



It is so hard to believe that we are at the end of another academic year. This time last year we were struggling with the heatwave and this year we have dealt with more rain than we would care to remember! My thanks go to all of the staff who mopped floors and cleaned up after the deluge we experienced in June. Thanks to their hard work we welcomed the students back after a day of mop up operations! We have our fingers crossed for a more settled weather over the holiday period.

Since the last newsletter there have been trips galore and we have certainly made the most of being able to get out and about. The students have visited Cattle Country, The Cotswold Wildlife Park, Dinky Street and Weston, to name but a few. Closer to home students have made many regular trips out into our local community. On site we have enjoyed International Week and Sports Week and we are looking forward to end of term celebrations making good use of the huge marquee we have hired for the last week of term.

Musical highlights of the term were when our students joined with other Gloucestershire schools to take part in Incfest at the Bacon Theatre when the video of St Rose's students performing was premiered. We also attended Cheltenham Music Festival's relaxed performance which was a truly magical experience for all who took part.



Another highlight was when our students attended the Farmers Market to sell the produce they had grown over the term. We raised £81.20 for the Long Table in Stroud.



Looking forward to September we are excited that our new sensory garden will be ready for use and we look forward to inviting families, friends and staff to our opening celebration picnic on 3<sup>rd</sup> September – more details to follow.

Please join me in wishing staff who are leaving us well for the future: Amanda N, Dulcie, Juliette and Emma. We are extremely sorry to say goodbye to some of our students in St. Martin's, Eloise B, Harry B, Summer K, Joseph M, Syan W, Jamie W and Will S. We also wish all our nursery students good luck in their new placements.

I do hope you all have a lovely summer break.



Sheila Talwar,  
Principal



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# Family Youth Club

Forthcoming Dates:

**Family Youth Club: 2.00—4.00 pm**

2023

Saturday 23 September 2023

Saturday 25 November 2023

2024

Saturday 27 January 2024

Saturday 9 March 2024

Saturday 11 May 2024

Saturday 22 June 2024





# MEET OUR STAFF

Julie , Receptionist



Hello, my name is Julie and I am the Receptionist at St. Rose's.

I joined St. Rose's in March 2023.

My role is ensuring all incoming calls are answered and directed to the correct department; welcoming all visitors to the school ensuring they are signed in, issued with a visitors lanyard and that they are aware of the school's safeguarding policy.

Even though I have been a St. Rose's for a short time, the staff, students and parents have been amazing; making me very welcome to the team at St. Rose's.

St. Rose's is a unique and very special place to work and I do feel very proud to be part of this team.

Hi, my name is John-Paul and I am the St Martin's Administrator at St Rose's.

I joined St Rose's early this year through an agency and loved it here so much I applied to join fulltime. My role is to handle the administration for St Martin's and assist in reception. Each day is different for me with new challenges to tackle each week and with my incredible colleagues I believe I have managed to settle in and really grasp my role. St Rose's is a fantastic place to work and exercises a great ethos, you can really tell everyone here cares about what they do.

John-Paul  
St. Martin's  
Administrator



# Liturgical Celebrations and Events

The St Roses community took part in a wonderful re-telling of Holy Week with a sound walk through this part of Jesus's life at this world changing time in history. All classes in school produced art work and presented a part of the events that took place. St Martin's students helped by leading us in the signing with Nicky. Father Gary came and led us in Prayer. It was wonderful to be joined by parents and other members of our St Rose's family. This term we have also been able to celebrate Chapel Mass and it was lovely to have a full Chapel with our secondary and Post 16 Catholic students attending and being joined by invited peers. Our year finishes with the joyous celebration of End of Year Mass which will be a gathering of our whole St Rose's community in praise and thanks giving for another wonderful year together. Happy Holidays all.

