



## Head of Academy Update

Dear Families,

The first half of the Summer Term has sped by and we are already at the halfway point! The staff and children have worked so hard over the last 6 weeks and are all ready for a good rest over the extended 2 week half term holiday. The weather looks like it is finally taking a turn for the better and I hope that the children will be able to enjoy the freedom of not being in lockdown and the added bonus of being out in the sunshine!

As we enter the second half of the Summer Term we are hoping that further restrictions will be lifted and are looking forward to once again enjoying some experiences and events that we used to take for granted. Swimming lessons for our Year 6 children, football matches with other schools, P.E. lessons outside on the MUGA (multi-use games area) and plans for extra curricular activities for both Key Stages.

We have plenty planned for our Year 6 children who will be having their last half term with us and we will be giving further details of how we will be giving them a great send off after half term with all the usual end of year experiences (although they may have to look slightly different this year - they WILL happen!)

Last month we canvassed parents about the needs for after school childcare. 38 % of our families filled in the questionnaire and 28% of families said that yes or possibly they would use an After School Club. We have looked at the costs for employing staff to run the provision and based on the days and hours families indicated they would use the provision, it is unfortunately not financially viable to run an after school club in Summer 2

We know how disappointing this will be for some families and recognise the real need for wrap around care for working parents. We are committed to supporting our families and will continue to explore alternative childcare options as we move on. We will be canvassing our new families who will be joining the school in September and are hopeful that if there is an increased need we will be able to look at introducing this next year. Please do not hesitate to talk to me about this and see how we can support you.

We will be re-introducing extra curricular activities after school with numerous clubs that the children can attend. Although these will be in small groups to start with we hope as covid restrictions continue to alleviate we will be able to increase numbers. More details are included in this newsletter and emails.

It just remains for me to thank you for your unwavering support. Our partnership with parents is so important to us and we thank you for your patience and support especially at the start and end of the day.

Enjoy some time with your family over half term and I look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 14th June.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Edwards



## Extra Curricular Activities

We are pleased to be able to offer a selection of after school clubs starting next half term. Email's will be sent to you asking to register your child(ren). Please note that spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first come basis.

Club	Club Leader	Age Group	Times and dates
Arts and Crafts	Miss Monaghan	KS1 (max 8)	Mondays 3—4 (from 21st June)
Healthy Eating	Mrs Armstrong	KS2 (8 max)	Tuesdays 3-4 (from 15th June)
Team Building/ Team Games	Mrs Stanley	KS2 (max 16)	Wednesdays 3—4 (from 23 July)
Rainbow / Wellbeing Club	Miss Rippon	KS1 (max 8)	Thursdays 3—4 (from 17th June)

## Act of Worship

This term has all been about exploring our distinctive values in greater depth, which are: Compassion, Courage, Creativity, Perseverance, Trust and LOVE. By exploring the origins of each value and linking it to bible stories, we discovered all the different ways in which we can show these amazing values within our school, community, nation and even in our world. As we continue to live life to the fullest, we are becoming more aware of others and their lives. This is helping us to understand how lucky we are and how able we are to help those in need and those less fortunate. Each day we are keeping in mind that small acts of kindness do indeed make a difference.



## Templar Class

What an amazing first half of the Summer term! Although this has been a slightly unusual term as it started during the lockdown, we are slowly but surely bouncing back, especially with our marvellous learning.

This term, Templar class have enjoyed cricket, dodgeball and gymnastics with PE specialists from Spires College and Coombeshead Academy.

Science has been rooted in experiments and investigations as we explored states of matter and how they affect the way materials react to changes in their surroundings. The children have enjoyed thinking scientifically and creating variables in their experiments in order to change the outcome. We look forward to more science next term as we continue to develop our minds and ideas when it comes to thinking and acting like scientists.



