



St. Mary's CofE Primary
'Learning for Life'

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newsletter

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Our Vision Statement **'Learning for Life'**

Learning for life' with Jesus' promise of 'life in all its fullness' is at the heart of St Mary's. At our school children are seen as unique and will feel loved, safe and empowered to flourish so they reach their full potential both academically and personally.

Kindness Trust Courage

Dear St Mary's Families

Welcome back

On behalf of us all we hope you had a good summer holiday that was filled with fun making memories. Welcome back and a warm welcome to our new families.

Thank you for the support and kindness you have showed to myself and the staff team since coming back to school. As I have said many times before, St Mary's is a special community and we are very lucky to have such a kind and caring school family. Thank you!

The children have returned and settled in so quickly into their new classes, we are all very proud of them. It has been heart-warming to watch them excitedly catching up with their friends and staff.

New playground equipment

The PTA have bought the children many exciting new things for the playground. The children have been enjoying: Ping pong, Chess, Ludo, Connect 4 and many other new pieces of play equipment this week. There is even more to launch next week! Photos to follow! Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this possible by supporting the PTA events, which helps raise funds to make all of this possible.

Dates

Our year group expectation meetings are coming up. At these meetings, the class teachers will talk you through the year ahead and make sure all of your questions are answered. It will be at these meetings we will talk you through trips and visitors planned for the year ahead and what the costs will be. Teachers will also share information about learning, homework and routines that you need to be aware of. They really are important meetings so we hope you will be able to attend. A register will be taken at these meetings so that we are aware which parents were unable to attend and ensure all of the necessary information is passed on.

Children are welcome at the meetings or they can play outside while they wait for you. If they do play outside it with the understanding that they are under your care at this time and will not be supervised by a school adult. These meetings will take place in the classrooms and will start at 3.10pm. They will last about 30 minutes.

Year 3:	Monday 18th September
Year 5:	Tuesday 19th September
Year 4:	Wednesday 20th September
Year 6:	Thursday 21st September
Year 2:	Friday 22nd September
Year 1:	Monday 25th September
Year R:	Wednesday 27th September

Hope you all enjoy the sunny weekend!
Mrs Chambers

HSLW

In this week's [HSLW bulletin](#), you will find information on the following:

- Back to school tips
- Action for Children - mental health support
- School admissions
- Uniform
- Woking Family Centre's, 'Keeping your child in mind' parenting course

There is also a fun family activity to try at home and a recipe idea.

Messages from Rev John

Brooklands Park Run – Saturday September 16th, St Mary's School and Church are joining forces in another way, this time to give regular Parkrun volunteers a week off! A St Mary's parent has already registered as Run Director. Can you help? Let's aim to have fun and 'be out there'. Please register on the Parkrun website and you will be given a barcode which will track and thank you for all volunteer efforts! <https://www.parkrun.org.uk/register/>

This week 11-15th September: Rev John is on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Denmark and is also helping on the Wednesday of this week, with forging a St Mary's School link with Tange Kristne Friskole a Danish school!

INSET Days

Our INSET Days for this academic year are:

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024



Star of the Week



Cheetahs	Kelsey "for sharing her knowledge with the class and explaining her ideas brilliantly!"
Panthers	Flo "for her amazing writing about Picasso during our Art lesson!"
Lions	George "for such enthusiasm in the classroom."
Tigers	Laila "for being a fabulous St Mary's learner and always trying your best!"
Polar Bears	Charlotte "for your excellent effort and great attitude towards your English learning."
Pandas	Romilly "for settling in so quickly to life in Pandas' class and St. Mary's."
Hippos	Lucie "for showing amazing determination in Maths."
Elephants	Abdullah "for making great contributions to class discussions."
Kangaroos	Finn "for confidently sharing your ideas in all lessons."
Giraffes	Damon "for an imaginative and creative suspense narrative."
Lemurs	Jai "for his incredible enthusiasm towards all aspects of learning."
Chimps	Kaiden "for his enthusiasm in English and his choices throughout the day."

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events shown in bold)

08.09.2023	Welcome back Family Picnic & Cake sale
27.09.2023	School Photographs
10 & 11.10.23	Parents Evening
20.10.2023	Quiz Night - PTA
w/c 23.10.23	Half Term
31.10.2023	Pantomime Performance
02.11.2023	Firework Display - PTA
15.12.2023	End of term – 1.05pm finish
02.01.2024	INSET DAY
03.01.2024	Start of Spring Term