**Cheri Baxter-Steele**





## Business Enterprise—SR 3

The students in SR 3 had a very successful Business Enterprise Sale. They planned their business, bought their resources, advertised the sale and made their product. The Market Day sale was well supported and on the day they made a total of £119.40. The stalls included Cupcakes, Cookies, Nail Painting, Ice creams and a lucky dip stall. After they have paid back



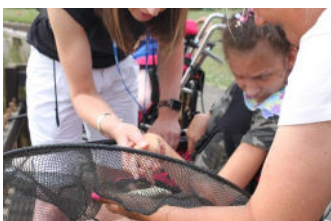
their initial investment they have decided to spend some of their money on an end of term treat, and the rest of it to charity, The Bristol Children's Hospital.

**Station visit** We went to the train station! In our class book, Stanley's Stick, Stanley visits the train station. We thought we'd go too! We renamed the station 'Stockport Station' and listened out for trains. We had some friendly waves and felt the wind as the train went past. Some of us then experienced a different train station back at school in the immersive room.

**Karen  
Childs**



**Catch-A-Smile, Quedgeley** On June 23rd, SR3 went fishing at Catch-A-Smile. In our class book 'Stanley's Stick', Stanley uses his stick for fishing so we thought we'd find out how that felt too. We had a great time and started catching fish straight away. The staff and volunteers were incredibly helpful and we progressed to catch some rather large mirror carp, tench and loach fish. It was a great morning and we hope to visit again soon. **Karen Childs**





## Battens Awareness Day

On Friday June 9th SR3 'showed their orange' to raise awareness of Battens Disease. We proudly wore our tie-dyed t-shirts and exchanged oranges for donations in a giant orange bucket. Together, we managed to raise £60. Well done SR3, this money has been gratefully received by the BDFA (Battens Disease Family Association). For more information, please visit the BDFA website <http://www.bdfa-uk.org.uk>.

**Karen Childs**



**Link with Thrupp Primary School** SR3 have established a link with Thrupp Primary School in Stroud and went to visit the Y6 class as part of their enrichment afternoon called 'Be the Best Friday'. Both schools learnt to sign 'Roar' by Katy Perry and performed it together which was a delight to see and hear. We then invited Thrupp to visit us and we proudly showed them our wonderful school, involved them in our achievement assembly and made them feel very welcome with tea and biscuits. Charlie even cashed in on the day by opening up the tuck shop! What a wonderful experience for all those involved.

**Karen Childs**



## SEND schools Athletics Competition 2023

On Friday 9th June three students from school went to the SEND schools athletics competition at The Prince of Wales Stadium, Cheltenham. They participated in frame running, shot put, javelin and relay and really showed great sportsmanship whilst smiling from ear to ear. Well done to our participants, you represented St. Rose's brilliantly.

**Karen Childs**





# A ROARING SUCCESS - SR2 Trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park!



On Wednesday 5th July, SR2 had a **TOADally** brilliant day at Cotswold Wildlife Park! We saw plenty of animals, including penguins, monkeys, rhinos, camels and zebras! We enjoyed using the Makaton signs taught to us by Nicki to say the animals names when we saw them.

Before we ate our lunch, we went on the train . This was very exciting - especially with the tunnel and the train's whistle!

Once we had eaten our lunch, we spent some time playing in the adventure parks. This helped us refresh before looking at more animals!



## Family swimming sessions

We are pleased to announce that we are opening our pool, to give students the opportunity to swim with Family and Friends. One Saturday per term alongside Youth Club, hourly sessions will be available to book