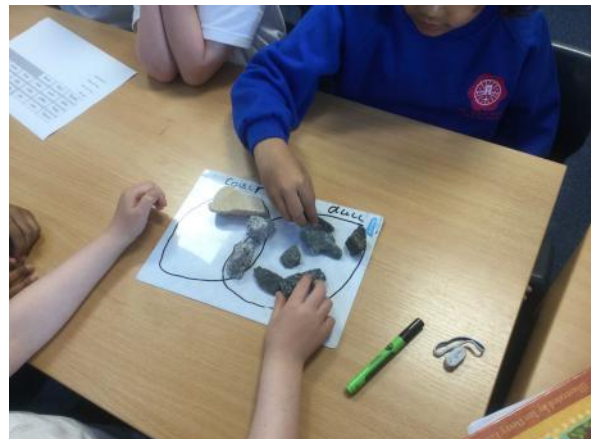
## Courtenay Class

Courtenay class have had a very busy half term with lots of wonderful learning happening.

In PE, the children have been working very hard on their gymnastic skills. They have practised balances, rolls and jumps over the half term and brought all these skills together to create a routine.

In R.E, the children have learnt the story of Pentecost. They have developed their questioning skills to help deepen their understanding of what happened. *"How did the disciples feel when the fire was above their heads?" "How did they speak different languages when they didn't know them before?"*

In Science, they have learnt all about rocks, soils and fossils. Everyone has enjoyed working scientifically to look at the formation of rocks, properties of rocks and how fossils are created.



## Bradley Class

### Taking our learning outside!

Bradley class have enjoyed learning outside during the small bit of bright weather that we had. They fully immersed themselves in multiplication problem solving using the chalks and cubes outside to draw their thinking. The excitement around this was fantastic to hear and the children worked beautifully with each other to deepen their understanding. The drawings on the playground cause a lot of attention at lunch time with the other year groups trying to puzzle through our learning. Such a wonderful example of the benefits of an outside classroom



This term Bradley have begun their learning around Judaism within their RE lessons. Understanding the world faiths is important for all children to understand the world around them and the differences between us. They had the chance to explore items that are special to the religion. They had a lot of fun dressing up and learning about the Jewish way of life and how it is similar to our Christian beliefs, whilst also having some different views. They found it very interesting that a lot of the head dresses worn are worn by the men, which is a contrast to other religions we have explored before. We have learnt the importance of the Kippah, which men wear on their heads to show respect to God. We noticed that it had the Star of David on it as this is the Jewish symbol for their religion. We also explored the importance of the Menorah candles during Jewish celebrations such as Hanukkah and Shabbat. A huge discussion was around the importance of Friday night dinners and how it is similar to our Sunday Lunch traditions. It was very interesting when we explored the purpose of the Yad when reading the Torah scrolls. It was fascinating that they cannot touch the scrolls with their hands as a sign of respect. We also had a look at how the Torah scrolls are read and were surprised that they read the scrolls from right to left as well as the Hebrew language.

Having the concrete artefacts has been fantastic as it has concreted the knowledge to use across the lessons.

*"I noticed that the Jewish faith have candles that are important just like we do as Christians. It symbolises light and hope."*



*"I didn't know that we shouldn't touch the scrolls, but I think it's important to know that so we do not upset the Jewish faith."*



## Forde Class

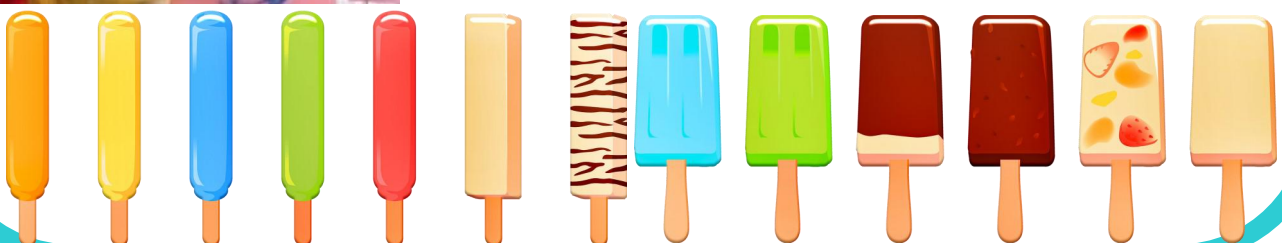
We have had a fun filled half-term in Forde class!

