



# St Mary's News



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# Freaky Fiction!

*This week, the school celebrated the thrilling world of the thriller genre with a spine-tingling Freaky Fiction Day! On Tuesday, children and staff alike joined in the fun by dressing up and transforming the school into a hub of eerie excitement and mysterious characters.*

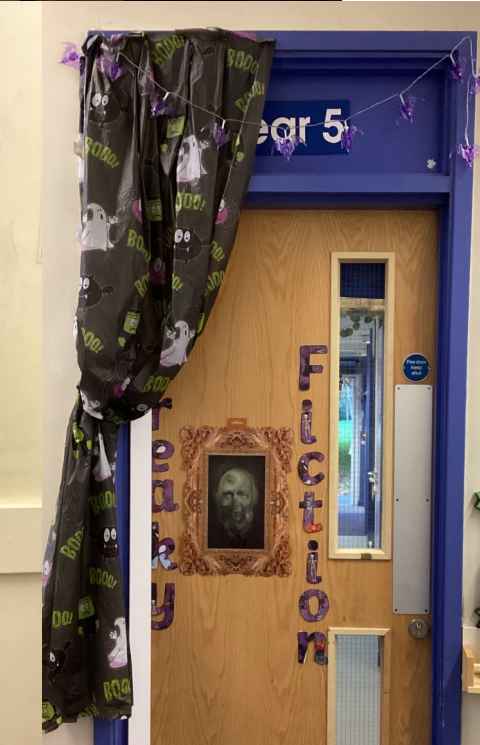
*Everyone put in a fantastic effort, dressing up in costumes that best represented the thriller genre, from spooky detectives to ghostly villains. The day was made even more special as parents and carers were invited to join the fun. They captured memorable moments with photos and joined the children for a shared story time, creating a community-wide appreciation for the joy of reading.*

*Throughout the day, children participated in a carousel of reading activities across their Key Stage, exploring a selection of thrilling texts that kept them on the edge of their seats. It was a day filled with suspense, creativity, and a shared love for stories that keep us guessing!*

*Lots of fabulous photos are on the next page!*

**You're never too young to make a difference!**

**1 Timothy 4:12**



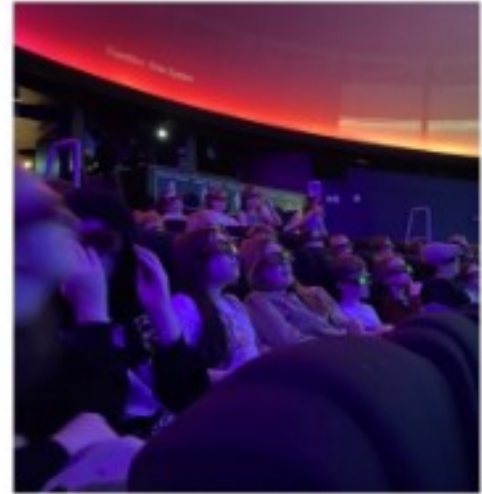
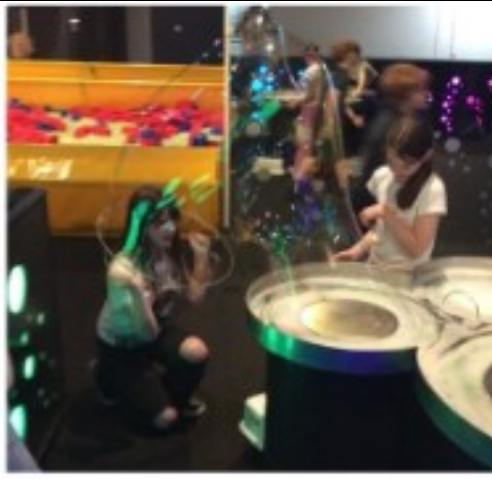
# Bristol Bound

This week, Courage Class embarked on an exciting adventure to Bristol. On Thursday, the children eagerly boarded the coach along with Mrs. Stevenson, Miss Rundle, Mr. Dempsey, and Mrs. Whaley. After a long journey, they arrived at their first stop and enjoyed lunch at We The Curious, an interactive science centre in the heart of Bristol. We The Curious offers a hands-on experience, sparking curiosity in science, art, and technology. The children had a fantastic time exploring a fascinating planetarium show, where they learned about the stars and planets, and took part in a fossil and evolution workshop, uncovering secrets from millions of years ago.

