



# newsletter

**Week ending**  
9<sup>th</sup> February 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 Marys Families,

### **Parents Evenings**

Thank you to everyone who came to parents evening this week. If you were unable to attend a session this week, your class teacher will be in touch to arrange a slot with you during the first week back after half term. It is an expectation that parents will attend these parents evening because it is very important you feel informed about your child's learning and next steps.

### **Life Skills**

Tying Shoe laces	Miss Fisher and Mrs Greenwood
Makaton	Mr Baddock
Writing a thankyou letter	Mrs Platt and Miss Hoad
First Aid	Mrs Townson and Mrs Gibbons
Laying a table	Miss Simmons
Folding Clothes	Mrs McKintyre
Pet Care	Mrs Chambers
Washing Clothes	Mrs O'Connor
Braiding Hair	Miss O'Brien
Washing up dishes	Miss Sher
Making a bed	Mrs Driver and Mrs Hurst
Making a cup of tea	Mrs Pepper and Mrs Ahmed
Managing Money	Miss Roberts
Tying a tie	Mrs Barnes
How to use a screw driver	Mrs Qureshi

This morning children from YR through to Y6 chose which life skill to learn today. It is always lovely to see children from all year groups having fun and learning together. I hope they come home and tell you all about it! Thank you to all of the staff who offered an activity for the children to choose from. These same activities will be on offer next time, so if they



did not get their top choice this time, they can request it on a future session.



### **Silent Disco**

The silent discos were a huge hit! There were some fantastic dance moves from the children and staff - a great way to end the half term. Thank you to Molly's mummy who lent us the disco light for the hall!

On behalf of us all, we hope you have a great half term! See you on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

From Mrs Chambers

## **HSLW**

In this week's HSLW weekly bulletin, you will find information on the following:

- Childrens' Mental Health Week
- Safer Internet Day
- Face2Face parenting support - White lodge
- February half term activities
- Place2Be parenting support

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

### **Free webinar: How to help my child whilst on the waiting list for ADHD/ ASD assessment**

- Friday, 23 February 2024 1pm – 2pm
- Zoom - Online
- Delivered by specialist speech and language teacher Sarah Billingham

*Details: In this workshop you will explore practical steps you can take to support your child whilst waiting for assessment.*

We will cover:

- Small changes to routine which ease daily life
- Building an understanding of neurodivergence
- Accessing support services To secure your place: <https://bookwhen.com/confidentkidsco/e/ev-s3dd-20240223130000>

Further information and support can be found on the Confident Kids website: <https://www.confidentkids.co/>



**Woking Family Centre is pleased to offer:**

**L-SPA**  
Family Communication  
Officers Drop-in sessions

Woking Family Centre are pleased to be working with the Learners  
Single Point of Access (L-SPA) Family Communication Officers.

The Family Communication Officers (FCO's) have a range of  
knowledge and experience of additional needs and advocate the  
importance of early intervention for young people and their  
families to provide the 'right support at the right time'.

The FCO's can support families with:

- Understanding the graduated response to SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities).
- What Ordinarily Available provision is and what this looks like in educational settings.
- Understanding a 'No to Assess' Educational Health Care Needs Assessment decision.
- Signposting to appropriate services for support, advice, and intervention.
- How to collaborate effectively with educational settings.

Find us between 9:30 and 4pm on  
★21<sup>st</sup> February 2024★ ★21<sup>st</sup> March 2024★

Please contact [kesara.cheena@woking.gov.uk](mailto:kesara.cheena@woking.gov.uk) to book a 30 min, 1:1 session with a Family Communication Officer.

### **Young Voices – Choir Trip**

Last week, the Key Stage 2 Choir headed to the o2 to perform as part of the Young Voices Choir, along with over 8,000 other children from schools across the country (and Europe!). It was a very long, but incredible day - the children had an amazing time and all sang and performed beautifully!

Thank you so much to Miss Lattimore and the parent helpers who all volunteered to join us on this trip. Without you, it wouldn't have been possible to go!

Miss Roberts



### **PTA – Thank you !**

We wanted to say a big thank you to a very kind Dad, Seb and his company SweetSpot Travel who donated a large amount of beer to the PTA last week, we couldn't do what we do without the support of the parents in the school and local business, thank you!

<https://sweetspottravel.co.uk/>

PTA & Friends

## **Mrs Cutts needs you!**

Happy Friday everyone! Hope everyone is looking forward to their half term break! I've hijacked the school newsletter to let everyone know that I have been successful in gaining a place on this year's "CoppaFeel!" trek in the Brecon Beacons in June. It involves 100km of trekking across 5 days with approximately 9hrs of walking a day over a range of tricky terrain and far scarier for me, 6 nights of camping....eeeeek! I'm very much seeing this as an amazing challenge to mark a tricky past two years and an opportunity to raise lots of money for this brilliant cause.

I'm keen to get my St Mary's family involved as well as all of you! I will be popping up with some fundraising events in due course but in the meantime, if anyone would like to make a donation, I will pop the link below and believe me when I say I do a little happy dance with every penny I receive! The children in Nurture Club have already made me "Mrs Cutts' Trek-o-meter" for the wall and they love updating this each week!

Thank you so much in advance for any support and encouragement you offer me over the next few months.

Mrs Cutts

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/steph-cutts-1705430494587?utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=page%2Fsteph-cutts-1705430494587&utm\\_source=copyLink&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/page/steph-cutts-1705430494587?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Fsteph-cutts-1705430494587&utm_source=copyLink&utm_campaign=pfp-share)







## Star of the Week



### **Moles**

Louie “always thinking of good ideas of clever things to make”

Ethan “for using his voice to explain his play”

### **Hedgehogs**

Nicole “for always being a kind friend!

### **Rabbits**

Elsie “for using her Phonics so well when doing her writing and never giving up!”

### **Cheetahs**

Paul “for persevering with his learning, especially in DT to make his vehicle!”

### **Panthers**

Ava “for working hard this week and showing so much confidence in our assembly.”

### **Lions**

Ivy “for putting in so much effort and focus into lessons this week.”

### **Tigers**

Freddie “for your fabulous story about the alien show and tell!”

### **Polar Bears**

Rocky “for a fantastic effort in his writing this week of a letter from the Big Bad Wolf.”

### **Pandas**

Zara R “for always being so kind to her friends and a helpful member of the class.”

### **Hippos**

Ivy “for using her electronic dictionary in English”

### **Elephants**

Aaron “for making great progress on learning his times tables.”

### **Kangaroos**

Jack C “for working incredibly hard during your Hot Task in English!”

### **Giraffes**

Nicolas “giving 100% in English. You listened well and applied new skills.”

### **Lemurs**

Tallulah-Rose “for having a positive attitude towards all areas of her learning – keep up the great work!”

### **Chimps**

Ethan “for working so hard to write your English poem this week!”

## Time Table Rockstars

Year 2: Koa – Lions  
Zeno – Lions  
Sophie – Lions

Year 3 & 4: Edward - Hippos  
Nate - Hippos  
Edie - Hippos

Year 5 & 6: Dylan - Lemurs  
Hussain - Kangaroos  
Lila-Rose - Lemurs

## **Dates for your Diary**

(New dates/events shown in bold)

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
15.03.2024	Comic Relief
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
15.04.2024	Humanist Workshop – Yr 4
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