



## Pupil Chaplains

For the past couple of years, pupils from Year 5 and 6 at St Mary's have been invited to become Pupil Chaplains. Pupils currently in Year 4 and 5 have been sent letters about becoming Pupil Chaplains.

If your child would like to participate, they will need to apply in writing, explaining what they would be able to bring to the school as a member of the Pupil Chaplaincy Team. This will need to be handed in to myself or to the school office by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June. I will then meet with the children to discuss their ideas further. Your child does not need to be Catholic to apply for this role. If you have any further questions about this opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact me.

## KS1 Scooter Day

Thank you to parents/ carers for bringing in bikes / scooters on Wednesday for Venford and Avon's Scooter Day. The children had a really enjoyable time and will now be recounting their experiences as part of their English work over the next few days.



## School Meals

For children in the Nursery, Fernworthy and Burrator, school lunches cost £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week, unless your child is entitled to benefit-related Free School Meals.

Meals can be paid for online or by cash / cheque to the School Office.

On Monday, Mitzi will be sending out up-to-date balances of any monies owing for meals up to and including today.

## Diocesan Transport Fund

Plymouth Diocese have a School Transport Fund which is available to parents / carers through their parish priests. The fund is designed to help subsidise the cost of children travelling to Catholic Schools. For further information, please see Mitzi in the school office.

## Jubilee Lunch

Thank you to the Art Club for making some of our bunting which was used to decorate the school hall for the Jubilee lunch this week.



## Local Events

**LEAF Open Farm** – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June  
Bowden Farm TQ11 0JG

Booking essential via [farmsunday.org](http://farmsunday.org)

**Family Fest Camping** 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> June at the  
River Dart Country Park  
[www.familyfestsouthwest.com](http://www.familyfestsouthwest.com)

## Safeguarding

### NSPCC Pants Rule

PANTS underwear rule helps children understand that their body belongs to them, and they should tell someone they trust if anything makes them feel upset or worried. Although we talk to children about the 'PANTS' rules in school, it maybe something you also want to talk about at home. The NSPCC have a range of PANTS guides for parents and carers including guides in Welsh, guides for people with a disability and for children with autism. Further information can be accessed from the NSPCC website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

## Prayer Focus

The school subscribes to a weekly booklet called "The Wednesday Word" that can be accessed on our website or via the following link:

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/half-term-holiday-special?pid=MTA101634&v=61.20>

This week's chosen words are 'Holy Trinity' and this week's Gospel (St John 16: 12-15) talks about God's true nature, which is one of love. We learn that God loves us so much that he gave his only Son for us, so that we can share in the life and loving relationship of the Holy Trinity forever.

The Holy Trinity refers to three parts of God - God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. We remember the Holy Trinity each time that we bless ourselves with the sign of the cross, a reminder that God is always with us, wherever we are.

Our prayer this week is:

*Glory be to the Father,  
to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end.  
Amen.*



## Congratulations!

Well done to the following children who were awarded certificates in today's Achievement Assembly:

	<b>BLP</b>	<b>WOW</b>
Meldon	<b>Emily</b>	<b>Jasmine</b>
Venford	<b>Sonny</b>	<b>Kaiyah</b>
Avon	<b>Adsie-Elaine</b>	<b>Jack C</b>
Fernworthy	<b>Conrad</b>	<b>Cici</b>
Burrator	<b>Fliss</b>	<b>Honey</b>



Well done also to **Olivia** and **Toby** who went to work with their mum and helped organise and host a garden party for the residents. They also helped their grandparents make faggots to burn on the beacon.

## Fernworthy Class Mass

This week we invited Fr Dominic into school to say Mass with Fernworthy Class. The children helped to prepare and lead the Mass and our Abbey Choristers and Mr Searles, the Chorister Master, also took part.



## Maisie Milk Appeal

This term I am hoping that St Mary's can support the charity Aid to the Church in Need. The charity are currently running an appeal called 'Maisy Milk' to fundraise for Christian refugees and displaced families around the world. Food and emergency aid packages have been provided for families in Syria, Nigeria and Ukraine.

The charity are asking schools and parishes to fill an empty milk carton (one pint) with spare coins as a way of raising funds. Each child who brings a carton with coins into school, will receive a 'Maisy Milk' badge to thank them for their support. Please return to school any filled cartons by the end of this term, so that the badges can be given out to the children.

## Attendance

Here are the latest attendance figures:

**27<sup>th</sup> May – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Meldon	<b>89.50%</b>
Venford	<b>94.38%</b>
Avon	<b>95.31%</b>
Fernworthy	<b>95.67%</b>
Burrator	<b>94.64%</b>
<b>Whole school This week Year to date</b>	<b>93.63% 93.92%</b>