



newsletter

Week ending
12th January 2024

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 huge thank you from all of us for supporting the PTA meeting; the Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop and the Reception Mastering Number workshop this week!

It has been a busy week with after school clubs starting; Year 6 Buddhism workshop and a flurry of snow to top it all off!

After school today, we had our whole school cake sale to raise money for the children's reward for filling up the values bowl. We look forward to sharing how much we raised and the treat that has been organised for the children.

All of these events and all that we do at St Mary's is driven by our school vision of '[Learning for life](#)' with Jesus' promise of 'life in all its fullness'. To fulfil this vision, spiritual growth through these activities and enrichments opportunities are so important. Please do visit our website to see examples of spiritual development across the school. [St Marys Byfleet - Our Vision, Values, Spiritual Development & St Mary's Learner \(stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk\)](#)

Our shared understanding of spiritual development:

Windows: Encounter - The Learning about life.

- * Opportunities for children to be aware of the world in new ways, looking out into the world.
- * To wonder about life's 'WOWS'. Things that are amazing.
- * To think about life's 'OWS' that take us by surprise!
- * Learning about life in all its fullness.

Mirrors Reflection - The learning from life

- * Opportunities to reflect on their experiences.
- * Looking inside yourself.
- * Consider life's big questions and reach for some possible answers.
- * Learning from life by exploring our own insights and those of others.

Doors Transformation - The learning to live by putting into action what they believe.

- * Opportunities for children to respond.
- * Moving onto a new path or situation.
- * To do something creative to develop and apply our ideas.
- * Learning to live out our beliefs and values.

I hope you have a great weekend.

From Mrs Chambers

HSLW

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

- Families Online magazine
- Warm welcome hub
- Free online parent/carers workshops

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

Sports 4 Kids

Sports 4 Kids will be running a holiday camp over the February half term. Please see details and code for discount on flyer below:

[St Mary's C of E Primary School.pdf](#)



Wow! What an incredible Maths workshop we had earlier this week.

The turnout from parents was fantastic and Mrs Harfield and Mrs Pepper were able to show (expertly) how we teach Maths in the Early Years. All parents were able to take part in activities the children do at school (with their child) and were given resources to take home and help support learning at home too. The feedback from parents, children and staff has been so positive.

Just a huge thank you to parents for investing the time and enthusiasm - making this collaborative workshop such a success.

Mr Baddock - Maths Lead

Buddishm Workshop – Yr 6

On Wednesday 10th January, Year 6 had a special visit from the Wat Phra Dhammakaya as part of our Buddhism unit to support us in answering our Big Question 'What is the Buddhist Way of Life?'. The workshop taught us all about the routine of a Buddhist monk and the symbols linked to the Buddhist faith. At the end of our session, we were fortunate enough to be led in a guided meditation by the monk.

Year 6 Team

Year 2 - Great Fire of London Workshop



Year 2 were transported back to the Stuarts period this week, to the year 1666 – the year of the Great Fire of London. First thing in the morning, they learnt some of the jobs that were around during that period, having a go at candle making, leather working, weaving, sewing, writing with quills and even attempting to heal people at an apothecary and barber surgeons (Mr Baddock was good at amputations!) Whilst busy working, we heard of the fire spreading, why it was spreading so fast and what was being done to prevent it.

In the afternoon, the children became archaeologists – looking through the remnants of burnt out houses to see who might have lived there, or what shops were there before the fire. We had some super detective work going on!

It was a fabulous day and the children now have a really good understanding of what life would have been like at that time. They were so engaged and a real credit to the school, the costumes were incredible- thank you! Also, the help from parents was invaluable and made the day run incredibly smoothly, we couldn't do it without your help! We hope the children told you all about it.

Mrs Townson and Mr Baddock



Star of the Week



Moles

Alana "always being a good role model"

Charlotte "for expressing her feelings well"

Hedgehogs

Husniya "for having a good first week at St Mary's!"

Rabbits

Alice "for always being a kind friend and a super supportive talk partner."

Cheetahs

Aria "for being more enthusiastic to contribute to our class discussions and sharing her brilliant ideas!"

Panthers

Ivy "for her effort and determination in rewriting the story of George and the Dragon this week"

Lions

Emilis "for such effective use of jottings in his Maths this week."

Tigers

Jesse "for such determination when writing your poem."

Polar Bears

Matthew "for sharing some great ideas when reflecting on our Science investigation about friction."

Pandas

Luca "for being an excellent role model and for challenging yourself in your learning."

Hippos

Molly C "for her opening and concluding paragraphs in English"

Elephants

Olivia E "for continually demonstrating the St Mary's values. Well done!"

Kangaroos

Millie "for confidently sharing ideas in all lessons and supporting others."

Giraffes

Harry W "for using the resources effectively during English."

Lemurs

Layla-Jayne "for always being incredibly focused in lessons – a great role model to others!"

Chimps

Isla "for great engagement in our lessons this week, well done!"

Time Table Rockstars

Year 2: Molly - Tigers

Kacper - Lions

Koa - Lions

Year 3 & 4: Shreya - Polar Bears

Charlotte W - Polar Bears

Logan - Pandas

Year 5 & 6: Ezekiel - Lemurs

Renata - Lemurs

Oliver - Lemurs

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events shown in bold)

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
w/c 12.02.2024	Half Term
w/c 19.02.2024	Bikeability – Yr 6
20.02.2024	History Workshop – Yr 5
28.02.2024	Hippos Class Assembly 9am
04 - 08.3.2024	Scholastic Book Fair
05.03.2024	Class Rep Meeting 8.45am
06.03.2024	Fullbrook Production – Yr 5
07.03.2024	World Book Day
07 & 08.03.2024	WBD Dance Workshop
13.03.2024	Rabbits Class Assembly 9am
18.03.2024	Feet First Training – Yr 3
19.03.2024	Painshill Trip – Yr 4
20.03.2024	Hobbledown Trip – Yr 1
22.03.2024	Litter Picking – Yr 3
26.03.2024	Open Classrooms 3pm – 3.30pm
27.03.2024	Easter Service in Church – 9.15am Yr 4 parents invited
28.03.2024	End of Term 1.05pm finish
15.04.2024	Start of Summer Term
17.04.2024	Class Photos
22.04.2024	Hindu Temple Trip – Yr 5
22 – 24.04.2024	Kingswood Residential – Yr 4
23.04.2024	Bocketts Farm Trip – Yr R
24.04.2024	Pizza Express Trip – Yr 1
25.04.2024	Brooklands Museum Trip – Yr 3
26.04.2024	Open Classroom 3pm – 3.30pm