



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 St Mary's families,

Baby News!

At the end of next week, we will be wishing Mrs Qureshi well as she leaves us to start her second maternity leave. Miss Simmons will be stepping back into Chimps, alongside Mr Lockyer, for the rest of this academic year.

Many congratulations also go to Mrs Pepper and Mrs Harfield who have shared they are expecting their first babies which is very exciting. It has been a busy year for St Mary's babies!

Peace Place

We are very excited to share that our new wooden pods have been installed! Huge thanks to Amanda Boote and the PTA for funding these exciting new additions to our grounds. Without Melissa Hackney, co-ordinating this project it would not have happened. Thank you, Melissa! Huge thanks also to Balfour Beatty and Mr Campbell in preparing the area, installing the stairs and for all of the work behind the scenes. Thank you!

The Children, who are part of the Tranquillity Team and Collective Crew, have created a plan for the area and all that they want to include around the pods to make it a very peaceful place. 'Peace Place' is the name this area will be called. Once the wood chip has been laid and final touches added, they can then be used. We hope this will be in the next couple of weeks after a grand opening! The date of the grand opening is to be confirmed!



Reminder - Open Classrooms Monday at 3pm.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

From Mrs Chambers

HSLW

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

- Jigsaw hub
- Learner's Single Point of Access (L-SPA)
- February Community Connector newsletter

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

Parents Together - Support at St Mary's

We would be grateful to gain your views on what support you would like to see being offered to our parents and carers. Previously, we offered face-to-face coffee mornings, however we had little engagement. We are interested to know which format and what times would suit the majority of parents and carers.

Please complete the survey below with your views and suggestions.

<https://forms.gle/YA2KPDURHbXni8c28>

Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March

On March 15th, St Mary's will be working to raise money for Comic Relief by participating in Red Nose Day. Year 5 pupils will be planning a collective worship to share information about the charity event and would like everyone to come in on the 15th dressed in something red – even if it is just a nose! They will also share some top tips on how to continue this fundraising at home to support people in poverty all around the world. From Monday, you will be able to make donations on Scopay. We recommend a donation of £1, but any amount is welcomed.

We look forward to seeing you wearing lots of red on the 15th!

Thank you,

Year 5



Surrey Arts

We had a brilliant Collective Worship from Surrey Arts this week showcasing the fantastic instruments they are able to provide lessons for. Please see the poster attached with the information for this, there is also a link to sign up on our school website.

Mrs Qureshi and Mrs Pepper

[Lessons Year 3 and above](#)

[Lessons Year 2 and above](#)



Star of the Week

Moles	Ayla "for using her imagination really well" Edward "for good listening on the carpet and joining in whole class games"
Hedgehogs	Joshua "for always being a super star!"
Rabbits	Amelia "for working incredibly hard in all areas of her learning!"
Cheetahs	Annabelle "for persevering and having a brilliant attitude towards her learning this week!"
Panthers	Blue "for his effort and positive attitude in phonics and reading this week!"
Lions	Kacper "for being such a polite and kind member of the class and for some amazing rope climbing in PE!"
Tigers	Lavinia "for always taking part so enthusiastically in English lessons, especially retelling the text map!"
Polar Bears	Ellis "for fantastic exploration of contact and non-contact forces in Science."
Pandas	Hailey "for your enthusiasm towards your learning and great confidence in our Maths group."
Hippos	Zac "for writing a great suspense narrative."
Elephants	Olivia H "for great improvement in her times tables."
Kangaroos	Haydon "for your enthusiasm in the History workshop and sharing your understanding so confidently!"
Giraffes	Elouise "for showing super understanding about WW2 in our history lesson."
Lemurs	Noah "for an improvement in concentration in lessons – keep it up!"
Chimps	Archie "for your improved attitude towards learning this week – keep up the good work!"

Time Table Rockstars

Year 2	Tahaa – Tigers Peyton – Lions Elmas – Tigers
Year 3 & 4	Edie – Hippos Eddie – Hippos Nate – Hippos
Year 5 & 6	Sofie – Giraffes Scarlet – Lemurs Renata - Lemurs

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events shown in bold)

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
11.03.2024	Year 4 Residential Parents Meeting – 8.30am
13.03.2024	Rabbits Class Assembly 9am
15.03.2024	Comic Relief
18.03.2024	Feet First Training – Yr 3
19.03.2024	Easter Trail – PTA (Nursery ONLY)
19.03.2024	Painshill Trip – Yr 4
20.03.2024	Hobbledown Trip – Yr 1
21.03.2024	Easter Trail - PTA
21.03.2024	Litter Picking – Yr 3 (date changed from 22/03/24)
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