

Headteacher's Welcome

It has been a very busy fortnight! The Little Oaks building work is coming to an end (I promise) and I am sure that you are all as excited as we are about the prospect of having both paths open again, as well as a truly wonderful play space for our littlest children. Huge congratulations to our sports teams from the last couple of weeks. Both our boys and our girls Futsal teams were fabulous, and were super ambassadors for the school and yesterday, our boys football team became Sedgemoor Champions (see below for more details). Parents' Evenings are happening the week after next, and the online booking will be going live at the start of next week. There will be a post on Class Dojo with the link.



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Headteacher

Boys large School Football



🏆 ⚽ SEDGEMOOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS! ⚽ 🏆

A HUGE congratulations to our Year 6 boys' football team, who were crowned Sedgemoor Football Champions yesterday! 🎉

The boys were absolutely fantastic throughout the tournament, finishing UNBEATEN with an incredible record:

🏆 5 wins 🟡 1 draw ⭐ 16 points ⚽ 16 goals scored 🏠 Only 5 conceded

There were some lovely team goals, brilliant patterns of play and, most importantly, outstanding teamwork.

Donations for Finley Larcombe and his family

A huge thank you for all the donations that were collected today, to support Finley Larcombe and his family as he battles leukaemia for the third time. The donations today amounted to £287 and Mrs Dibble is going to deliver it to the family.

If you would still like to donate, but didn't have any cash today, there is a gofund me page, and I know that the family will be very grateful for every penny that is donated, which will support them as they face this very difficult time, again.

<https://gofund.me/1da3780f4>

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity.

New Parent Carer Wellbeing Forum

Thank you for the responses that we received from you about this. As the responses were very limited, I am going to open it out to all families in a different way. As a school we will have three meetings per year (one per term) around Pupil Wellbeing. Each meeting will have a different focus. If you feel that you would like to be involved in that particular meeting, then you are very welcome to attend, alongside the staff wellbeing group and our Happiness Heroes. This way, there is no commitment, but we will be able to hear the voices of our families. I will let you know the topics in good time before each meeting, should you wish to attend.

Harvest Festival

Next Wednesday, 7th October, we have our Harvest Festival in school. You may have seen Mrs Gill's Class Dojo post from the Mini Chaplains regarding donations for the Bridgwater Food Bank. Just in case you haven't, if you are in a position to be able to donate a food item, please see below for the list of items that they are in most urgent need of, as well as the items they are always in need of. Please can your child bring any items to school on Wednesday morning. After the Harvest Festival, the Mini Chaplains will collect up all of the donations and help the volunteers from the Bridgwater Food Bank to load it into their van.

Urgently needed food items

- Fruit juice (carton)
- Sponge pudding (tins)
- Biscuits or snack bars
- Tinned meat
- Tinned fish
- Tinned fruit
- Toiletries

Our shopping list (always needed)

Pasta Sauces
Tinned tomatoes
Cereal
Rice pudding (tinned)
Instant coffee
Instant mashed potato
Rice
Tinned vegetables
Jam or spreads

My HappyMind – Parent App

My HappyMind, the PSHE and wellbeing programme that we use in school, also has a parent app for you to access.

myHappyMind is delivered in schools by class teachers through a series of interactive lessons and then the children apply these learnings throughout the day.

To further embed this learning, myHappyMind has developed a Parent App. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The Parent App will support you as a parent in understanding what your child is learning, activities for you to do together at home and also a Kids Zone featuring myHappyMind Games plus much more!

To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code.

Your authentication code is: 123784.



Or simply scan this QR code to sign up

Once you have created your account, you will receive an email with the next steps on downloading the app.

We really encourage you to make use of this free content so that you can support your child in getting the best out of the curriculum.

If you have any questions about myHappyMind, please contact your child's class teacher.

St Mary's Newsletter

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2nd October 2026

Key Dates

October 2026	
Mon 5 th	Open Morning for new starters September 2027 – 9.30am
Tues 6 th	Open Morning for new starters September 2027 – 9.30am
Wed 7 th	Harvest Festival in school – donations gratefully received for Bridgwater Food Bank
Thurs 8 th	Tuning Into Kids – Week 3 – 6pm-8pm
Tues 13 th	Parents' Evening - all classes in person 3.30pm – 6.30pm details to follow
Wed 14 th	Parents' Evening – on line all classes except Class 8 3.30pm-6.30pm details to follow
Thurs 15 th	Parents' Evening – on line Class 8 only 3.30pm-6.30pm details to follow
Thurs 15 th	ESFA Football Qualifier large Schools Yr 5/6 B/Water College 1.15pm
Thurs 15 th	Tuning Into Kids – Week 4 – 6pm-8pm
Wed 21 st	Cross Country Yr 3 and Yr 5 Brymore – 3.45pm
Thurs 22 nd	Cross Country Yr 4 and Yr 6 Brymore – 3.45pm
Thurs 22 nd	Tuning Into Kids – Week 5 – 6pm-8pm
Fri 23 rd	Last day of Autumn 1
Mon 26 th – Fri 30 th	HALF TERM
November 2026	
Mon 2 nd	INSET Day – School closed to children
Tues 3 rd	School reopens for Autumn 2

We will endeavour to stick to the proposed dates and times. However, there could be times when events/dates will need to be changed. If this does happen, we will give you as much notice as possible.

Thank you for continued
help and support.

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Let your light shine*



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