



St Mary's News

C.E. Middle School, Puddletown

Spring Term - Standing up for Others

16th January 2026



Meet the Staff.. Miss Drew - Textiles Teacher

1 What three words would your friends use to describe you? I have asked and the most common seems to be creative, generous and crazy!

2 If you could trade places with someone for a day, who would you choose and why? I would love to be able to really belt out a song so someone like Tina Turner or Taylor Swift and then I'd get her wardrobe too- all those sequins!! Or it would be really fun to be a gladiator for the day, I would love to be Fury and get to have a go with the pugil sticks!

3 What is your hidden talent? I am really creative but that is not hidden! I make laser cut jewellery and a couple of years ago a necklace I made was worn on the soap Hollyoaks!

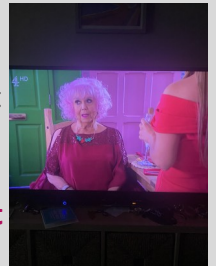
4 If you could only eat the one same meal for the rest of your life, what would it be? BBQ Chicken Fajitas, I do not like them too spicy though.

5 What is the one song or artist that you are embarrassed to admit you like? I absolutely love Westlife, I am not embarrassed at all but lots of people think I should be!!!

6 If you could choose to travel to one place in the world for free, where would you go? I have always wanted to go to Australia, I hope one day I will actually get to go.

7 What is the best film / series / programme you have ever watched? I do love a period drama, it is all the costumes and big houses. I would love to be a Lady of the house, but I know I would probably end up being the kitchen maid! I loved Downton Abbey and I cannot wait for the next Bridgerton series!!

8 What book are you reading at the moment? The Shattered Bauble by Rachel McLean, I love her Dorset Crime series and this is a spin off series. It is classed as "cozy crime" a bit like Midsommer Murders but set in Dorset!



Aspiration, Fairness, Kindness

Pupil Power Brings White Hill Junction and Footpath Improvements!

Last summer term, the children of our Student Council worked with Michelle Harrington of Puddletown Parish Council to assess the poor condition of the footpath that runs alongside Coombe Road, and create a report on the situation for the attention of the Dorset Council Highways Team. This report highlighted the poor state of repair of the footpath, including the hazards to pedestrians in the vicinity of the main entrance to the school. I am delighted to share that their hard work has paid off, and that the County Council has recently informed us of their plans to improve the White Hill Junction next to the school, as well as the footpath alongside Coombe Road.

In the next few weeks, vegetation will be cleared from the area in preparation for the pedestrian improvement scheme to make access safer for pupils, particularly when crossing to and from the White Hill junction. This will involve building out the junction and footpath to create a safer crossing, widening the steps to the entrance, and providing safer access for students. An engineer has already been allocated to take the scheme through to construction but, at this stage, the council are unable to share a confirmed construction date. The works will be scheduled during school holidays to minimise disruption.

Part of the improvement works include levelling the steps on the path running parallel to Coombe Road, which was highlighted by pupils on our Student Council as a concern on their route to school. You might have noticed that last autumn the council already cleared much of the over-hanging vegetation from the footpath following the students' report.

It is fantastic for the students to see such positive results of their hard work and to be reassured that their voice matters.

We are particularly grateful to Puddletown Parish Council, and especially to Michelle Harrington, for their invaluable support in working with us to reach this outcome. *Dr Ennion*



The pupils who have done exceptionally well...



Year 5

Arthur M—5W

Year 6

Clara D—6D

Year 7

Jack S—70D

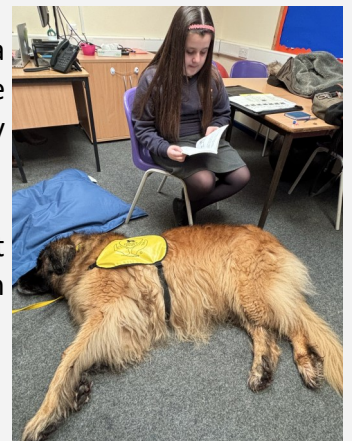
Year 8

Thomas F—8TF
Billie-Louise D—8SE

Each week, St Mary's have a visit from Bowie the Leonberger from Therapy Dogs Worldwide.

Today, Sophie in Year 5 sent Bowie to sleep today with her wonderful reading!

Good work Sophie!





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Open Mornings 2026

We warmly welcome all new parents and carers to come and see our wonderful school in action.

Meet our staff and pupils and discover what makes St Mary's such a special place to learn and grow.

Open Morning Dates

Wednesday 11th February 2026
Wednesday 11th March 2026

Time

9.30am - 11.00am


What to Expect

- ✔ A guided tour of the school.
- ✔ A chance to see learning in action.
- ✔ Meet our friendly staff and pupils.
- ✔ Learn more about life at St Mary's

Location

St Mary's CE Middle School, Puddletown.

We look forward to welcoming you!
Please email office@stmarys.wessex.ac to confirm your attendance.

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Date for Your Calendar

Year 6 Parents SATS Meeting

Thursday 5th February 2026
6.00pm - 7.00pm

In the School Hall

A letter with more information was sent home via Arbor.



Sports News

On Thursday this week St Mary's alongside Joey Wormington (School Games Organiser) hosted a Multi-Skills festival for our feeder schools.

Joey worked alongside our KS3 Sports Leadership team to co design and lead the activities.

This gave our leadership team such a fantastic opportunity to put their skills and strengths into practice, and boy did they! The atmosphere was vibrant and the engagement was superb.

These kinds of events will play a key part in the transition from First School to Middle School and help to give the Year 4's a chance to see how they could further develop down the line.

I thank Joey and the Sports Leadership team for their huge efforts in planning and delivering day and very much look forward to the next one! *Mr Bingham*



Date for your Calendar

The Spring School Disco will be taking place on
Thursday 11th February 2026
6.00pm - 7.30pm



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