



newsletter

Week ending
19th April 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.

Welcome back! I hope you all had a great Easter break.

To kickstart the term, we have some more exciting baby news! Mrs Driver is expecting her first baby! Congratulations Mrs Driver!

Mrs Quershi welcomed her second baby over the Easter holidays. Welcome to the world little Aaliyah. It really is a baby boom year for St Mary's staff!



We will be welcoming back Mrs Robinson in September, who has been on maternity leave this academic year. She will be returning part time so we are also welcoming Mrs McKechnie to the staff team! Mrs McKechnie comes to us as a very experienced teacher; we are very pleased she is joining us and will be starting in September.

Next Monday, Year 4 are off on their first residential trip so I am sure there will be lots of excitement and some nerves this weekend however we know you are all going to have the best time and create memories for life!

The discos were a big hit last night! Congratulations to the PTA for yet another hugely successful event. The outfits, sparkly dresses, tuck shop and dancing were all very impressive, as was some of the staff and parents dancing! 😊

I hope you all have a great weekend and let's hope for a sunny one.

Mrs Chambers

HSLW

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

- Parent support on website
- Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance support
- Community Connector newsletter
- Mindworks - out of hours advice line

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

Code Club

Please [click here](#) to see details of Code Club after school club running this term.

Water Bottles

Please can you ensure your child/children come to school each day with a refillable water bottle, especially as the warmer weather is approaching.

Little Princess Trust

In August 2024, one of our Reception children, will be cutting her hair for the first time and donating 12" to the Little Princess Trust.

This incredible charity provides real hair wigs free of charge to children who have lost their hair due to cancer treatment or alopecia. The Little Princess Trust relies solely on the generosity of its supporters to raise money and donate hair, giving hope to those in need.

Her goal is to raise £1,200, which will enable the charity to create two wigs for these courageous children. It costs approximately £600 to make one wig, and every contribution brings us closer to making a meaningful difference in the lives of these young warriors.



[Ava's fundraiser for Little Princess Trust](#)

justgiving.com

If you wished to donate, please do so using the link above. Ava ♡♡



Star of the Week

Moles	Nevaeh "having a lovely start to the summer term" Bonanza "always being a good role model"
Hedgehogs	Victoria "for always showing our value of kindness"
Rabbits	Ava "for being a super St Mary's Learner and always challenging herself, particularly with her writing!"
Cheetahs	Sophia "for working really hard on her sentence writing in English!"
Panthers	Addie "for always being positive and a great role model, while also trying her best in all areas of her learning!"
Lions	Sophie "for always putting in so much effort into her work – she is ready to learn, reflective and resilient."
Tigers	Harry "for continually trying hard in lessons and always showing our school values!"
Polar Bears	Eliza "for always showing such kindness and thoughtfulness towards others and our learning environment."
Pandas	Kevin "for great enthusiasm towards your learning and always trying your best."
Hippos	Mimi "for her perseverance in English lessons this week showing her greatly improved writing stamina!"
Elephants	Ayala "for a great piece of art based on the artist Turner."
Kangaroos	Zara "for continually working hard in all lessons and never giving up."
Giraffes	Calvin "for applying learned skills to help you write a balanced argument."
Lemurs	Ginevra "for showing our value of kindness to her peers"
Chimps	Violet "for a fantastic replication of Frida Kahlo's work!"

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events shown in bold)

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
30.04.2024	Library Visit – Pandas
01.05.2024	Rabbits Class Coffee Morning - Surestart @ 8.45am
01.05.2024	Cheetahs Class Assembly 9am
01.05.2024	Viking Workshop – Yr 5
07.05.2024	Class Rep Meeting 8.45am
07.05.2024	Library Visit – Polar Bears
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
21.05.2024	Library Visit - Lions
24.05.2024	Library Visit – Yr 1
w/c 27.05.2024	Half Term
12.06.2024	Lions Class Assembly 9am
14.06.2024	Library Visit – Yr 6
15.06.2024	Colour Run / Summer Fair – PTA
18.06.2024	Leavers Service at Guildford Cathedral - Yr 6
19.06.2024	Rabbits Class Coffee Morning - Surestart @ 8.45am
19.06.2024	Mosque Trip – Yr 1
19.06.2024	Fullbrook Away Day – Yr 5
25.06.2024	Class Rep Meeting 8.45am
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