



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.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Huge thanks to the PTA for organising the Easter trail yesterday. The children all really enjoyed it. We really appreciate the time and effort that went into making this event possible.

On Monday, the children and staff will be joined by Amanda Boote, Balfour Beatty representatives and the PTA to the grand opening of our new wooden pods on the playground. There will be a press release and we look forward to saying a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has made it all possible. The children will be able to use the pods from Tuesday lunchtime to sit quietly, read a book, chat or do some colouring. They are lit and have comfy cushions and benches to sit on. Hopefully the children will find them cosy and comforting places to spend time. There will be a rota initially to ensure all children get a chance to use them!

We have a few of our children taking part in a Dance show this week in Leatherhead. We wish them all good luck and hope the show goes well. If your child is also taking part and you would like us to share a photograph, please do email the school office.

Here are photos of a few of the children – Lilley, Tulisa and Ellie.



Charlotte in Year 3 has also been impressing us all with all of the awards she has been achieving in her show jumping!

Thank you for sharing all of the wonderful achievements outside of school with us.

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:

- Community connector newsletter
- Family Lives
- Red Kite Day's Easter hunts and trails
- Neurodiversity Celebration Week
- Linkable

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

Swimming

Swimming will be commencing from week beginning Monday 15th April. Timetable was emailed out this week.

Please ensure your child has a swimming costume, towel and swimming hat. Please note swimming hats can be purchased via Scopay.

Little Princess Trust

Aurora, in Year 3 will be donating her hair to the Little Princess Trust. She will be having 24-25 inches of her hair cut on the 30th March. If anyone would like to sponsor Aurora, you can do through JustGiving:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/aurora-donovan-1710523437400?utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=page%2Faurora-donovan-1710523437400&utm_source=email&utm_campaign=pfp-email

JustGiving sends your donation straight to Little Princess Trust and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more.

We are very proud of your Aurora.

Year 3 Litter Picking

This week, Year 3 went litter picking around Byfleet village. We managed to fill over 10 bin bags! Thank you to all our parent volunteers for giving up their time to come with us.

Mrs Driver & Mrs O'Connor



Book Week

The week before last, we celebrated reading! It was a week packed full of books, reading, dressing up and dancing!

Reception to Year 6 enjoyed a dance workshop where they retold the stories of Where the Wild Things are by Maurice Sendak and The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. The children loved it and had such fun. Thank you to the PTA for their support in helping this happen!

As well as this, we had the book fair in. Thank you to everyone who came to have a look around and buy some fantastic, new books. You helped the school to raise a staggering **£1012.13** for new books to go into our libraries, beating last year's rewards by nearly £300!

Across the week, we held a competition where children would complete their Story Reading Stars. This included completing tasks such as reading and making a recipe, reading in an unusual place listening to an audio book and reading a book by an author they hadn't tried before. We loved to see all the new things children had tried and were particularly inspired by some of the pictures below!

Well done to **Pandas** class who achieved the most number of challenge stars! A class prize is on its way to you!

We also had 9 children across the school who achieved all 21 reading challenges. These children earned themselves a £5 book token to spend!

Well done to Grace, Ben, Lucy, Jacob, Arabella, Bryony, Rohaan, Edgar and Jack!

Thank you to everyone for your support with the book fair and all of the effort that went into your wonderful costumes.

Keep up the Reading!

Miss Simmons

The Hive

A reminder, if wishing to make Hive bookings for after the Easter holidays, there is the 2-week booking cut off.

Egg Drop Challenge

Over the Easter holidays, why not get involved in our '[Egg Drop Challenge](#)'. The goal of the egg drop challenge is to drop an egg from a height of at least two metres (please have an adult present to do this) without it breaking when it hits the ground.

Send pictures and / or videos of your egg drop creation and testing to info@stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk and they will be forwarded on to Mrs O'Connor.

Code Camp – Summer Term

Code camp will be running their after school club at St Mary's next term. Please see their [leaflet](#) for details and how to book.



Star of the Week

Moles	Heath "for trying to sit still and listen on the carpet." Arthur "for good listening to identify the correct sounds and the beginning of words."
Hedgehogs	Luna "for always being such a wonderful member of our class team."
Rabbits	George "for using his Maths learning during Discovery Time to explore new ideas."
Cheetahs	Pip "for persevering and working hard on her reading this week!"
Panthers	Maya "for trying hard with her finger spaces during her writing this week."
Lions	Zeno "for his incredible problem solving in Maths and improving handwriting."
Tigers	Tommy "for the amazing progress you have been making in reading!"
Polar Bears	Abrish "for showing great kindness and enthusiasm when litter picking in our community this week."
Pandas	Erin "for being an excellent role model in the class and always demonstrating our school values"
Hippos	Ololade "for asking for help in maths lessons and for being an excellent role model in class!"
Elephants	Anna "for for continually demonstrating the St. Mary's values, Well done!"
Kangaroos	Oliver "for confidently contributing ideas in English and applying skills taught"
Giraffes	Ethan "for making huge efforts with your writing – well done!"
Lemurs	Amelia "for consistently demonstrating a positive attitude towards all learning."
Chimps	Michael "for consistently making the right choices in class."

Time Table Rockstars

Year 2: Koa - Lions
Tahaa - Tigers
Martin - Lions

Year 3 & 4: Arabella - Pandas
Roshan - Hippos
Molly D – Hippos

5 & 6: Beau - Giraffes
Zayna - Giraffes
Sam - Kangaroos

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events shown in bold)

25.03.2024	Grand Opening of Reading Pods
25.03.2024	Breck Foundation Parent Online Workshop 6 – 7pm
26.03.2024	Easter Bonnet Parade (NURSERY ONLY)
26.03.2024	Breck Foundation Workshops Yrs 1 - 6
26.03.2024	Open Classrooms 3pm – 3.30pm
27.03.2024	Easter Service – 9.15am Yr 4 parents invited (SCHOOL HALL)
28.03.2024	Easter Bonnet Parade
28.03.2024	End of Term 1.05pm finish
15.04.2024	Start of Summer Term
15.04.2024	Reception Classes Health Screening
15.04.2024	Humanist Workshop – Yr 4
16.04.2024	Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Working Party @ 8.45am
17.04.2024	Class Photos – FULL UNIFORM, NO PE CLOTHES
17.04.2024	SEND L-SPA Coffee Morning @ 9.15am Surestart Centre
18.04.2024	Discos - PTA
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 (and SATS Breakfast)
15.05.2024	Pandas Class Assembly
15.05.2024	Panthers Pizza Express Trip
17.05.2024	Park Trip – Yr 6
20 – 24.05.2024	PGL Liddington – Yr 6
20.05.2024	Wisley Trip – Yr 2
15.06.2024	Colour Run / Summer Fair – PTA
18.06.2024	Leavers Service at Guildford Cathedral - Yr 6
19.06.2024	Mosque Trip – Yr 1
19.06.2024	Fullbrook Away Day – Yr 5
26.06.2024	Nursery Sports Day (reserve date 3.7.24 if wet)
28.06.2024	Sports Day (reserve date 5.7.24 if wet)
19.07.2024	End of Term
02.09.2024	INSET Day