@ £20 Per session per family

Family booking includes up to 6 swimmers



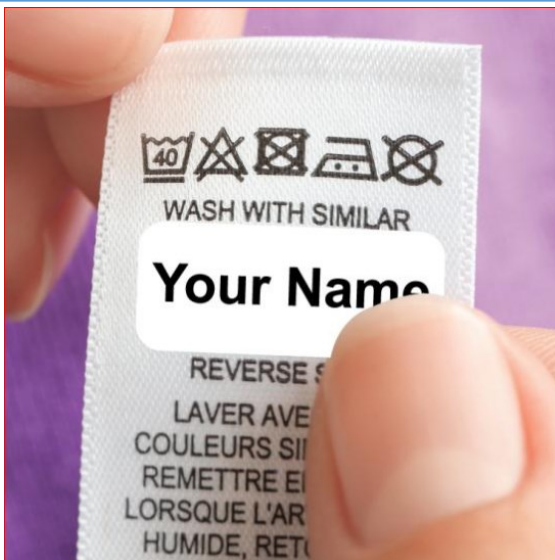
### Session Times

1:30 – 2:30pm – General session ([2 available](#))

2:30 – 3:30pm – General session (2 available)

3:30 – 4:30pm - General session (2 available)

‘Dates to follow in September 2023’



### PLEASE LABEL CLOTHING:

**We do our best to ensure that all clothing is reunited with their owners.**

**To help us please label your pupil/student clothing.**



Calvert was amazing .

I loved the high swing, it made me feel exhilarated. I thought the abseiling was brilliant & the zip wire was exciting. I liked the pool it was good to unwind after the activities.

The guy that brought the animals from Exmoor Zoo was hilarious.

The college staff were brilliant who took me, and I would like to thank them all for their hard work .







Charlie  
Michelle  
Dan  
Jackie  
Shevi  
Dylan  
Jason  
Emily  
Lea-Anne  
Dylan



Climbing



Canoeing



Horse riding



Archery



Carriage Ride



Cycling

A group from the Post 19 attended the Calvert Trust Exmoor. This is a fully accessible outdoor pursuit centre. We took part in carriage riding, abseiling, canoeing, archery, cycling, climbing & riding. We all had a fantastic time & were very lucky with the weather.

Jackie Vowles



In June students from St Martin's enjoyed another visit from Fly2help, who are based at Staverton Airport. Scott and Kim led us through security and safety procedures at an airport and on board a flight. Afterwards we made our own (paper) planes and had a flying competition.



# Music at St Rose's

Charlie, Charlie, Lochlan, Natalie and Eva representing school at INCfest in Cheltenham, June 15th.

Yet again, St Rose's Orchestra have performed at INCfest, held at the Bacon Theatre in June. This time though we were able to premier a video created by The Music Works, of our young musicians performing ABBA's Dancing Queen.



The group went to Gloucester in late April and had their music professionally recorded. This and videos of them performing were skilfully put together by the team at The Music Works.

The video was very well received by everyone on the evening and our young performers are very proud of themselves!



On July 14th we were able to take a group of students to the Relaxed Music Concert as part of the Cheltenham International Music Festival. It was a fabulous experience for all and a wonderful way to end a busy musical year in School.



In St Martin's, music is part of our Enrichment afternoon and this term Students have been making music to accompany films at St Martin's Film Festival. It's been out of this world...literally, as the theme has been space travel! We have also been learning about soundtracks for films and trying to create our own.

**Rachel Moody - Music Lead**







# Greenfingered Gardening!

From sowing to growing, watering and harvesting, our new garden area has sprung into life this term.

Money raised from the sale of produce at The Shambles Market, Stroud on 14th July will be going to support The Long Table Project, Brimscombe. If you have some time, seeds, or plants you could offer for next year. Please get in touch!



Rachel Moody—Post 16 Tutor.



# Students trial new Smartbox Software!

Smartbox, an assistive technology and AAC company, invited our students to trial and provide feedback on the new software package Look Lab prior to its release. Look Lab consists of accessible games and creative activities aimed at teenagers and adults, predominantly created to build upon eye gaze skills within fun and motivating activities. This was an exciting opportunity and we look forward to working with Smartbox again in the future!

The Speech and Language Team





# Cotswold Boatmobility



The Kingfishers group & Dylan had the opportunity to take part in this water-based activity on Stroud water canal.

