



newsletter

Week ending
24th 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

Huge thank you to everyone who made the PTA a huge success last Friday! Thank you to the PTA for organising such a good event!

As you will have seen from the email sent yesterday, we have our SIAMS inspection next week (The Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). This is not Ofsted and is not linked to Ofsted in any way.

SIAMS explores ways in which each school's theologically rooted Christian vision, drives its work and enables the school to live up to its foundation as a Church school. It does so by seeking to answer six Inspection Questions (IQs).

IQ1: How does the school's theologically rooted Christian vision enable pupils and adults to flourish?

IQ2: How does the curriculum reflect the school's theologically rooted Christian vision?

IQ3: How is collective worship enabling pupils and adults to flourish spiritually?

IQ4: How does the school's theologically rooted Christian vision create a culture in which pupils and adults are treated well?

IQ5: How does the school's theologically rooted Christian vision create an active culture of justice and responsibility?

IQ6: Is the religious education curriculum effective (with reference to the expectations set out in the Church of England's Statement of Entitlement for Religious Education)?

IQ7: What is the quality of religious education in voluntary aided and former voluntary aided schools, and in former voluntary controlled schools in which denominational religious education is taught?

SIAMS inspection focuses on the impact of the Church school's Christian vision on pupils and adults.

During the inspection, he will observe across the school and meet with different groups of people including: children, parents, staff, community members, the Diocese and governors. Parents may also be approached by the inspector on the gate and he may ask you some questions.

His questions may be centred around 'Learning for life' with Jesus' promise of 'life in all its fullness' which is at the heart of St Mary's. Our vision is taken from John 10:10 in the bible. Our values of Kindness, Courage and Trust are also linked to stories from the bible.

The inspector will be interested to know how we live by this vision and these values and what that means for children, staff and parents so that all adults and children are flourishing.

Some thoughts about what he might want to hear about:

- How does St Mary's keep your child safe, happy, learning and feeling loved?
- How do we support you as parents?
- We aspire for the children to reach their full potential and we offer lots of things to help this such as our curriculum, lessons, clubs, trips, life skill days, nature and nurture experiences. Can you name one that your children really enjoyed? [St Marys Byfleet - Curriculum \(stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk\)](https://stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk)
- Has your child been supported by a member of staff here in school? What was the impact of that support?
- Has your child been successful in their learning? What are they most proud of?
- What do you think we do well to support children's wellbeing and mental health? [St Marys Byfleet - Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health \(stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk\)](https://stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk)
- What do you understand by the term spiritual development and what does that look like at St Mary's? [St Marys Byfleet - Our Vision, Values, Spiritual Development & St Mary's Learner \(stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk\)](https://stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk)
- How would you describe the St Mary's family?

We are looking forward to sharing everything about our school community with the inspector next week.

I hope you all have a great weekend.

From Mrs Chambers

HSLW

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

- Transition to secondary school group - focus on EHCP process.
- Family Information Service
- Hub of Hope

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

PTA Quiz

Thank you to everybody who came to the PTA quiz night last Friday, it was a massive success and the feedback has been brilliant.

We are pleased to tell you all we raised a just over £550.

Thank you to Hayley for writing the quiz and Geoff for being the quiz master.

Congratulations to the winning team Corner Girls, you were amazing 🏆

PTA & Friends



Star of the Week



Moles

Jack "for always being helpful."

Noah "for being in control of his emotions."

Hedgehogs

Phoebe "for working hard in all our lessons and being a good role model to her friends."

Rabbits

Freya "for showing our values of Kindness and sharing her knowledge with other children in the class!"

Cheetahs

Callie "for persevering and having a positive attitude towards her learning this week!"

Panthers

Esme "for her enthusiasm and effort in her writing in English and Geography this week!"

Lions

Leo "for always showing great listening, effort, kindness, manners and enthusiasm!"

Tigers

Ivy "for your perseverance when doing a headstand in P.E!"

Polar Bears

Teddy "for writing a fantastic letter from the Big Bad Wolf explaining why he was innocent using our key vocabulary."

Pandas

Marcella "for a great use of our new vocabulary in your persuasive writing."

Hippos

Mason "for his tremendous focus when playing TTRS and Numbots"

Elephants

Kialon "for great writing in English this week. Well done Kialon!"

Kangaroos

Aydin "for Working really hard in English this week to produce some amazing work."

Giraffes

Lauren "for amazing effort and focus in all of your learning."

Lemurs

Sarah "for your increased confidence, and challenging yourself in Maths!"

Chimps

Daniel "for great engagement and attitude towards all learning this week!"

Time Table Rockstars

Year 2: Kacper – Lions
Laila – Tigers
Grace R – Tigers

Year 3 & 4: Jacob – Pandas
Logan – Pandas
Raees – Pandas

Years 5 & 6: Dylan – Lemurs
Diego – Chimps
Ethan - Giraffes

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events shown in bold)

26.01.2024	Open Classrooms 3pm – 3.30pm
30.01.2024	Young Voices – Choir trip to O2
31.01.2024	Tigers Class Assembly 9am
06.02.2024	Break the Rules Day - PTA * NURSERY ONLY *
06 & 07.02.2024	Parents Evening
07.02.2024	Panthers Class Assembly 9am
08.02.2024	Break the Rules Day - PTA
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	Cheetahs Pizza Express Trip – Yr 1
25.04.2024	Brooklands Museum Trip – Yr 3
26.04.2024	Open Classroom 3pm – 3.30pm
w/c 13.05.2024	SATS Week
15.05.2024	Panthers Pizza Express Trip