



# St. Mary's Preparatory School

A love of learning for life

St. Mary's Newsletter — 17th May

Dear parents,

With just one week left until half term, there is certainly a lot to look forward to. This coming week is National Walk to School week, so if you are able to support this initiative then we would really appreciate you doing so.

I am looking forward to the termly Music Concert which is taking place this Tuesday 21st May at 2.15pm. All parents who have children taking part in the concert have been notified and we hope that you will be able to join us.

On Wednesday we are holding our annual French Day. All children are asked to come to school wearing the colours of the French flag on this day (red, white and blue). We will all be learning more about the French language, culture and history on this day and even baking some delicious French food. Our wonderful kitchen staff have also planned a French menu for the day! We will of course keep you updated with all of our activities via Facebook and Twitter.

We hope to see you at the ice lolly sale after school—all proceeds to the Footsteps charity.

Thank you for your ongoing support  
Rob Harmer  
Headmaster

## WEEK COMMENCING 20TH MAY:

MONDAY 20TH MAY:  
DAVID DICKIE 'CLEAN AIR CAMPAIGN' VISITING ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY 21ST MAY:  
MUSIC CONCERT

WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY:  
FRENCH DAY (WEAR RED, WHITE AND BLUE—NON UNIFORM DAY)

THURSDAY 23RD MAY:  
KINDERGARTEN TO SWISS FARM

FRIDAY 24TH MAY:  
ZOO LAB VISITING NURSERY  
LAST DAY OF TERM—  
SCHOOL CLOSUS USUAL TIME OF 3.30PM



**This week's challenge!**  
**17th May**



**Remember to Hit the RED BUTTON - CHALLENGE COMPLETED!**



Cats have 4, beetles have 6, spiders have 8 – how many do you have? Can you make more use of them this week? It's Walk to School week – 20-21, May. It might require a change to your routine...you might need to get out of bed earlier, or be more organised with your school bag packed the night before. Can you do it for climate change?

If you live too far from school, and walking is totally impractical, maybe you could walk to brownies or cubs, walk to football club or your swimming lessons? Walk at least one journey you would normally have driven and then please **HIT THE RED BUTTON!**

A generation ago 70% of us walked to school – now it's less than half.

During morning peak traffic times, one in five cars on the road are taking children to school.

The UK school run alone is responsible for generating 2 million tonnes of carbon emissions per year.



**Young CLIMATE Warriors**

[www.youngclimatewarriors.org](http://www.youngclimatewarriors.org)

## Year 6 report on noise pollution

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, pupils from Year 6 have been researching noise pollution. George Blumfield, Olly Pratt, Henry Roseff and Oscar Scannell report on the findings:

'Year 6 went to the market place in Henley to ask residents about noise pollution. They found that almost 80% of people thought that traffic noise was the main problem, although 16% said there was no noise problem in the town. Noise from planes affected almost all the people interviewed but it was not seen to be as bad as traffic noise. However, almost 60% of people interviewed went as far as to say that they wanted Henley Town Centre to be a no-traffic, quiet zone. The majority of people lived within walking distance of the town centre.

One of the pupils said that it would be interesting to repeat the survey and find out more about whether visitors to the area thought Henley was a noisy town.

As part of the same project, Year 6 also carried out a survey among their family and friends and found very similar results'.

St. Mary's is entering a project about noise pollution for the Henley Environmental Science Project and the winning school will be announced this week.

## Buggy boot camp

Miss Gould is offering new parents the perfect opportunity to get fit for free! The first boot camp was held this morning and there are two more scheduled for June. Join us for circuit sessions with plenty of fun. Buggy Boot Camp is open to parents with babies in a buggy or pram. Places are free, but booking is

essential <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-buggy-boot-camp-at-st-marys-nursery-henley-tickets-61486465674>