It has a specialised accessible boat along with kayaks., this was a great fun activity that everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Plenty of wildlife was seen & a meet up with past staff & students.

Jackie Vowles



# POST 16

Summary of the year in Post 16? A year of growth for all our students!

Some significant birthdays; always good to celebrate with coffee and cake out. Hatching chicks; growing edibles to sell. Completing ASDAN My Independence Modules in both relationships and good health. Communicating effectively in so many different ways!

Trips out in the local area; the canal, Museum in the Park walled garden, Gloucester services, Stroud Library, Westonbirt Arboretum (in the rain!). A range of stories, drama and poetry including Beowulf, Babushka and our own story about our campfire experience with friends Holly and Emily.

And always time for a swim!



**Rachel, Kaz and Jamie**





# VISIT TO PUCKPOOL FARM

## SM4 Farm Trip

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of June SM4 went to Nicki Burcher's farm in Arlingham.

We saw a lot of livestock also known as cows. My favourite part was watching the very clever automatic muck cleaning robot & looking inside the grain store. I asked Ed the farmer about the condition of the John Deere tractors. I thought the JCB Telehandler looked dirty around the wheels but I didn't think that was a problem. The farmer told me everything I need to know about Total Mix Ration (TMR), the feed they use with the cows. Nicki's family were very hospitable and gave us drinks in the garden.



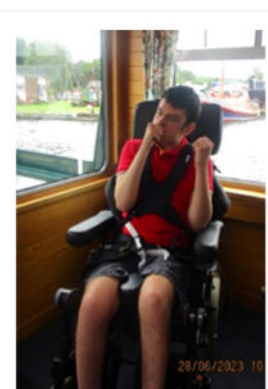


St Martin's students all had a day trip on the fully accessible canal boat. There was plenty to see including a lot of swans & their cygnets. Some of the students had the opportunity to drive the boat. Thank you to the Willow Boat charity for this great opportunity. Jackie Vowles.



**THE WILLOW TRUST**

...fun & freedom for disabled people on the water





# Policies reviewed and ratified at Full Governors Board since last Newsletter

Code of Conduct

Shared parental (Birth) leave

Shared parental (Adoption) leave

Time off for Adoption appointments

Information Governance

Remote Education

Preventing Extremism and Radicalisation

SEND

First Aid

Control of Infections

IT Password

Safer Recruitment

Terms of reference for Staffing and Finance Committee, EHC Committee and FGB

Infection Prevention

Portable Appliances Testing (PAT)

Supporting pupils with medical needs

Liturgy Prayer Policy

Confidentiality

Positive Behaviour Support

Pupil access to a person independent of school staff group

RE Curriculum

Charging and Remissions

Compliments and Complaints

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**IN SERVICE DAYS ARE INDICATED IN PURPLE (STAFF ONLY)**  
**OPEN WEEKENDS ARE INDICATED IN RED**

Term 1: Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Sept – Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023  
 Term 2: Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Nov – Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 2023  
 Term 3: Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024  
 Term 4: Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar 2024  
 Term 5: Mon 8<sup>th</sup> Apr – Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
 Term 6: Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Wed 24<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**In Service Days**  
 4 & 5 September 2023  
 8 January 2024  
 8 & 9 April 2024

**Monday start 09.30; Tuesday – Friday start 08:55**  
**Monday – Thursday finish 3:45; Friday finish 3:30**

\* 195 days are defined as "School days". In the school year 2020/21 pupils must attend for 190 days. Schools may decide individually or collectively which 5 days in the year are INSET or non-contact days (days pupils do not need to attend).

**Christmas Bank Holidays** 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
 26<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
**New Year Bank Holiday** 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024  
**Good Friday** 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
**Easter Monday** 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024  
**Early May Bank Holiday** 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
**Spring Bank Holiday** 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
**Summer Bank Holiday** 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Please can any student absence be notified to our switchboard  
 01453 763793 by **9.00 am**. Thank you.