After an exciting day of exploration, the group headed to their accommodation to relax and recharge. In the evening, they were treated to a special performance of Mary Poppins at the Bristol Hippodrome, where they were captivated by the magic of live theatre. With hearts full of excitement and heads buzzing with memories, the children finally headed to bed, ready for another adventure the following day.

On Friday, Courage Class explored the sights and sounds of Bristol City Centre. They strolled along the scenic harbour and made their way to the historic SS Great Britain, a pioneering steamship designed by the famous engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel. Built in 1843, the SS Great Britain was once the largest passenger ship in the world and is now a museum, giving visitors a glimpse into the past with immersive exhibits and a tour that showcases its impressive history.

As they boarded the coach back home, all the staff expressed their pride in Courage Class, who not only soaked up every moment of the adventure but also behaved brilliantly throughout the trip!



# Tasty DT Afternoon

Compassion Class had a fantastic time in their D.T. lesson this week, diving into their topic on Celebrating Culture and Seasonality. The children enjoyed a hands-on culinary experience by sampling three different types of traditional pasties: classic steak, cheese and onion, and a vegan option. They carefully graded each pasty on its appearance, smell, taste, and texture, sparking lively discussions and a wide range of opinions!

Following the tasting session, the children put their creativity to work by designing their own unique pasty for a person of their choice. They thoughtfully considered the ingredients they would use and the equipment needed to bring their ideas to life. Compassion Class had a wonderful afternoon exploring food, culture, and creativity!



## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# ROBLOX

Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

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### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Roblox encourages players to interact online (including a group chat function), which could expose children to various risks. Scammers often attempt to trick young Roblox fans into exchanging their paid-for items for something which turns out to be of much lesser value – or something they never even receive. The in-game chat has some filters, but it isn't perfect: players can still send unpleasant messages, while predators can reach out to children directly.

#### PUBLIC SERVERS

Roblox has private or VIP servers which allow people to play exclusively with their friends, but this costs money – usually a one-off payment. Most Roblox players will instead be on public servers that anyone can join. Servers can host games which focus on all kinds of aspects, including direct player interaction. Some lobbies, therefore, will put children at greater risk of contact from strangers than others.

#### ONLINE DATERS

These are also called 'ODers' and are quite common in Roblox. An ODER is an individual who joins a game with the intention of finding someone to date online – and eventually meet in person. Such online dating is against the Roblox community guidelines, but this doesn't usually deter such people. Some player-built Roblox levels have even been designed with online dating specifically in mind, and this will not always be obvious.

#### IN-APP PURCHASES

Roblox is free to download and play, but bear in mind that there are some extra costs. These are usually indicated with the symbol for 'Robux' (the in-game currency). Players are encouraged to make purchases in the game using real money. People can also buy extra Robux to spend on cosmetic items in the game, and it's also possible to purchase a private or VIP server.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### SET PARENTAL CONTROLS

Roblox comes with several parental control options, which are explained well on the game's official website. It's essential to enter the correct date of birth for younger players, as that allows Roblox to automatically apply appropriate chat filters. The game also allows parents and carers to set monthly spending restrictions and monitor their child's account.

#### DISABLE PRIVATE MESSAGING

Roblox's private messaging function raises the risk of children being contacted by people they may not want to speak with – potentially leading to bullying, harassment, toxicity and scam attempts. Keep in mind that the game allows you to disable messages from anyone who hasn't been added as a friend on your account.

#### PRIVATE SERVERS

If a child has friends to play Roblox with, paying for a private or VIP server decreases the risk of contact from strangers. Even then, however, the player who owns the server could invite other people – who might not be child friendly – to join them. Additionally, private servers can be set up in such a way that any player on the host's friends list can join, so it's important to discuss who children are playing with.

#### MONITOR SPENDING

If they don't understand they're using real money, it's easy for children to accidentally spend a sizeable amount in the game. Using parental controls to place limits on their spending will help avoid any nasty financial surprises. Ensuring that two-factor authentication is enabled on any payment accounts also makes it harder for children to spend money inadvertently.

