



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,

Thank you to all of the parents who attended the **Expectation meetings** so far after school this week. I hope you have found them informative and that you have had the chance to ask any questions you may have. If you were unable to attend the meeting, please do take the time to read the various documents on the school website about the curriculum and expectations for the year group. If you have any further questions, please do get in touch with your class teacher.

We look forward to seeing you all at **Parents evenings** this term on either Tuesday 10th October or Wednesday 11th October. These will be hybrid so you will be able to select a face-to-face meeting with your child's teacher or an online meeting. Please look out for the email that will come out soon with details on how to book appointments with the teachers. The face-to-face meetings will take place in the classrooms.

Year 3 are busy planning their **Harvest service** and we hope that Year 3 parents and carers will be able to join us for the service on Friday 20th October.

The St Mary's PTA are holding their annual **AGM on Monday 25th September**, in the Hut on the field. It starts at 6pm and we hope that lots of new parents will come along to find out more and hear about what the money raised has been spent on to date. If you plan to come along, please enter the school using the Rectory Lane gate. We look forward to seeing many of you then.

Dates for the term ahead will appear in the diary dates list at the back of this newsletter and they will be added to regularly so please make sure to check this weekly. Dates and events are also added to the calendar on the school website.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Chambers

HSLW

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

- Family Lives - new online parenting course
- Byfleet Methodist church - Foodbank and Citizens Advice service

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

Class Assemblies 2023 – 2024

These are held in the school hall at 9am:

Autumn Term	
4 th October 2023	Year 6: Lemurs
11 th October 2023	Year 5: Kangaroos
8 th November 2023	Year 4: Elephants
22 nd November 2023	Year 3: Pandas
29 th November 2023	Year 5: Giraffes

Spring Term	
17 th January 2024	Year 6: Chimps
31 st January 2024	Year 2: Tigers
7 th February 2024	Year 1: Panthers
28 th February 2024	Year 4: Hippos
13 th March 2024	Reception: Rabbits

Summer Term	
1 st May 2024	Year 1: Cheetahs
15 th May 2024	Year 3: Polar Bears
12 th June 2024	Year 2: Lions
26 th June 2024	Reception: Hedgehogs



Star of the Week



Moles	Marcel "always coming into school with a happy face" Parker "always listening well"
Hedgehogs	Tommy "for always trying his best"
Rabbits	Florence "for being an excellent independent learner during Discovery Time."
Cheetahs	Parker "for working hard to be a more independent and confident writer!"
Panthers	Emily "for always being ready and showing great listening skills in class."
Lions	Sebastian "for writing such a fantastic story in English."
Tigers	Joseph "for writing an exciting story about popcorn!"
Polar Bears	Verity "for doing some great 'freeze framing' in English to help us write our explanation text."
Pandas	Ellie "for showing kindness to others by helping them with their learning."
Hippos	Isabella "for being proud of her effort in finding more or less from a given number."
Elephants	Lyra "for trying hard in R.E."
Kangaroos	Sienna "for using resources in class to create fantastic descriptive sentences in English"
Giraffes	Brayden "for showing determination and perseverance in all your learning."
Lemurs	Blake "for great focus in Maths this week and always being a superb role model."
Chimps	Gwyllam "for your fantastic ideas and enthusiasm when writing your diary this week!"

This week's Times Table Rockstar Superstars

Year 2:	Isaac - Lions
Year 3 & 4:	Nate - Hippos Mimi - Elephants Matthew - Polar Bears
Year 5 & 6:	Emma - Kangaroos Millie - Lemurs Dylan - Lemurs

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events shown in bold)

25.09.2023	Yr 1 Expectations meeting 3.10pm
25.09.2023	PTA Meeting (entrance via Rectory Lane gate)
26.09.2023	Open Classrooms 3pm – 3.30pm
27.09.2023	School Photographs
27.09.2023	Yr R Expectations meeting 3.10pm
04.10.2023	Lemurs Class Assembly 9am
10 & 11.10.23	Parents Evening
11.10.2023	Kangaroos Class Assembly 9am
17.10.2023	Winchester Science Museum – Yr 5
17.10.2023	Local Walk – Yr 1
20.10.2023	Harvest Service in Church – 9.15am Yr 3 parents invited
20.10.2023	Quiz Night – PTA
w/c 23.10.23	Half Term
30.10.2023	Macbeth Workshop – Yr 6
31.10.2023	Pantomime Performance
02.11.2023	Freshwater Theatre – Yr R
02.11.2023	Butser Farm Trip – Yr 3
02.11.2023	Firework Display – PTA
08.11.2023	Elephants Class Assembly 9am
15.11.2023	Watts Gallery Trip – Yr 4
16.11.2023	Byfleet Christmas Lights – Switch on
w/c 20.11.2023	Life Bus
22.11.2023	Pandas Class Assembly 9am
23.11.2023	Lightbox Trip – Yr 2
24.11.2023	Open Classrooms 3pm – 3.30pm
29.11.2023	Giraffes Class Assembly 9am
02.12.2023	Christmas Fair - PTA
12.12.2023	KS1 Nativity – 9.15am
13.12.2023	KS1 Nativity – 2pm
14.12.2023	Christmas Service in Church - 9.15am Yr 5 parents invited
15.12.2023	End of term – 1.05pm finish
02.01.2024	INSET DAY
03.01.2024	Start of Spring Term
27.03.2024	Easter Service in Church – 9.15am Yr 4 parents invited