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# So Long, Mrs. Bray!

Our whole school community have come together to wish Mrs Bray well as she begins her exciting new role with Rainbow MAT, improving the lives of even more children beyond our school gates. The children performed beautifully at the church in true St Mary's, style celebrating Mrs Bray's contributions. Starting her career here 22 years ago as a newly qualified teacher, she has dedicated her time to supporting all of our children and families over the years and appreciating each individual child's achievements along the way. Her kind, calm and gentle nature made her perfect for the role of Headteacher, guiding our school and also shining her light out to other schools.

At school today we shared our gratitude by presenting her with a date palm for her garden. This will allow her to look out into her garden and reflect on her time with us all. As members of her team we have truly appreciated her amazing support and belief in our abilities. She always encourages us to follow our dreams.

We have been truly lucky to have her as part of our school family and look forward to seeing her visit us in her new role as we join the Rainbow family.

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

1 Timothy 4:12

# Staffing Changes

As some of you may already know, we are saying a fond farewell to Mrs. Richards after 21 years! Mrs. Richards has been a wonderful and familiar face to all of the children and parents for so long, that we are incredibly sad to see her go. She will be remembered so fondly for her incredible passion, kindness and her 'get stuck in' attitude. We will miss having her smiling face on school residentials and hearing her cheering on the runners in Running Club!



We would like to take this opportunity to wish Mrs. Richards all the very best in her new adventure!

Her last day will be Thursday 18th April 2024, so there is plenty of time for hugs and goodbyes when we return after Easter.

On Monday 22nd April, we will be welcoming a new member of staff to the St. Mary's family! Mr. Clemo, who will be joining us as a Higher Level Associate Teacher, will be working with many children across the school. We are sure you will give him a friendly St. Mary's welcome.

# Easter Experience

Compassion Class enjoyed visiting Truro Methodist Church this week. The children were invited to take part in the Easter Experience. Upon arrival, they donned tunics and headdresses to help immerse themselves in the story - all of the teachers joined in too!

The children made their way inside and enjoyed becoming a rowdy crowd - waving palms in Jerusalem. Compassion Class then learned about the last supper and enjoyed sharing bread and wine. They then moved on to learning about how Jesus spent the night in the garden with his closest friends. They heard how his disciples fell asleep and how he felt alone. Next, Compassion Class learned about Jesus' crucifixion and the tomb, about an angel and the miracle that Jesus had risen. Finally, they saw inside the tomb!

It was a fantastic opportunity for the children to learn about the Easter story and they all had a wonderful morning.

Thank you to Truro Methodist Church for hosting St. Mary's!



# Easter at Kenwyn

Trust Class enjoyed a very special trip to Kenwyn care home this week.

The residents created an Easter egg hunt for the children to complete within their beautiful grounds. They then gave all the children a bag of Easter goodies!

To show their thanks and to continue to spread Easter joy, Trust Class shared some of the songs that they have been learning with them.

The children loved saying hello to the residents of Kenwyn and the residents enjoyed seeing the children's smiley, happy faces. Staff commented on the politeness and enthusiasm of the children.

What an egg-cellent day!



# Absence Reporting

If your child is absent from school for any reason, please can we ask that you ensure you contact the office directly before 9am on 01872 276689 or send an email to [secretary@st-marys-truro.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@st-marys-truro.cornwall.sch.uk), so that we may record the absence accordingly.

If you have pre-booked your child's hot school dinner on the Gateway App, you will need to cancel this before 8am to ensure you are not charged, this also helps the kitchen staff to prepare the correct number of meals for the day.

Thank you for your continued support.



# BRILLIANT BOOK Fair

2024

## ST MARY'S SCHOOL

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Join us for our brilliant Scholastic book fair in the hall on the 1st and 2nd May after school. Children will visit the book fair throughout the week to look at the latest releases available in fiction and non-fiction. Parents are then invited in to purchase books if they would like. All books purchased will raise much-needed funds for our school library.

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Scholastic Book Fair 1st and 2nd May

# STARS OF THE WEEK

Year R	Sunrise	Leon Insa-James For fantastic progress in phonics
Year 1	Joy	Sol Bailey For writing instructions with time adverbial
Year 2	Trust	Zak Abdalla For a fantastic and confident weather forecast in Geography
Year 3	Hope	Otto Butler For your incredible achievement in maths this week
Year 4	Friendship	Jack Keast for persevering with his design and visualising it
Year 5	Compassion	Isaac Shirley For a fantastic Artist Study
Year 6	Courage	Rosie Stephens For always being ready to learn and trying her best in all areas of school life

# Jigsaw Weekly Celebration

*This week, we will be celebrating people who:  
Know how to keep calm and deal with difficult  
situations*

