



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,

Thank you to all of the Reception parents and family members who attended the Phonics workshop yesterday in the hall. 52 out of our 60 families were able to take part in the learning with their child. It was great to see such a full hall. The children also came into the hall to do some of the activities that they do in class with their parents and family members, which I know they really enjoyed. Thank you to the team for organising this event and to the parents for their really positive feedback.



It is our next Class Rep meeting on Tuesday 5th March at 8.45am. Please do pass on any questions or suggestions to your class rep who will be attending the meeting.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and fingers crossed for a dry and sunny one!

From Mrs Chambers

HSLW

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

- ADHD/Autism group - general chat
- Matthew Hackney Foundation - February newsletter
- Turn 2 Us
- Surrey Care Trust

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

PTA – Chair Position

After 5 years, Mrs Alderson is stepping down as the Chair of our PTA & Friends at the end of this academic year therefore the PTA are looking for someone to take over this exciting role. If you are interested, please email the school office.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you Mrs Alderson for all your amazing commitment to the PTA and all of the fundraising events you have organised over the years.

Jasper's Charity Walk

As a school, we are always so impressed when our children choose to do something wonderful and self-less - showing real courageous advocacy.

Jasper, in Year 6, is planning to walk all the way to Stonehenge to raise money for the charities Royal Marsden and Dementia UK!

This will require him to walk 6 hours a day for 3 days covering 50 miles!

We wanted to take this opportunity to share how proud we are of Jasper for developing and taking on such a task for something so important to him and help him to raise awareness of his fundraising challenge! Go Jasper!

If you would like to know more about his journey or wish to show your support, please use the link below:

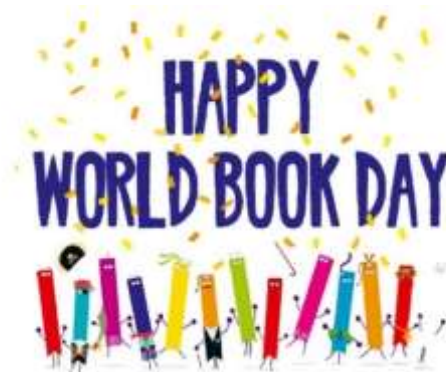
https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jasper-grover-3?utm_term=JKz3X99rz

World Book Week

Next week is an incredibly exciting week - we have World Book Day and the Book Fair in school!

From Monday to Friday, we will have the Scholastic book fair in the hall every day after school from 3:05pm - 3:30pm. Every pupil will be given a £1 book voucher that can be used to reduce your total by £1! This voucher can also be used between Thursday 15th February until Sunday 31st March 2024 at the following retailers:

- Your local independent bookseller
- Asda
- Blackwell's (selected stores only)
- Sainsburys
- Tesco
- The Works
- Waterstones
- WHSmith



(More information for locations here - https://www.worldbookday.com/books-and-tokens/books/participating-retailers/?utm_campaign=2442130_Primary%20-%20books%20available%20-%20Feb%2024&utm_medium=email&utm_source=EdCo&dm_i=35S3,1GCCY,8Y1FOX,5RRAD,1)

This will be a **cashless** bookfair and there will be laptops to input payment details or QR codes to access this website via phones. Please do come along to see what there is available - every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school library!

Children will be participating in lots of exciting activities across the week, linked to reading:

- We have West End in Schools in leading a Bringing Books to life dance workshop with Years R – 6 on Thursday and Friday. Thank you to the PTA for their contribution towards this!
- Competition - Story Reading Star Challenge <https://www.worldbookday.com/reading-stars/> . How many can you complete? Notes of the books or places you chose/ pictures for inspiration should be added to their print out, which they will be given on Monday!
- Dress up day on Thursday 7th March - dressed as a favourite character from a book for our parade!

Below are some other competitions you can get involved in on the World book Day website:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/competition/one-lucky-reader-could-win-the-entire-bad-panda-series/>

<https://www.worldbookday.com/competition/one-lucky-person-can-win-25-thats-not-my-books/>

<https://www.worldbookday.com/competition/ten-lucky-readers-can-win-a-copy-of-beastlands-race-to-frostfall-mountain/>

There are lots more to explore!

We look forward to having such a fun week where we can celebrate the love of reading at St Mary's.

Miss Simmons



Star of the Week

Moles	Erin "for coming into school independently." Sebastian "for trying lots of different types of food and feeding himself independently."
Hedgehogs	Dani "for using her Phonics and being determined to do some lovely independent writing."
Rabbits	Eliza "for always showing so much enthusiasm towards her learning and giving everything a try!"
Cheetahs	Myan "for persevering and working hard on his writing in English!"
Panthers	Elena "for working well in a team during Computing, and creating some great algorithms!"
Lions	Isla "for her kindness, calmness, effort and enthusiasm in every lesson...every day!"
Tigers	Johnny "for working hard on your handwriting and making great improvements!"
Polar Bears	Aurora "for a fantastic effort in her writing in all areas of the curriculum this week!"
Pandas	Theo "for a great attitude towards your learning all week."
Hippos	Nate "for impressive story writing. Using dramatic adverbials to add tension and excitement to his story!"
Elephants	Mimi "for continually challenging herself in all lessons. Well done Mimi!"
Kangaroos	Neve "for asking for support and listening to feedback given in English to support writing"
Giraffes	Niamh "for showing super perseverance in maths."
Lemurs	Reid "for editing his writing and consistently responding to feedback given"
Chimps	Sebby "for great engagement in lessons this week!"

Time Table Rockstars

Year 2:	Tahaa – Tigers Elmas – Tigers Gayle – Tigers
Year 3 & 4:	Zac – Hippos Raees – Pandas Eddie – Hippos
Year 5 & 6:	Patrick – Giraffes Sofie – Giraffes Brayden - Giraffes

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events shown in bold)

04 - 08.3.2024	Scholastic Book Fair
05.03.2024	Class Rep Meeting 8.45am
06.03.2024	Rabbits Coffee Morning – Surestart Hut @ 8.45am
06.03.2024	Local Walk - Yr 2
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	Rabbits Coffee Morning – Surestart Hut @ 8.45am
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
01.05.2024	Cheetahs Class Assembly 9am
07.05.2024	Class Rep Meeting 8.45am
08-10.05.2024	Bikeability – Yr 4
10.05.2024	Egyptian Day – whole school
w/c 13.05.2024	SATS Week
15.05.2024	Panthers Pizza Express Trip