
and for the past few years as  
Assistant to Elizabeth, is now  
retiring.

It is essential that if the Pack is to  
continue a new Assistant Guider  
must be found to work with Eliza-  
beth. If not the Unit will have to  
close. Guiding experience is not  
essential, but useful!! It means  
one hour per week, for the meet-  
ings, with extra hours for train-  
ing, planning and other County  
events etc.

As a Girl led Organization only  
young women are asked to apply,  
and this should be to Miss Eliza-  
beth Bee. Brownie and Guide  
Leader,  
on [Elizabeth.bee@live.com](mailto:Elizabeth.bee@live.com) or  
07776116960 or 01326 313048



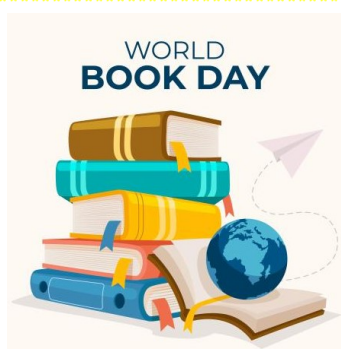
Heavenly Father, Thank you that you are a  
generous God and that you give us so many  
good things. We are sorry that we are not  
always generous with others. Please help us  
this Lent to be kind, to do our very best, and  
to be generous when we are helping others.

Amen



Congratulations to our  
Y6 Netball team! Our  
team showed fantastic  
team spirit and beat St  
Francis 8-3!





We learnt about some truly inspirational people: like Marcus Rashford.

We made posters to promote conservation, inspired by the work of Greta Thunberg.

We learnt about Frida Kahlo and even some Spanish words.

We learnt about John Lennon and sang Beatles tunes!

We read in the Sensory garden.

We invited our parents to read with us and had a grand march on the field!





### **Online risks:**

Oversharing Children and young people can sometimes feel pressure to overshare online. Remind them that they shouldn't share private things, such as:

- personal information, like names, phone numbers, links to other social media accounts or their school
- live or frequent locations
- other people's personal information
- links to join private group chats

photos of themselves, photos of their body

### **Sharing their location**

Many apps and games give you the option to share your location. You should help children think about how and when they're sharing it.

Some of the ways they may be likely to share location include:

- tagging photos with the geo-location • checking into venues
- sharing journeys
- location settings on your child's device

sharing images or videos that contain street names etc. If shared publicly, their location could be seen by someone they don't know. People could find out where they live or go to school, allowing an accurate picture of their daily routine to be built up.

### **Age restrictions of Social Media Apps**

Please be mindful that social media apps are not appropriate for pupils under the age of 13.

Below are the age restrictions for the most popular apps:

What's App—16 years +

Instagram—13 years +

Facebook—13 years +

Snapchat—13 years +

TikTok—13 Years +