*Verity Burrows, Leila Rae-Kippax, Sofia Mitchell,  
Lowenna Stevenson, Aiyla Mills, Jack Savage,  
Isaac Andrzejuk-Allen, Lenny Pearson, Annabelle  
Young, Eliza Shirley, Louis Burrows, Isla Whaley,  
Finley Senior, Prisha Dhumane, Fergus Bennett,  
Idris Gough, William Andrzejuk-Allen, Rudor  
Keeler, Elowen Chase, Lily Stobbs, Isaac Shirley,  
Freddie Adams, Aliyah Kanagaraj, Evelyn  
O'Reilly, Alina Paul, Freddie Booker, Zak Abdalla,  
Bella Clapp, Joshua Gardner-Chicote, Elsie  
Jones, Zoe Lewis, Isabelle Middleton, Sophia  
Somerville, Harry Stobbs, Rami Talab, Elissia Neil*





# Reading Awards



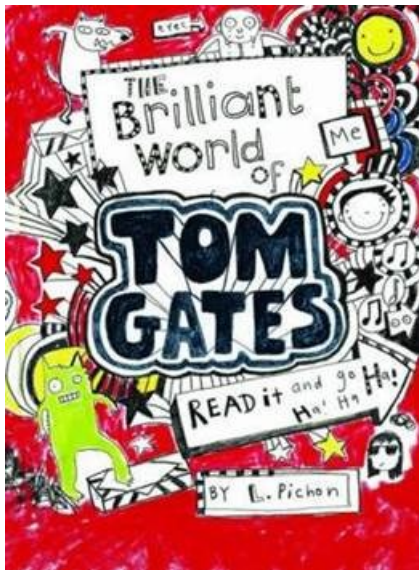
**Silver:** Hilary Alibuyog, Chad Currie

**Gold:** Coby Grigg, Georgie Tann, Travis Stock, Lenny Pearson, Freddie Green, Wilfred Allen, Thaleia Pengas, Lola Julyan, Ben Hocking, Sophie Bostock

**Headteachers:** Tommy Booker, Jake Morgan, Orla Jones, Freddie Booker, Alina Paul, Eddie Thurlow, Isaac Andrzejuk-Allen, Oliver Keast, Jack Neil, Lowenna Stevenson, Eliza Shirley, Rose Perry, Isaac Shirley, Olivia Stock, Eve Baker, Damian Gabriel-Williams, Charlie Keast, Sophia Somerville, Esme Lindsell, Elsie Jones, Oscar Julyan, Oakley Endean

**2nd Bronze:** Connor Champion, Esmae Thorning

## Recommended Read



*The Brilliant World of Tom Gates*

*Author: Liz Pichon*

The hilarious homework diary of Tom Gates charts his progress through the trials and tribulations of school and home life, including a disastrous camping trip, his vexed relationship with nosey teacher Mr Fullerman and that perennial domestic trial - parents' evening. Luckily, Tom's appetite for humour means he can take such trials in his stride and mine them for comic potential. They also inspire some brilliant cartoons for the reader to enjoy.

Tom scribbles the world from his point of view, each page is an explosion of hand-written rants, funny stories and dynamic cartoons. 'All I want to do is get tickets to see the best band ever, DUDE3, when they come to town. It's not easy when I'm up against Delia, my weirdo big sister, and all my plans seem to get me into MAJOR TROUBLE!' This book oozes personality and with so much going on it promises to maintain the attention of young readers for hours at a time.

**Interest Age:** 9-11

**Reading Age:** 9+

# Diary Dates

Friday 29th March 2024	Easter Break - Happy Easter!
Monday 15th April 2024	School Opens
Wednesday 1st May 2024	Schoolastic Book Fair
Tuesday 2nd May 2024	Schoolastic Book Fair
Monday 6th May 2024	Bank Holiday
Monday 27th May 2024	Half Term
Monday 3rd June 2024	School Opens
Tuesday 4th June 2024	Hatchbox Class Photographs
Monday 10th - Wednesday 12th June 2024	Year 6 Camp
Monday 17th - Wednesday 19th June 2024	Year 4 Camp
Monday 24th June 2024	Sports Day
Wednesday 17th July 2024	Rocksteady Summer Concert
Monday 22nd July 2024	Inset Day
Tuesday 23rd July 2024	Inset Day
Wednesday 24th July 2024	Inset Day
Thursday 25th July 2024	Summer Holidays Begin!
Tuesday 3rd September 2024	School Opens

# BIG WORLD FAIR

Learning and growing together with people across the globe

**SATURDAY 20th APRIL**

**10am - 3.30pm**

**TRURO CATHEDRAL**

**Everyone welcome!**

**Find out about organisations working internationally & locally, from Cornwall & beyond and how you, your community or your church can get involved**

**Fun activities for children to find out more about the world**

**Performances including:  
Cornwall Youth Choir  
Ukrainian Harmony  
Isaac Salaman**

**Roseland Academy Samba Band  
+ Drumming workshop  
to join in!**

**Speakers from:  
Five Talents  
Christian Aid  
Edukid  
Tearfund**



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