### St. Mary's Mail





Date: 17th November 2023

Bi- Weekly News from St. Mary's

As you would have seen from the email sent yesterday, the school's Ofsted report was finalised this week. As shared within the email, we are pleased that the report highlights some of the areas that we know are strengths of the school. The school also validated our own evaluation of where we want to go next with our continued growth and development. If you haven't already done so, make sure you have a read of the report. Thank you once again to the team here at St Marys for their on going commitment to the school and to the wider community for your support. Together we make St Mary's the special place that it is.

#### Year 3/4 New Rooms Trip

Yesterday the year 3/4's visited the New Rooms in Bristol as part of their learning around Jon Wesley and his involvement with the abolition of the slave trade. A lovely day was had by all, the children showed a thirst for learning and were exceptional ambassadors for the school whilst out in the wider community.



# We would love to see your christmas decorated jars bottles pots or cups filled with sweets PLEASE HAND THEM IN TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS DISCO ON 15TH DECEMBER and came play at the Disca

#### **Cameras**

Some parents have noticed a camera has been installed over looking where Cath the crossing patrol lady works. With some investigation we have learned that this is one of many VIVACITY sensors that have been installed around Yate. These sensors gather data on various transport modes which can then be used to help plan future transport schemes.

These are not CCTV camera and do not collect personal data.

#### **Thrive**



**Playfulness** 

All the adults an St Mary's use **PACE** when working with our children. **PACE** is a way of being (an attitude) which helps children feel safe, secure and happy.

	Adults at St Mary's strive to have a light hearted attitude. They are: open/available/flexible/engaged/have a sense of fun/are imaginative and connected.
Α	Acceptance
	Acknowledging the child and their emotional state as being <b>true</b> and <b>valid</b> , and representing this back to them.
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mirror the emotional state of the child to help them feel understood.

#### **Dates for the Diary**

21st Nov 7.30pm Reception 2024 Virtual

information meeting

27th Nov INSET

29th Nov 9.30am Reception 2024 School

Tours

29th Nov 3pm Curriculum Showcase

6th Dec SEN Coffee Morning

6th & 7th Dec KS1 Nativity

13th Dec 9:00am Whole school carol

singing at shopping

centre

13th Dec Christmas Lunch

13th Dec 2:15pm\* Reception Nativity \*

Please note change of

time

18th Dec-1st Jan Christmas Holiday

#### Showcase of Identity & Diversity

We look forward to welcoming you to our curriculum showcase on Wednesday **29th November.** Gates will open **at 3pm** and families will be encouraged to explore the displays and look at work in classrooms.



#### **Excel Daily**

Well done to the following children who have recently received certificates:

Kaleb P, Freya E, Ethan W, Grace C, Max Re, Max Ru, Oscar M, Nina B, Tate M, Preston W, Florence P, Bobby J, Christopher L, Rio H, Adrian B, Rose K, Jaxson R, Willow H, Charlotte G, Marley S, Juddy H, Archie J, Sammy S, Ralphie G, Francesca F, Poppy H-Y, Ollie W, Grace B, Archie S, Florence M, Margo S, Jesse A, Alex C, Lydia M, Gracie W, Summer T, Benny T, Wes B,

Arthur M, Phoebe M, Frankie N, Jem G, Bella M, Mia W and the whole of Ash Class.



## Christmas Cupcake Competition

Bake and decorate your Christmas Cupcakes.

Enter by bringing them to school on Monday 11th December.

Categories: EYFS & KS1 / KS2 / Adults Prizes for 1st place in each category

#### CAKES WILL BE SOLD AFTER SCHOOL IN THE HALL

Bring your cakes to the office on Monday
11th December with your name and
child's class. Winners will be decided on
looks and all cakes sold after school.

