



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

Well done Kangaroos on a fantastic class assembly about the Romans! Thank you to all of the visitors who came to watch and support the children.

This week was our trial of a hybrid parents evening with parents having the choice of either online or face to face. The feedback I have received so far is very positive and it was great to be able to say hello to those of you who were on site. It felt lovely to have parents back with us in school for parents evening and I hope you felt the same. I will be sending out a survey to review how successful this model for parents evening was. The link to the survey will be coming out next week.

This term has been far from normal with the tragic loss of our beautiful Sara and there has been much happening in the background. I wanted to reassure you all that we are currently discussing how best to remember Sara in school and when we are able to, we will share this with you. Thank you for your understanding and support over the last couple of months.

The children will be meeting the latest additions to our school family next week, our school guinea pigs! They are very little at the moment so will only be coming in to meet the children next week and will then be living at school from after half term. Next week I will be launching the naming competition! The children were very excited when I told them about it in assembly today.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Chambers

HSLW

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

- Mental health support for dads
- Emotionally based school non-attendance
- October half term activities

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

Yr 3 – Barnes Wallis Visit



Today, the children in Pandas and Polar Bears walked to Barnes Wallis Residential Home to sing their Harvest songs to the residents there. The children sang the songs beautifully and the ladies and gentlemen thoroughly enjoyed it. There was even time for a quick chat, glass of juice and a round of 'Happy Birthday' to resident Geoff, who turns 93 tomorrow! What a lovely morning!

Mrs O'Connor and Mrs Driver

Year 5 and 6 Football Tournament

This morning, ten Year 5 and 6 boys went to Woking Leisure Centre to take part in the WASPs Football Tournament. They played fantastically and made it to the finals where they were runners up! We are so incredibly proud of them.

Thank you to Coach Craven, Mr Kelly and all of the families who transported the children and came to support.

Miss O'Brien





Star of the Week



Moles

Annie "for always being kind"

Lana "for always being helpful"

Hedgehogs

Lola "for super tidying up at tidy up time"

Rabbits

Wesley "for being enthusiastic and willing to take part."

Cheetahs

Ada "for having a fantastic attitude towards her learning and challenging herself, especially in Maths!"

Panthers

Finley "for always following class expectations and being a fantastic role model."

Lions

Daniel "for an incredible improvement in his handwriting."

Tigers

Grace R "for using lots of great adjectives to describe your missing characters!"

Polar Bears

Olena "for editing and improving her writing independently by using different strategies and tools"

Pandas

Hari "for your enthusiasm and great questions in our music lesson this week."

Hippos

Stanley "for Geography knowledge and love of volcanoes!"

Elephants

Sophie "for great teamwork making the playdough layers of the structure of the earth"

Kangaroos

Evie "for fantastic confidence and enthusiasm throughout our assembly"

Giraffes

Edgar "for always going above and beyond with your learning."

Lemurs

Ava "for actively seeking adult support when editing and improving her writing"

Chimps

Lilley "for having a great attitude to your learning this week!"

This week's Times Table Rockstar Superstars

Yr 2:

Cai – Lions
Martin - Tigers
Grace – Tigers

Yr 3 & 4:

Anna - Elephants
Olivia - Elephants
Callum – Elephants

Y 5 & 6:

Gwyllam - Chimps
Diego - Chimps
Chloe - Giraffes

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events shown in bold)

17.10.2023	Closing date for photograph orders
17.10.2023	Winchester Science Museum – Yr 5
17.10.2023	Local Walk – Yr 1
19.10.2023	School Nurse Height & Weight check – Yr 6
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
03.11.2023	Freshwater Theatre – Yr R
08.11.2023	Elephants Class Assembly 9am
15.11.2023	Watts Gallery Trip – Yr 4
16.11.2023	Byfleet Christmas Lights – Switch on
17.11.2023	Children in Need
w/c 20.11.2023	Life Bus
22.11.2023	Polar Bears Class Assembly 9am (Pandas now 15.5.24)
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
08.12.2023	Reception Nativity – 9.30am
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