#### DEALING WITH STRANGERS

At some point in their development, children must learn how to deal with strangers online. Show them how to block and report any users who are upsetting them or asking uncomfortable questions. Talking to them about what's okay to discuss – and what they should never tell a stranger – can help them understand how to communicate more safely with other people online.

### Meet Our Expert

Claire Goshwin (a.k.a. Lunawolf) has worked as an editor and journalist in the gaming industry since 2010, providing websites with event coverage, reviews and gaming guides. She is the owner of Lunawolf Gaming and is currently working on various gaming-related projects including game development and writing non-fiction books.



#WakeUpWednesday

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# ENGLAND ROCKS



**12TH - 14TH NOVEMBER**  
**7:30AM TO 7:30PM DAILY**



**PLAY IN ANY  
GAME TYPE!**

**1HR TIME LIMIT  
PER PERSON!**



**WINNING CLASS WILL HAVE THE  
HIGHEST NUMBER OF CORRECT  
ANSWERS PER STUDENT!**



**TIMES TABLES  
ROCK STARS**

# TT Rockstars

## Competition

As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools throughout England. The competition runs from 7:30am on Tuesday 12th November 2024 to 7:30pm on Thursday 14th November 2024. It's all done online via [play.ttrockstars.com](https://play.ttrockstars.com).

Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit (see below)). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60-minutes between 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th November 2024 to 7.30pm Thursday 14th November 2024. Once the player goes beyond 60-minutes of play on that day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don't play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn't cause high stress levels or impact on family plans.







# Children in Need with Odd Socks!

## Event Details:

**Thursday 14th November Bake Sale in the school hall at 3:30pm**

After school, we'll be holding a bake sale in the hall. All donations of baked goods welcome. Families are invited to join us in the hall to support the event.

**Friday 15th November Run Pudsey Challenge (sponsored event) and Dress Up Day**

We'll be taking on the Run Pudsey Challenge, where each class will aim to complete as many laps as possible to raise money for Children in Need.

Children can seek sponsorships and sign up online for this (children who do will receive a Pudsey medal for their efforts)

**Friday 15th November – Yellow or Spotty & Odd Socks Day:**

Children and staff are encouraged to come to school dressed in something yellow or spotty to celebrate the Children in Need theme.

In support of Odd Socks Day, everyone can wear their most colorful and mismatched socks to promote individuality and kindness.

**We can't wait to support this amazing charity and have fun while doing it!**

# ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★

- |        |            |                                                                                                                                  |
|--------|------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Year R | Sunrise    | Lucinda Norton<br>For amazing potion writing recording CVC words independently                                                   |
| Year 1 | Joy        | Edward Williams<br>For extending maths learning to a home challenge                                                              |
| Year 2 | Trust      | Arlo Julyan<br>For working hard in Maths when adding 2 digit numbers                                                             |
| Year 3 | Hope       | Logan McIntosh<br>For excellent perseverance in maths this week and pushing yourself even when the calculations became trickier. |
| Year 4 | Friendship | Eddie Thurlow<br>For a calm and focussed approach to learning this week                                                          |
| Year 5 | Compassion | Alice Jones<br>For always being ready to learn and giving 100%                                                                   |
| Year 6 | Courage    | Courage Class have been busy enjoying their residential in Bristol and will be back next week with their star of the week        |

# Jigsaw Weekly Celebration

*This week, we will be celebrating people  
who:*

*Accept that everyone is different*

*Theo Masters, Oliver White, Maria Filat,  
Isaac Bradbury, Otto Butler, Jack Neil, Eliza  
Shirley, Lowenna Stevenson, Annabelle  
Young, Aiyla Mills, Amelia Abdalla, Luna  
Miller, Orla Jones, Sennen Stevenson,  
Aurelia Rankine, Ollie Hagan, Ivy Wyatt,  
Zac Abdalla, Freddie Booker, Tabitha Buist,  
Callum Williams, Prisha Dhumane, Isla  
Whaley, Rex Aucott, Arthur Hagan, Edith  
Warner, Carmen Watkinson, Finley Senior,  
Sol Bailey, Sebastian Hadfield, Rosie Gray,  
Rose Holmes and Leila-Rae Kippax*





