



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 Parents/Carers

It has been another very festive week here at school.

The week started with taking the choir to sing at Barnes Wallis. It was a pleasure to be able to join them and see how they brought smiles to all of the residents faces and ours! The choir then went on to perform at the Christmas Carol service on Tuesday at St Mary's church. They did so well as did the readers. A huge thank you to the staff and parents who came to support the event. We all were treated to mince pies and mulled wine in the church hall opposite after, it was such a lovely community occasion.

Moles and Reception classes amazed us with their beautiful nativity performances this week. They were very cute and really impressed us with their singing and dancing skills! It has been week of creating special Christmas memories!

Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch was lively and very fun today! More than 300 children opted for the Christmas lunch today!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Chambers



HSLW

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

- Mindworks - information and resources
- Hub of Hope
- Christmas guides
- Santa is coming to Byfleet!
- Preparing children for events this holiday

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

PTA - Easyfundraising

Do you know St Mary's Byfleet PTA & Friends are now registered with easyfundraising? This means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page at:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/stmarysbyfleetpta/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

Sports 4 Kids

Sports 4 Kids are running their holiday camps at St Mary's School from the 18th to 22nd December.

Please see [flyer](#) for further details.

Butser Ancient Farm Trip – Year 3

On Monday 4th December, Year 3 travelled to Butser Ancient Farm to learn about what life was like to live in the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron age. We sat around a log fire in an Iron Age house, passed around real and replica Stone Age artefacts learning about their uses and we also built a wattle fence to keep the animals in when farming was discovered. Although a little damp and muddy, the children had a fantastic time and a favourite moment was learning about how people in Roman Britain went to the toilet!

Mrs O'Connor & Mrs Driver





Star of the Week



Moles	All of Moles “for being so great in our Nativity Plays.”
Hedgehogs	Olivia “for being a superstar role model in our Nativity performance.”
Rabbits	Jack “for always being such a kind and caring friend.”
Cheetahs	Zara “for working hard to use her phonics in her writing!”
Panthers	Kate “for her amazing effort in English, where we have focused on writing a Diary entry”
Lions	Koa “for some great shape work in Maths and making a fab dodecahedron.”
Tigers	Molly “for learning so many lines in our Nativity and becoming more and more confident delivering them!”
Polar Bears	Rose-May “for very thoughtful and reflective answers during our online safety session.”
Pandas	Oliver “for excellent enthusiasm towards your reading and learning new vocabulary.”
Hippos	Xavier “for explaining his thinking in Maths!”
Elephants	Sienna “for her excellent knowledge and understanding of food chains in Science.”
Kangaroos	Nicholas “for fantastic ideas in English and sharing them confidently with the class!”
Giraffes	Muhammed “for making huge efforts with your English – a brilliant improvement!”
Lemurs	Rhys “for excellent focus and perseverance in lessons – especially Computing.”
Chimps	Amelia “for an improved attitude towards your learning this week – keep up the great work!”

This week's Times Table Rockstar Superstars

Year 2: Zeno - Lions

Daniel - Lions

Emilis- Lions

Year 3 & 4: Nate - Hippos

Raees - Pandas

Eddie - Hippos

Year 5 & 6: Ethan - Giraffes

Nicolas - Giraffes

Jacob - Giraffes

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events shown in bold)

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
04 - 08.3.2024	Scholastic Book Fair
07.03.2024	World Book Day
07 & 08.03.2024	WBD Dance Workshop
13.03.2024	Rabbits Class Assembly 9am
27.03.2024	Easter Service in Church – 9.15am Yr 4 parents invited