As historians, we have been learning all about the Great Fire of London. The children have absolutely loved this unit of work and can tell me so much about this historic event! We have also been focusing on sources and how they help us to find out about key events in history. The children are also able to tell me about the reliability of sources! A huge well done to all children who completed the home learning of making their own house that would be seen at the time of the Great Fire - they were amazing!

As scientists this half-term, we have been learning all about materials! We have been learning about the properties of materials and using fantastic vocabulary such as, 'bendy', 'hard', 'soft', 'rough', etc. The children have thoroughly enjoyed the practical experiments we have done to investigate all of these materials!

In RE, we have been learning about Judaism and what Jewish people do that is different to Christians. We learned all about the Jewish celebration of Shabbat and compared it to Christian Sabbath. The children were fascinated to learn all about Jewish customs such as kippahs, menorahs, mezuzahs and tallits!

It has been a wonderful half-term full of rich learning opportunities!



## PE and Sport

In PE this half term we have continued to build on our gymnastic skills. We have further practiced different skills, including: shapes, rolls, balances and counterbalance, jumps and travelling. We have also had a big focus on what it looks like to perform like a gymnast, discussing how they conduct themselves in routines and how they behave in performances; to develop our ability to create and perform routines, using good performance skills.

The children have been enjoying the sun and taking part in the Spires Festival Fun Run! Where they had to run around the playground for a period of time—showing perseverance and determination. Well done to all our young athletes!

Mrs Stanley

**Teacher of Physical Education & Primary Sport Partnership**  
**The Spires College**



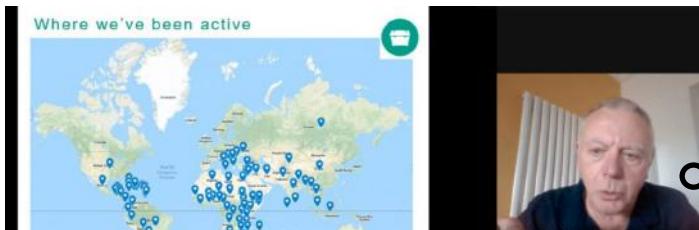


### Shelterbox

Templar were delighted to welcome Keith from Shelterbox, who answered questions about global charities and how they work. This encouraged us to think outside ourselves by finding ways in which we can bring justice to those that need it.



Thank you for such a warm welcome at your school today. The children were a credit, so engaged and interested in the subject. Great questions.



### Life Education

A BIG thank you to Helen from Life Education who worked with all our classes, providing relationships, health, and wellbeing advice, and talked to us about ' Helping Us Make Healthy Choices'.

The sessions were fun, engaging and memorable, the children met Harold the Giraffe puppet (a.k.a Healthy Harold) who spoke about healthy eating, how our bodies work, how choices and behaviour can affect children's health and education outcomes.





## IN THE COMMUNITY

### Courtenay Community Fridge

Our Year 6's dropped off donations for the new Community Fridge at the Courtenay Centre. The aim of the fridge is to prevent food wastage, with local shops donating unsold food, usually going to waste and instead placing it in the fridge for local people to use.



### Heroes Royal Mail Stamp Competition

All classes have been busy designing their stamps for the competition! We hope to have a winning design that will be chosen to be published on an actual real stamp!



Congratulations to Mrs Webber on her '5 day run to school challenge' supporting <https://stanleybeaufoundation.org> and Walk to School Week. Mrs Webber was delighted to receive star of the week in Celebration Assembly!



