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Headteachers  
Newsletter  
March 2018

# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Headteachers News

### Super Term!

Wow another amazing term at St Mary's. This term our focus has been;

- Embedding consistencies in teaching and learning throughout the school
- Developing the outdoor areas for Nursery and Reception classes
- Developing home school links for reading
- Forest School provision for Y3 and Y4
- SEND provision throughout the school

### Parent Surveys

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our parent/pupil meetings last week. It was wonderful to see so many of you in the school. Many of you were asked to complete a parent survey, so a huge thank you to all of you who took the time to complete them. It was amazing to read so many positive comments from you. It is great to have your continued support and ideas where we can further improve St Mary's School. I will write a full report which will be available after the Easter break.

### Next terms focus areas

**Mathematics**– 'Rockstars' launched on Monday 26th March– it is an online based platform to improve times-tables fluency. Great for rapid recall of facts. All pupils are able to access it and can play against others within the school.

**Attendance**- We want to raise the profile of attendance at our school. The national average is 96% . Look out for the St Mary's challenge at the start of the Summer term.

**Forest school**– Forest school will continue into the summer term. We would like the children to develop team skills, participation and perseverance during these sessions. Forest school and being outside is proven to help with well-being and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Summer term will include Class 1, EYFS and Class 6.



Go Active are joining us for the summer term to help develop sporting skills in our KS1 and KS2 classes. They will also be providing an after school club on Thursday for Cross Bow and Archery as well as offering a paid after school club for pupils on the Tuesday after school. Parents will be asked to pay for this club. The clubs letter will be sent home after the Easter break.

We are excited about working with Go Active in the Summer term and getting our pupils more active and enjoying sports whether they are traditional or alternative. Welcome aboard Go Active!

Forest School session are available over Easter. Try [www.growingwildcornwall.org.uk](http://www.growingwildcornwall.org.uk) or- [www.badgerforestschooll.co.uk](http://www.badgerforestschooll.co.uk)

Bodmin Junior Rugby meet every Sunday morning see Twitter or Facebook [@BodminRugbyKids](https://twitter.com/BodminRugbyKids)

We still need a new parent governor;; if you feel you can help please contact myself [head@st-marys-bod.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:head@st-marys-bod.cornwall.sch.uk) or our parent Governor Mr Dan Rogerson at [danrogerson@yahoo.com](mailto:danrogerson@yahoo.com)

Many thanks,



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**THE EASTER TRIDUUM**  
at St Mary's Church, Bodmin

**Holy Thursday - 7.30pm EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** followed by Watch at the Altar of Repose until midnight

**Good Friday - 3.00pm LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION & DEATH**

**Holy Saturday—8pm THE EASTER VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF EASTER**

**EASTER SUNDAY MASS**  
APRIL 1 at 10.30am

## Sports Relief

Well done everyone for a great effort for supporting this charity and dressing up as your favourite sporting personality! £150 was raised.



## Attendance Update from September 17 to date

Whole School Attendance: 94.2%

Class with highest attendance this year: Year 2 = 96.0%

### Headteacher's special mention to:

All pupils, parents and staff for supporting our charities (Cosy for CAFOD, Sports Relief and Fairtrade) Well done and thank you.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
26 MARCH Forest School Yr 3 (am) Yr 4 (pm)	27	28 Drum & Electric Guitar Assembly  3.15pm Fair Trade sale	29 Get Cosy for CAFOD—last slipper day!  <b>School ends at 2pm</b>	30 <b>Easter Holidays</b> 	31	1 April
2	3	4	5	<b>Summer Term starts on Monday 16th April.</b>		