St Mary's
Broughton Gifford

Term 2 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the festive holidays, we'd like to reflect on the fantastic term we've had at St Mary's. It's been a time of joy, learning, and community spirit, and we're incredibly proud of everything the children have achieved. They've truly 'Let their Light Shine,' making our school a brighter place.

We've shared some memorable community events. Highlights include our Children in Need non-uniform day, the beautiful Christingle service, and our Advent Reflection led by Year 3, reminding us of this special season's meaning.

The Christmas spirit has been in full swing with Christmas Jumper Day, our festive Christmas Dinner, and the wonderful KS1 Wriggly Nativity. The children's hard work and confidence brought smiles to all who attended.

We have closed the term with our Christmas Church Service, a fitting end to a season of celebration and togetherness.

Thank you for your continued support. On behalf of all the staff, we wish you a Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We look forward to seeing you in January for another exciting term.

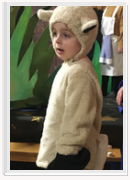
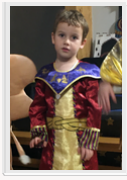
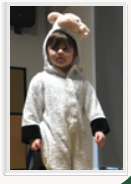
Warm regards,

Mrs. Hembury and Mrs. Duck

School Highlights!

Wriggly Nativity

Our KS1 Nativity, The Wriggly Nativity, was an absolute delight and a true highlight of the festive season. The children's enthusiasm, confidence, and hard work shone through in every song and dance, bringing smiles to everyone in the audience. The proud faces of staff and parents reflected just how much joy and pride the performance brought to our school community. The children's lively dances and heartfelt storytelling captured the spirit of Christmas beautifully, leaving us all with cherished memories and a reminder of the magic of this special time of year.

Advent Reflection

✝️ ADVENT! A big thank you to Year Three for leading our very first Advent Reflection this year. Our theme this year was Hope. We celebrated that God sent his Son into the world to make a difference and to give everyone hope. Isiah 9:6 reads, 'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'

At the end of our reflection we lit up the cross as a reminder that we can give hope to others and 'Let Our Light Shine!' ⭐



A huge congratulations to our Star Learners, School Values and Hot Chocolate Winners







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Dates For Your Diaries...

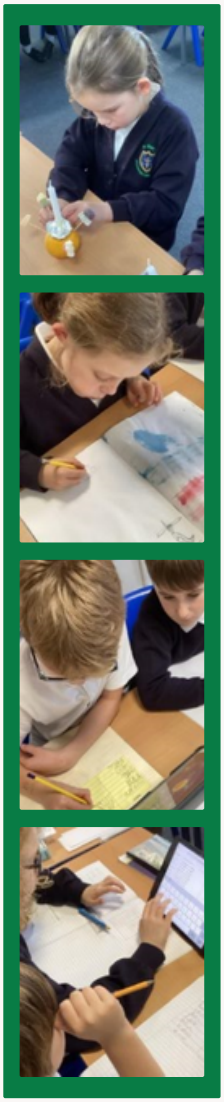
TD Day	6/01/2025
Oak Class Worship	22/01/2025
Open Morning	7/02/2025
Non-School Uniform	14/02/2025
Dauntsey's Dance Festival	14/02/2025



Learning Across the School

Willow Class:
Willow class have had another busy term. They are all working well together and we feel proud to have such a lovely class. We have enjoyed reading books such as... Stuck, Bog Babies and The Gingerbread Man. We have been retelling the stories and writing about them. We particularly enjoyed making and decorating our gingerbread people.
In Maths Year one have learnt number facts to 10 and been learning about properties of shapes and measurement. EYFS have been consolidating numbers up to 10 and representing them in different ways using fingers, numicon and 10 frames.
We have been doing lots of art and DT making moving pictures with levers.
The highlight of this term has been the Nativity. Thank you for all your support with this. It will be memorable and we hope you enjoyed it.





Maple Class:
This term in reading comprehension and writing, Maple class have been using, 'The Winter's Child' as our class text to write character descriptions and a persuasive letter. Y3 also wrote winter poetry too, which were amazing. In phonics we have learnt some of the rules for adding es, ing and ed. These will also be in the term 3 home learning spelling lists.

In Maths, firstly we worked through an addition and subtraction (Y2 with numbers to 100 using the Part-Part Whole model and pictures of dienes equipment to show our working out. Y3 worked with numbers to 1000, using blank number lines or the column model to show our working out). Then we did a multiplication and division unit (Y2 used equipment and images to understand the concepts of grouping. Y3 worked on counting and the 3x, 4x and 8x tables). We finished off with a geometry unit. (Y2 have counted vertices, edges and faces on 3D shapes. Y3 have been using horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular lines in their shapes.

We looked at early settlements in geography; Skara Brae in the UK, compared with Monte Verde in Chile. We labelled the countries of the UK and the continents of the world. In science we have been learning about sedimentary, igneous and metamorphic rocks. In Art we have made an advent calendar and Christmas cards using textiles. We have also squeezed in an Advent service and a Nativity too!

Oak Class:
In RE, Oak have been focusing on the question, 'What is the best way for a Hindu to show commitment to God?' During these lessons, the children explored different Hindu practices which allows them to connect to God and show their commitment; Puja (worship), Dharma, participating in Pilgrimages and the significance of The River Ganges. They have found this topic quite interesting!

Science has been all about Earth and Space. A topic the children have really enjoyed learning about and found particularly interesting!

Our Art lessons have continued from term 1. The children have been working up to producing an art collage linked to the jungle and inspired by Henri Rousseau. They have very enjoyed their art lessons! 'Rainforests' has been our geographical topic. This term, we have zoomed into Brazil and the Amazon Rainforest, learning about the countries in Brazil, the different layers within a rainforest and the importance of The Amazon Rainforest. Once we delved into the lesson specifically about the Amazon, the children were mostly wowed by the different creatures found in there!

Friends of St Mary's School

The PTA are welcoming new members to join the team so if you are interested in getting involved in helping to raise funds for St Mary's School and our children then please get in touch or pop along to the meeting for more information.
The next PTA meeting is 28th January 3:30pm at St Mary's School.

Friends of St Mary's have been amazing already this year! **So far they have raised a total of £1816.51.** This is such an incredible amount of money and will help the school towards new and **exciting plans for our school library.**

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