# Reading Awards



*Bronze: Lily Walker*

*Silver: Coby Grigg, Tommy Booker, Angel Lin, Daniel Gomez and Edith Warner*

*Gold: Patrick Riches, Niamh Waterhouse, Henry Wilhelmsen, Edward Williams, Harry Vanes, Henry Smith, Orla Jones, Reva Dhumane, Sebastian Hadfield, Arlo Julyan, Leila-Rae Kippax, Orrin Lewis, Sofia Mitchell, Ross Pritchard, Arlo Wolf Rothon, Ruby Whaley, Zachary Young, Rose Perry, Annabelle Young, Wilfred Allen, Isabella Gray, Ethan Barnard, Henry Paul, Connie Tucker, Carmen Hadfield, Isla Whaley, Isobel Lewin and Alice Jones*

*Well done, readers!*



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for more detailed  
information.**



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Mon - Fri**

**Daily sessions**

**1st session 9:30 - 11:30am**

**2nd session 12:30 - 2pm**


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Please go to our website address above, for more information.

\*Please take note of the online live webinar sessions that **MUST** be attended to complete this full time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria.



*What's on for All*  
*- Especially for Children,*  
*Families & Young People*



**Kenwyn Church**  
**Welcomes**  
**YOU!**



# Kenwyn Church ABC

(Adults, Babies, Children)

Parents and carers with children (age 0 to 4) are invited to come and meet every Thursday, during term time, from 1.30 to 3.00pm.



Contact: Maureen  
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## TEA TIME MESSY CHURCH

- Crafts and Activities
- Short Service
- Tea

For 0-11 year olds, their families and for all who are young at heart!  
4.00pm on first Sunday each month.



## JAM at 11

Activities for children during 11.00am Sunday services.  
(But NOT first Sunday when there is Tea Time Messy Church at 4pm)

## JAM at 4

On 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month.

An opportunity for Tweens, their Families and Adults to **Have a Go** at something new! (Youngsters probably need to be in school year 5 or above.) Your activity suggestions welcome! After the activity we have family discussions on the issues of life and how we make decisions. Then prayer & finish with T'n'Toast!

There is no charge for our activities but a donation is appreciated if you can.



Bless you!



## CONTACTS

Local Minister: Andy Boome 07933 100049  
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For details of 'Tea Time Messy Church' And JAM at 11: Email Maureen at [woodhouse222@btinternet.com](mailto:woodhouse222@btinternet.com)

For details of JAM at 4 Email Anthea at [lovelockda@gmail.com](mailto:lovelockda@gmail.com)

For any other enquiry Email our Administrator, Helen, at [kenwynstallenchurch@gmail.com](mailto:kenwynstallenchurch@gmail.com)

Also see: [www.achurchnearyou.com/2437](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/2437)

And:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087595512531>

Date & Time	Activity	Theme
Sun Oct 6 4.00pm	<b>TEA TIME MESSY CHURCH</b>	Harvest Saying 'Thank You'
18th to 20th October	Trinity Youth Weekend away, Dartmoor. See Opposite: For more details and booking, go to: <a href="https://stkea.churchsuite.com/events/sdlahf8u">https://stkea.churchsuite.com/events/sdlahf8u</a>	
Sun Oct 27 4.00pm	<b>JAM at 4</b> Positive Pumpkins	Whatever is great! <i>Philippians 4:8</i> <i>'Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things.'</i>
Thursday Oct 31 <b>Time?</b>	<b>LIGHT PARTY</b> At St Kea Church	See flier opposite:
Sun Nov 3 4.00pm	<b>TEA TIME MESSY CHURCH</b>	Jesus Heals the Little Girl
Sun Nov 24 4.00pm	<b>JAM at 4</b> Carols with Hand Chimes	Pitch Perfect <i>John 10:10</i> <i>'Life in all its fullness'</i>
Sun Dec 1 4.00pm	<b>TEA TIME MESSY CHURCH</b>	Christingle
Dec 22 4.00pm	<b>NO JAM at 4</b>	-
Dec 24 4.30pm	<b>CRIB SERVICE</b>	Children are invited to dress up as one of the Christmas characters or to come already dressed up. We aim to involve all of them!
Sun Jan 5 4.00pm	<b>TEA TIME MESSY CHURCH</b>	Jesus heals the man let down through the roof
Jan 26 4.00pm	<b>JAM at 4</b> Nails & String	Being Yourself <i>Romans 12:2</i> <i>'Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.'</i>