



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

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# newsletter

**Week ending**  
3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

## **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,

It has been a very wet and windy week! Thank you for your understanding about postponing the fireworks last night for safety reasons. The rearranged date is Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Mufti day was a huge success today with so many hamper donations – thank you!

We held our Open Morning this week and had a hall full of prospective parents and some familiar faces too! Year 6 did an amazing job of baking delicious scones for our visitors and they did a great job of running the café serving the scones. We had many lovely compliments about their baking skills and some parents even took some home with them as well.

Our wonderful tour guides from Years 5 and 6, who led the parents around the school, were complimented on their confidence and ability to speak so clearly and in such an informative way about their school.

We are very proud of the children, they all did a great job!

Mylo and Monty, our school guinea pigs, have arrived in school and next week they will be visiting classes to say hello to all of the children.

**If you want to opt out and do not want your child to touch the guinea pigs in school, please email the school office on [info@stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk) by Monday morning.** Thank you for your support with this.

I hope you all have a fun Bonfire night weekend!

From Mrs Chambers

## **HSLW**

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

- Little Parachutes
- Foodbank
- CYP Havens

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

## **Children in Need**

Children in Need is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. As a part of our fundraising, we are inviting the children to come in in spotty or Pudsey mufti clothes for the day on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November. Please make your donations for this on Scopay – **Children in Need 2023**. We will also be having a "Design a Pudsey Mask" competition. If your child would like to take part, they will get an activity sheet from school. All designs need to be returned to school by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November and winners will be announced during assembly on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Anti-Bullying Week**



Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023 is Anti-Bullying week. The children will take part in various assemblies and activities throughout the week.

We will begin with everyone, children and staff, wearing odd socks to school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

## **Poppies**

As Remembrance Day is fast approaching, we would like to raise money for the Royal British Legion. This charity supports veteran communities all over the UK!

A number of Year 6 pupils will be on the Lower playground everyday afterschool next week (between 3:05-3:15pm), where you can leave donations in return for a paper poppy in memory of fallen soldiers. These are plastic free this year so we do not harm the environment accidentally.



We look forward to seeing you on the playground. Thank you in advance for honouring the people affected by war.

Written by Diego, Kaiden and Finn (Year 6 pupils).





## **Star of the Week**



### **Moles**

Joshua “expressing himself well on the carpet”

Ioan “playing nicely with his friends”

### **Hedgehogs**

Arthur “for being a good role model on the carpet.”

### **Rabbits**

Savannah “for using her phonics during independent writing.”

### **Cheetahs**

Joshie “for being enthusiastic and showing perseverance with his independent writing!”

### **Panthers**

Emeth “for putting lots of effort into his writing during our sentence task each morning.”

### **Lions**

Cai “for so much effort with his home learning – loads of Numbots and a great 500 word story!”

### **Tigers**

Oliver “for always working hard, particularly in Maths.”

### **Polar Bears**

Matilda “for showing such great teamwork and kindness to others when building a shelter during our Nurture in Nature session.”

### **Pandas**

Lucy “for consistently trying your best in all of your learning and being a great learning partner.”

### **Hippos**

Leona “for as inspiring Cold Task write for a newspaper article!”

### **Elephants**

David “for being an enthusiastic St. Mary’s learner and always contributing his ideas in class.”

### **Kangaroos**

Jack R “for being an incredibly supportive talk partner in all subjects”

### **Giraffes**

Tulisa “for contributing amazing ideas during English.”

### **Lemurs**

Henley “for great focus in class, following instructions, and working hard to complete tasks set.”

### **Chimps**

Florence “for having a positive learning attitude in all lessons!”

## **This week’s Times Table Rockstar Superstars**

Year 2: Kacper - Lions

Koa - Lions

Martin - Tigers

Year 3 & 4: Charlotte W - Polar Bears

Shreya - Polar Bears

Eddie - Hippos

Year 5 & 6: Ayaan - Giraffes

Megan - Giraffes

Daniel - Chimps

## Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events shown in bold)

08.11.2023	Elephants Class Assembly 9am
<b>w/c 13.11.2023</b>	<b>Anti-Bullying Week</b>
<b>13.11.2023</b>	<b>Anti-Bullying – Wear Odd Socks Day</b>
w/c 13.11.2023	Shoebox Appeal
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
<b>22.11.2023</b>	<b>Re-arranged Firework Display – PTA</b>
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
05.12.2023	KS2 Carol Service – St Mary's Church
06.12.2023	Nursery Nativities
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
08.01.2024	Great Fire of London Workshop – Yr 2
10.01.2024	Buddhism Workshop – Yr 6
16.01.2024	Chertsey Museum Workshop – Yr 3
30.01.2024	Young Voices – Choir trip to O2
27.03.2024	Easter Service in Church – 9.15am Yr 4 parents invited