

This Week's News

1st March 2024

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Head Teacher Update

I hope that you have all had a good week. It seems that no week is a quiet one at the moment and we have so much going on in school on a daily and weekly basis, which is great in so many ways, but we do need to make sure that they are manageable. Thank you to everyone who came to the Bingo night last night. I hope that everyone had a good time and enjoyed themselves and a huge thank you to POPS for organising the event.

Also, thank you to everyone who came to support the Book Fair this week and we hope that the children have been able to use their book vouchers and buy some new books to enjoy at home. We want to continue to promote reading across the school and increase children's fluency in reading to enable them to read for pleasure. It is so satisfying to watch our older children in the library in the morning, engrossed in longer novels and their enjoyment of choosing the next one.

I know that the next four weeks leading up to Easter are also going to be incredibly busy, with quite a few sporting events happening for our older children. We will keep you updated on their progress. We are also going to be part of the Mothering Sunday Service at St Marks on **Sunday 10th March** with our school choir and readers.

We are going to take part in the Big Walk and Wheel starting on **Monday 11th March**. I have attached some further information about the event but it is an attempt to try and get more children walking or riding to school for a whole range of beneficial reasons. I have registered the school for this event and in the past, due to our high participation, we won a stunt show to come to the school which the children really enjoy so hopefully we can do the same again. I will give more reminders closer to the time.

Fire near the School on Wednesday

We have been made aware of the fact that there was a fire in a property adjacent to the entrance to the school on Wednesday by Dorset Fire and Rescue Service. Thankfully no one was injured in the fire but if any children did witness it and are concerned, then please let us know as we will be able to support them in partnership with the Fire Service to address any concerns they may have.

Mothering Sunday POPS Wrapping Room

In preparation for Mothers' Day on **Sunday 10th March**, POPS have organised a Wrapping Room to give the children the opportunity to buy a little gift. This will be held on **Tuesday 5th** and **Wednesday 6th March**. ALL gifts will be priced at £2.50 to make things much simpler for everyone hopefully. If your child would like to take part then please send money in a clearly named, sealed envelope containing no more than £5 please on the Tuesday 5th.

I think that is about it for this week. I hope that you all have a great weekend and again, thank you for all of your support.

With Best Wishes,

Mr Bagwell - Headteacher

Diary Dates

Tues 5th Mar	Mothers' Day Wrapping Room
Wed 6th Mar	Mothers' Day Wrapping Room
Thurs 7th Mar	Dress up for World Book Day
Sun 10th Mar	Mothering Sunday Service at St Marks
Mon 11th Mar	Big Walk and Wheel begins

[Link to Key Dates](#)

Deadlines

Breakfast & After School Club
bookings must be made on
ParentMail 7 days before the
date you wish to book.

Please ensure bookings are made
in advance to avoid
disappointment.

School Attendance

Whole School - 95.2%

YR - 93.8%

Y1 - 94.9%

Y2 - 95.8%

Y3 - 95.2%

Y4 - 95.6%

The school day begins at

8.45am.

Gates open at 8.30am

Update from the Governors

This week's Governors meeting looked at spelling strategies, highlighting the implementation of the most effective spelling strategy to implement alongside other resources to improve children's proficiency, and discussion of key topics such as funding and safeguarding. Clarity of the school's vision and strategy for the next five years were discussed, aiming for alignment with pupil needs and staff development. School performance and development plans remain on track, with efforts to balance workload and capacity.



Book Week Reminders

A few reminders for World Book Week next week:

[Character Dress up](#) - On **Thursday 7th March** children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. We ask that they know the author of the story which their character is from.

[Book Swap](#) - Please bring in any unwanted, good condition books by the end of **Wednesday 6th March** for our Book Swap.

Lost Property

Once again, please may we remind all parents to check the lost property bin for any lost items. The lost property bin is located in the Key Stage 2 cloakroom which you can access every day at pick up via the door on the Key Stage 2 playground. Please also remember to clearly name your child's belongings so that lost items can be returned easily. Thank you very much.

The Big Walk and Wheel

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Info sheet

11–22 March 2024

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. It inspires pupils to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit their world.

15th Big Walk and Wheel challenge

Help us to celebrate the 15th year of Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel and make it the biggest one yet. Active travel is a great way to build physical activity into children's daily routine. It helps them arrive at school more relaxed and alert, and is great for their mental wellbeing too.

This year the challenge will run from 11–22 March 2024. It is free and easy to take part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel. You can register your school for the challenge from January 2024 at www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk.

How it works

On each day of the challenge schools compete to see who can record the greatest number of pupils walking, using a wheelchair, scooting or cycling to school. A school's best five days will determine their final position and schools at the top of their leaderboards will receive an exclusive Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel certificate.

Prizes

All schools will be entered into daily prize draws for rewards if over 15% of your school takes part on each day of the challenge. Prizes up for grabs include accessories and equipment to help your school travel actively.

In 2023, **3,096kg** of nitrogen oxide avoided as a result of the 10-day challenge*

In 2023, **1,890 tonnes** of CO₂ avoided as a result of the 10-day challenge*

In 2023, pupils at **1,862** schools made **2,666,937** journeys to school by foot, wheelchair, scooter and cycle

*Based on the assumption the journeys logged in the challenge would otherwise have been made by car.

School resources

We provide a suite of fun and interactive resources to help make your challenge a success. These free resources include:

- Curriculum linked lesson plans
- Inclusivity guide
- School assembly presentation
- Top Tips
- Poster

FAQs

Who can take part in the Big Walk and Wheel 2024?

All schools in the UK can take part in the Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel (provided they have a DfE or SEED no. or an IRN). If you do not have a DfE/SEED/Inst Ref number email bigwalkandwheel@sustrans.org.uk.

How do I register?

Simply fill in your school details on the [Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel registration page](#).

How do I log Journeys for SEN/ALN/ASN pupils?

If a SEN/ALN/ASN pupil is unable to take an active journey to school then one active journey within the school day counts in the challenge. These journeys are logged on the dedicated journey logging page. [For more information please visit the terms and conditions.](#)

What next?

1. Register for the challenge from January 2024 at www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk
2. Put 11–22 March 2024 in your diaries
3. [View and download the free school resources.](#) Plan how you could use them in your school or lessons
4. Email the Big Walk and Wheel team if you have any questions: bigwalkandwheel@sustrans.org.uk

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EASTER CAMP

APRIL 2ND-5TH
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NEW NINA PEANUT **AMAZING** **£8.99** **£7.99**

NEW THE PANDAS WHO PROMISED **£7.99**

Date: Wednesday 28th February - Monday 4th March
K52 playground outside the Jubilee Room

Cash and Card Payments (via phone) will be taken

Scan the QR code to pay online!






EASTER Art competition

Using your imagination, create an A4 piece of artwork around the theme of Easter.

There will be 3 lucky winners!
Deadline for the competition is 11th March.

Parley First School

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SPRING HAS SPRUNG!

Bring your little ones for a blooming good time crafting the colours and joys of spring! Make adorable 3D bunnies, Decorate vibrant flower crowns fit for a fairy king or queen, plant your own sunflower, and more spring-tastic surprises! Stories and garden trail with a small reward included. This is an all-weather activity so please dress accordingly. Entrance is via Tearoom, Museum Admission not included but annual pass holders go free.

No need to book – pay on the day (£3.50 per child).

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