



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

Hart Road, Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 7NJ  
Tel: 01932 410300  
Email: [info@stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk)

# newsletter

**Week ending**  
24<sup>th</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,

A massive thank you to the PTA for organising yet another amazing and hugely successful fireworks event, that raised over £2000! Thank you also to all of you who bought tickets and came to support the event.

We are looking forward to next week as we get Christmassy! The tree will be going up and classroom doors will be transformed into Christmas masterpieces! The stage is also going up in preparation for our Nativity performances and Year 5 are preparing for the carol service!

Reminder: Class reps are invited to join me on Tuesday 8.40am - 10am in the Surestart Hut. Please sign in at the main office first. If you have any suggestions or thoughts, please do share these with your class rep ahead of Tuesday and they can bring them to the meeting.

I am very pleased to share with you that Mrs Qureshi, who teaches Chimps class, is expecting her second baby. When she leaves to go on maternity leave, we will welcome Mr Lockyer who will be taking her place in Chimps class. To enable him to get to know the children and ensure the children have a smooth transition, he will be starting in January ahead of Mrs Qureshi leaving at the end of the Spring term.

This weekend I am off to buy my Christmas tree and get the decorations out of the loft! I hope you all have good weekend planned too.

From Mrs Chambers

## **HSLW**

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

- Family Voice Surrey's online talk (OT, sensory processing and regulation strategies)
- Sleep support from Children Family and Health Surrey
- Catalyst support
- Child Health drop in-service at Eastwood Leisure centre

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

### **The Lightbox Trip – Year 2**

Year 2 went to The Lightbox this week to continue their learning about materials in Science. The children spent time looking at sculptures in the gallery and learning what materials they were made from and how they were made. They also spent time touching, feeling, smelling and examining different materials that had been made in a mould. They were made from wax, plaster, bronze, wood and rubber. The children used some of the key vocabulary that we have been using in class to describe the materials which we were very impressed by!



The children completed their trip by making their own art galleries to take home with them. They chose a theme for their gallery and then either cut out and stuck pictures in, drew the pictures or used a mixture of both to decorate. They completed their piece with a sculpture on a plinth. The galleries looked great, we hope you have had a chance to look at them and talk about them at home. Maybe the children can share some of their new vocabulary with you!



A special thank you goes to our parent helpers, without your help the day couldn't go ahead. Also, a huge thank you goes to the children of Year 2 who represented St Mary's impeccably.

Mrs Townson and Mr Baddock

## Maths Day – Westfield School

Nicholas, Serena, Olivia, Blake, Dylan, Jack, Jacob and Lena from Years 5 and 6 went to an AIM Higher Maths Day at Westfield School in Woking. Miss Lattimore accompanied them on the trip where they spent the day with Mathematician and author Andrew Jeffrey. The day involved some team work, problem solving, games and even a little 'magic'. Miss Lattimore commented how well the children represented the school and also how impressed she was with their mathematical skill.

Mr Baddock - Maths Lead



## Christmas Fair Mufti Day!

Thursday 30th November

Nursery Tuesday 28th November

Whole school mufti day for donations to our Christmas Fair

Nursery, Reception,  
Year 1 & Year 2  
Sweets/Chocolate

Year 3, Year 4,  
Year 5 & Year 6  
Bottles



## Christmas Jumper Swap Shop

We will be running a Christmas Jumper Swap Shop at our Christmas Fair. Please feel free to bring any donations in on the 30th November & be sure to visit the stall on the 2nd December!



ST MARY'S PTA

# QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 19TH JANUARY  
DOORS OPEN 7.30PM - QUIZ STARTS 8PM  
£5 PER PERSON  
MAY TEAM OF 2  
BAR AVAILABLE - BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT  
[WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/FRIENDSOFSTMARYS](http://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.CO.UK/FRIENDSOFSTMARYS)

This event is organised by St Mary's PTA & Friends. Registered Charity No. 1104164.





## Star of the Week



### **Moles**

Freya "for using her imagination well in her role play."

Olivia "for playing beautifully in all the areas at Nursery"

### **Hedgehogs**

Jacob "for using his words to tell the adults what he wants and playing with his friends!"

### **Rabbits**

Harrison "for being a great role model and persevering with his reading!"

### **Cheetahs**

Amelie "for working so hard in Maths and using her knowledge to write brilliant number sentences!"

### **Panthers**

Louisa "for her brilliant effort and perseverance with her writing!"

### **Lions**

Izaac "for working so hard to learn his Nativity lines (and the improvement in his handwriting)."

### **Tigers**

Willow "for the improvements you are making to your writing!"

### **Polar Bears**

Eliezer "for showing super scientific investigation skills when studying rocks this week."

### **Pandas**

Bryony "for constantly showing our school values particularly kindness."

### **Hippos**

Theo "for eagerness to write his newspaper article."

### **Elephants**

Charlotte "for working so hard to learn her times tables. Keep up the great work!"

### **Kangaroos**

Emma "always having a fantastic attitude towards learning - a great role model!"

### **Giraffes**

Sienna "for being a super St Mary's learner AND always being a caring friend."

### **Lemurs**

Lila-Rose "for an improved attitude towards her learning – keep it up!"

### **Chimps**

Leah "for being a great role model to others and being kind to everyone!"

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

Year 2: Peyton - Lions

Leo - Lions

Izaac - Lions

Year 3 & 4: Leona - Hippos

Nate - Hippos

Zac - Hippos

Year 5 & 6: Ethan - Giraffes

Serena - Giraffes

Ayaan - Giraffes

## Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events shown in bold)

24.11.2023	Open Classrooms 3pm – 3.30pm
28.11.2023	Class Rep Meeting 8.45am
<b>28.11.2023</b>	<b>Christmas Fair Mufti Day – PTA (NURSERY ONLY)</b>
<b>28.11.2023</b>	<b>Nursery ONLY Open Classrooms 3pm – 3.30pm</b>
29.11.2023	Giraffes Class Assembly 9am
<b>30.11.2023</b>	<b>Christmas Fair Mufti Day - PTA</b>
02.12.2023	Christmas Fair - PTA
04.12.2023	Butser Farm Trip – Yr 3
04.12.2023	Reindeer Run – Woking & Sam Beare Hospice
05.12.2023	KS2 Carol Service – St Mary's Church
06.12.2023	Nursery Nativities 10.45am & 2.15pm
08.12.2023	Reception Nativity – 9.30am
<b>08.12.2023</b>	<b>Christmas Jumper Day</b>
<b>08.12.2023</b>	<b>Christmas Lunch</b>
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
17.01.2024	Chimps Class Assembly 9am
23.01.2024	Class Rep Meeting 8.45am
23 & 25.01.2024	Little City – Yr N & Yr R
26.01.2024	Open Classrooms 3pm – 3.30pm
30.01.2024	Young Voices – Choir trip to O2
31.01.2024	Tigers Class Assembly 9am
06 & 07.02.2024	Parents Evening
07.02.2024	Panthers Class Assembly 9am
28.02.2024	Hippos Class Assembly 9am
13.03.2024	Rabbits Class Assembly 9am
27.03.2024	Easter Service in Church – 9.15am Yr 4 parents invited