**ART TEACHER MISS WILLIAMS WOULD LIKE ANY SPARE NEWSPAPERS PLEASE.**

**THANK YOU**



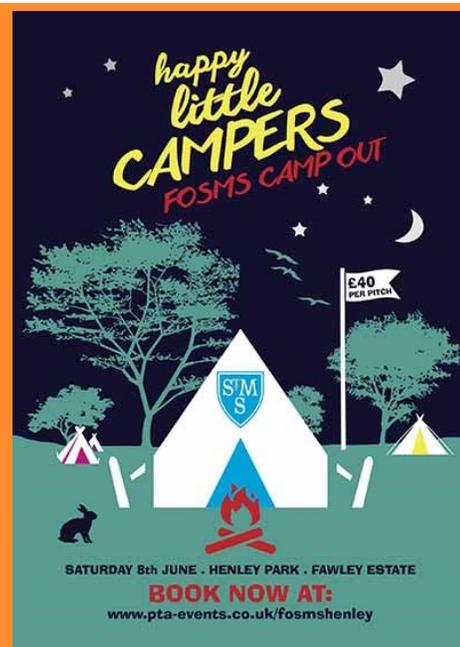
## FOSMS School Camp out

Only 6 pitches left!

This fun event on June 8th is not to be missed.

New this year— Supercamps, the holiday club will be attending to run activities for children between 3pm— 5pm.

Book tickets at [www.pta-events.co.uk/fosmshenley](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fosmshenley)



## Celebrations

There was a great deal to celebrate in our assembly today. After an internal selection process the following children from Year 1-4 have had their work submitted for the ISA National Handwriting Competition final. Well done to Theo Berry, Lilia Wright, Sophie Crayford, Samuel McGarty, Frankie Moore and Poppy Burkitt.

We are really proud of the high quality of handwriting in school and parents will be able to view some of the entries on Pobble!

Henley Hockey Club had their annual junior prize giving on Sunday and Kirsty Boom won U6 girl player of the year, while big sister Sophie clinched U8 girl player of the year. Toby Lane was also victorious winning U8 player of the year. A fantastic result for all! Well done. Sophie Broom had a particularly busy day on Sunday as she was also awarded her Chief Scout Bronze Award as a result of her efforts during her time at Beavers.

The AFC awards night this week was an exciting event for many St. Mary's pupils. Well done to:

Joseph Woolhouse—Top Scorer  
Arthur Massie—U9 Supporters Player of the Year  
Charlie Wilks—U9 Most Improved Player  
Olly Pratt—Player of the Season  
Zach Astle—U9 Most Improved Player  
Roxanna Schoenmakers—U10 Most Improved Player  
James Mennie—U11 Most Improved Player

We were very impressed to hear that kind hearted Ella Crayford donated her hair to the charity 'Little Princess' this week. The charity helps children with hair loss due to cancer treatment.



## Sports news

St Mary's Dragons 232 - Waverley 244

This was a good entertaining match. We saw some excellent bowling by Albie Ball and Ollie Thomas and good fielding by Charlie Wilks. Arthur Massie played some lovely shot placements and Miley Vann was noted for always encouraging his team.

Waverley U9 252Runs - 220 Runs St Mary's Pheonix

This was a very good game of cricket, but Waverley had the edge with some strong batters. There was some excellent bowling from Isobel Scannell and Caleb Marchant. Also solid batting by Polly Johnston and Ginevra Tayler.

Cricket match v Dolphin

St. Mary's Dragons:

We had a limited over match v Dolphin and Lily Whittam (Captain) opted to field first. With some fast pace bowling Henry Roseff took 3 wickets in quick succession in the one over. This was followed by a wicket from Lily Whittam and a run out from Martha Peach. Olly Pratt showed good line and length and was rewarded with a wicket. George Blumfield showed quick thinking and managed to hit the wickets for another run out. With 8 wickets taken the Dolphin side only managed to amass a score of 4!

Strong batting from James Mennie and George Blumfield saw the team surpass this total in the first two overs with a score of 17. This pattern continued with some solid displays from Olly Pratt and Connall Thompson, Tommy Lane and Thomas Butterworth, George Verry and Sophie Hucker, Martha Peach and Lilly Whittam and the final pairing of Henry Roseff and James Mennie. With only 2 wickets being taken by Dolphin St. Mary's comfortably won the fixture.