

Spring is here at last and today we are enjoying one of the sunny days that have been few and far between. I am hopeful that the sun will shine during the holiday period, and we can all enjoy getting out and about. Although it has been a short half term, it has been as busy as ever. The students have taken part in many trips in our local community. We held Parents Evening for St Rose's students in March, which was a great opportunity to celebrate the progress our young people work so hard to achieve. In January we had our Ofsted inspection for St Martin's, and I am pleased to share that we are still GOOD! My thanks go to all of the staff and students who spoke to the inspectors and showcased everything they do.



In February we had our annual Ofsted care inspection for the residential area of St Rose's. We had very positive feedback and are awaiting the final report. Again, my thanks go to all of the care staff who work so hard to make the residential experience an enjoyable one. My thanks also to our parents who are asked to comment on our provision. We received fantastic comments.

When I was in the garden taking photos of our lovely grounds, I was met by all of the St Martin's students who were parading to celebrate Carnival, a project they have been working on together as part of their Easter festivities. We are looking forward to work starting on the new sensory garden in May and we are currently finalising plans. This will provide even more opportunities and experiences in which our children can learn and flourish.





This term we started our weekend Youth Club, and we are looking forward to the next meeting in May when we will be joined by Gary who must be the most popular person I have ever met! He will be providing musical entertainment that the students love so much!

Finally, we welcomed nine baby chicks to St Rose's this week. Students in SR5 have been keeping a close watch on the eggs over the last 3 weeks. We are thrilled they arrived before the end of term!





Wishing you all a very Happy Easter. We look forward to the students returning in the summer term.

Sheila Talwar,





St Rose's School, St Martin's Post 19 & St Rose's Nursery

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# MEET OUR STAFF



Annalisa
Compliance and
Standards Officer

Hello, my name is Annalisa and I am the Compliance & Standards Officer at St Rose's.

I joined St Rose's in May 2022, having previously worked in the education sector in Bristol and Wiltshire and for national and local charities such as The Prince's Trust, Business in the Community and GL11 Community Hub in Dursley.

My role is making sure we are compliant in all things related to premises and health and safety so that staff can focus on the wellbeing, care and education of our students.

I love my job at St Rose's, every day is different. Premises "stuff" and health & safety are not the most exciting things in the world, but my motivation to do a good job comes from the staff and students. The culture and ethos at St Rose's are wonderful, I am often out and about on site and can see how dedicated the staff are and how much the students enjoy being here. I wake up in the morning looking forward to coming into work and being part of something quite remarkable and very special. St Rose's is unique and I consider myself blessed and very lucky to be here.

REMINDER: ADDITIONAL BANK HOLIDAY

CLOSED: St Rose's and St Martin's: Monday 8 May 2023

King's Coronation

### **M&M Productions**



### 15 February 2023

We were delighted to welcome M&M Theatrical Productions into school. They delivered a magnificent performance of 'The Scrooge' to our Nursery and main School children. The cast interacted superbly with the children, the story was entertaining and all delivered in our familiar surroundings. Special mention has to

be given to the happydayscharity.org who fully funded the visit. We could not have booked the performance without their support. Thank you to both organisations and to the children for being such a wonderful audience.



### **World Book Day 2023**

St. Rose's enjoyed a wonderfully colourful retelling of Oliver Jeffer's story, 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. Throughout the day the children explored the theme of colour through sensory art, a sensory trail, colour bingo and more! During the afternoon, we invited parents and carers in for a story massage workshop and a story sharing session—a wonderful day. Thank you to all involved.



#### **TABLE CRICKET: SR3 (Fiona)**

SR 3, and some of their friends, have been having a lot of fun with Jeanette from Cricket for England learning to play Table Cricket this term. They have had batting and bowling practise, learned to field and have played games with learning to score using their maths. They are hoping to take part in a virtual competition in March with other schools in the area.





#### NEW AGE KURLING BOCCIA and BOWLING event at Archway 6.1.2023

We had a wonderful time at this sports event organised by Atlas Games. We competed alongside 6 other schools and had achieved some excellent results. Xena scored the highest score (over 200!) for New Age Bowling out of all the competirors and as a team we received gold medals for our final combined score! Great sportsmanship was shown by all the competitors and we're very proud of all involved. Karen Childs





#### The sound of music at St Rose's

We had a very enjoyable first rehearsal experience with Ceilidh Jo Rowe from

The Music Works. She came in to school on the 3rd February and ran though the songs and signing with us for this years IncFest concert in Cheltenham. Some old favourites and some new songs kept us all engaged. Katy Perry's song "Roar" was popular and has been adopted as our end of lunchtime song as it fits well with our Core Value, Courage.

It is so lovely to have this opportunity to be involved in Incfest again with our fellow Special Schools from around the county. The concert will be held in June and we will take a small group to represent the school.

The corridors continue to echo each week with lovely music ranging from Soundbeam fun in SR1, Music Therapy, Gary Quinn's Communication through Music, SR4's Sound Healing to Tom and Rosie's story telling through song. In Orchestra, SR5 have been developing a chilled out version of Abba's Dancing Queen and in St Martin's we are making our own Samba music for a Carnival experience.





**100 Day!** On Wednesday 15th March, SR2, celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of term. Everything we did was themed around the number '100'. We had various tasks including 100 bounces on the trampoline, feeding the Very Hungry Caterpillar 100 items of food, making necklaces with 100 pasta pieces, a treasure hunt with families to find 100 items, mosaic art and many more fun activities! Katie Sweed









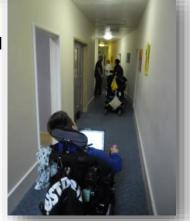
## Pilgrimage to the Chapel SR5 have started to

learn about Pilgrimage in their RE lessons. As part of this, students asked if they could go on a Pilgrimage. We decided that a special place of Religion within the school is the School Chapel. We spoke about how miracles can take place in the Chapel and how important prayer is in leading to them taking place.

Students started their journey through the corridors, pausing at different moments to discuss how they may feel on a long journey and why it was important to keep going no matter how tired or hungry



they may be. A challenge especially difficult when passing the dining hall with the amazing smelling food; something that was a welcome reward at the end of the journey.



Each student then selected an important religious artifact from the chapel.

## **Lent Mass**

A lovely Celebration of this important season in our Churches calendar where our whole St Rose's Community were represented and enjoyed the celebration of New Life and New Beginnings. It was great to see everyone and such a wonderful atmosphere. Cheri Baxter—Steele







## **USEFUL INFORMATION RE HAF**

## •Website:

https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf/

- what & when for the Spring HAF -3-14<sup>th</sup> April 2023
- -to register for our HAF Newsletter
- -FAQ's
- -to sign up to activities

Access to Resources Booklet and more...

 Provision for all children and young people reception to year 11 who are eligible for benefits related Free School Meals.

Scan our QR Code for the latest information on our event





Oxstalls Sports Park Plock Court Off Tewkesbury Road. Longlevens, Gloucester GL2 9DW

## Friday 16th June







This event is for people with disabilities, autism or anyone with mental health support needs

We will have NHS Teams and Community Groups promoting accessible services

We will have stalls about health and wellbeing







We will have lots of fun and inclusive activities



Bring a packed lunch or food can be purchased.



Bus 97 from Cheltenham and Gloucester. Bus 71 from Tewkesbury.





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