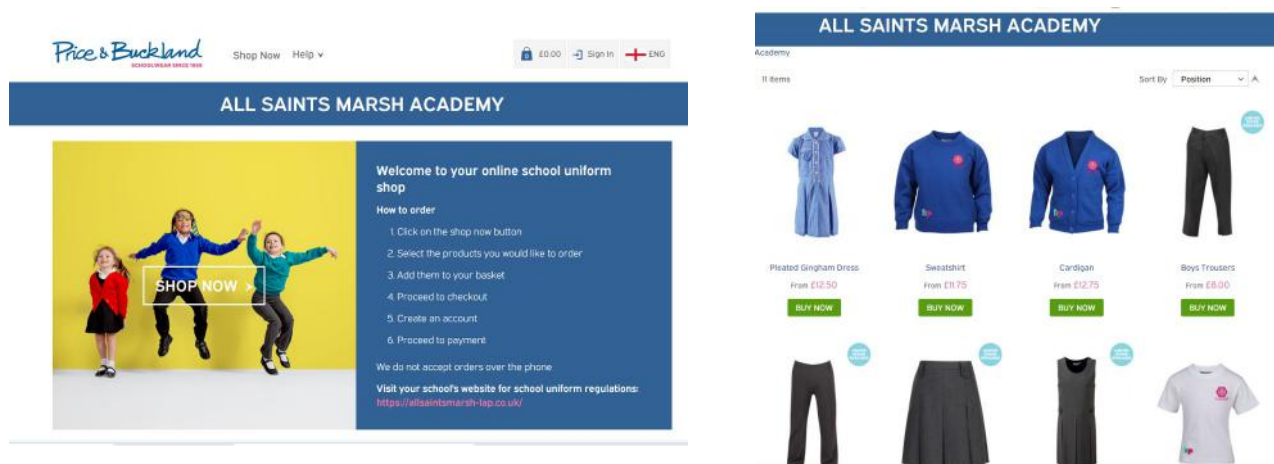
### Torbay and Devon Civic Award

It was fantastic to catch up with our students who have been working hard on their Civic Award. Their advice... 'The Award is lots of fun and it gives you lots of opportunities to help other people'. We hope they have inspired some of the Year 5's to do the award next year!

## SCHOOL UNIFORM

The Trustees, staff and parents at All Saints Marsh Church of England Academy place great emphasis on high standards. Our drive to realising these standards encompasses all aspects of Academy life; teaching & learning; relationships; behaviour and dress code, etc. Wearing of the correct Academy uniform is essential. The support of parents is very important in this. It is very important that all clothing is clearly labelled. You are able to purchase uniform from our online suppliers Price and Buckland at <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/allsaintsmarsh>

Please note that blue sweatshirts must be official Academy uniform, showing the badge. Alternative blue woollen cardigans and other types of blue pullovers are not acceptable Academy uniform.



# St Michael's Church of England Academy

## A NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL FOR PAIGNTON

Opening in September 2021



St Michael's C of E Academy is a fully inclusive school for children aged 2 - 11 years old, where children can thrive, grow and learn.

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017, you will be able to apply for a reception place for September 2021 in November 2020 when the admission process opens.

Prior to this you can submit an Expression of Interest for nursery and reception places via our website <https://stmichaels-lap.co.uk/admissions> or contact our Admissions Officer [admissions@lapsw.org](mailto:admissions@lapsw.org)



St Michael's is proud to be a member of the Learning Academy Partnership

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## Key Dates 2021

### Summer Term 2021

- 14th June—DAISI Artist Visit
- 15th June—Virtual workshops with African Ark
- Friday 18th June—Friday 16th - July—Year 6 Swimming
- 30th June—Circus Sensible Whole School Visit
- Thursday 15th July—Sports Day, Osborne Playing Field or if bad weather Monday 19th /July. Should COVID restrictions allow:

KS1 10—12am

KS2 1—3pm

- Summer Fete Thursday 15th July 3—5pm, Osborne Playing Field

The Summer Fete is ran and organised by a small but dedicated group of PTFA members. If you would like to help please let the office know or speak to Mrs Brooker or Miss Monaghan. Thank you.

- 20th July—Year 6 Treat @ Decoy Park—Details TBC



# Term Dates 2021

## Spring Term 2021

- Start: 4 January 2021
- Half Term: 15 -19 February 2021
- End: 01 April 2021

## Summer Term 2021

- Start 19 April 2021
- Bank Holiday: 3 May 2021
- Half term: 31 May – 4 June 2021
- Non pupil days 7 June – 11 June 2021
- Ends 23 July 2021

## Autumn Term

- Start: 6 September 2021
- Half Term: 25 October – 29 October 2021
- End: 17 December 2021

The Head of Academy may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**.

All requests for a child to be absent from school during term time must be made in writing at least a half term in advance of the proposed absence by completing the absence request form obtainable from the Academy office.

Please call into the Academy Office if you would like to discuss your child's attendance or any aspect of absences.

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