



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 St Mary's Families,

I hope you have all had a good week.

Since coming back to school, I hope you have noticed the new and refreshed playground markings on the main playground. We have Balfour Beatty to thank for these - another kind act of generosity for which we are very grateful!

The Year 4 children returned from their residential tired but full of stories so it seems they all had a good time. The staff have said how well the children behaved and how lovely the group were. I am sure the children and staff will enjoy the down time and sleep this weekend!

On Friday 7th June, we plan to hold a family picnic on the school field. We would like to invite you all to bring a picnic, picnic blankets and join us for some relaxation and social time. There will be a whole school cake sale and music to listen to. This will also be the afternoon we plan to hold our in-school service for Sara (further details and communication to be shared in due course). We would like to end the day with a celebration hence the whole school family picnic. We hope you can join us 3pm - 4pm on the field, after collecting the children from school. We look forward to seeing the baking masterpieces!

Yesterday, I arranged a special speaker for Years 5 and 6, Chris Lubbe. This was organised through the Woking Schools Learning Partnership and we were 1 of 16 schools taking part. It was a live zoom with Chris, who was Nelson Mandela's bodyguard. It was an amazing opportunity and I hope the children took something from the live zoom presentation. You can find out more about Chris here: [Welcome to the website of Chris Lubbe. - Chris Lubbe](#)



I hope you all have a good weekend.

Mrs Chambers

HSLW

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

- Lunchtime chat
- Mindworks support - Neurodevelopmental needs
- Hope service
- Parentkind webinars

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

Lunchtime chat

Helping your child with their emotional wellbeing

Tuesday 30th April, 12:00 – 12:45pm



Come and join us for an informal Zoom chat where we will be unpicking different parenting topics, discussing strategies and sharing ideas.

Zoom link below:

<https://zoom.us/j/95507743495?pwd=TTRFVVIWZmVXUXZtUk0yWVVoSmhtdz09>

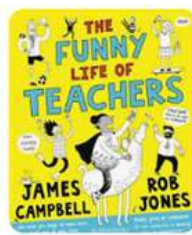
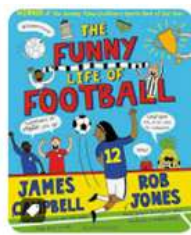
Author Visit

Next Tuesday, we are excited to announce that we have another special author coming to St Mary's! James Campbell has written many books such as The Funny life of Football and The Funny life of Teachers and more! He will be leading workshops with the different Key stages throughout the day and there will be a book sale on the bottom playground at 3:00pm. If you're lucky, he might even sign some!

A big thank you to the PTA and Friends for paying for this fantastic opportunity!

We are all very excited!

The Librarians



Update: Jasper's Charity Walk

Jasper started at Old Winchester and walked for three days, walking 6-7hrs each day covering 17+ miles a day. The first day, he was met with heavy rain & 35+ mile an hour winds and was by far the hardest day. Day two & three he was lucky to have dry and bright weather. The last 4 miles on day two was the toughest mentally and he wanted to stop but with encouragement, he dug deep and powered through to the meeting point where the sight of our support vehicle (the campervan) was all too much, but he made it. The final day he was raring to go and was unstoppable. The finish line was touchable and the sun was shining, his support of mum & grandad could only just keep up! Once he saw the 3-mile sign to Stonehenge he was off like a rocket. Seeing Stonehenge emerging over the hill was magical and meeting his Uncle at the Stones (one of the reasons for the cancer charity) was so very special. He made it – 52 miles in three days, the quote of the Trek was 'a challenge I wanted, a challenge I got' - a good summary! Since finishing he has muttered the words 'for my next challenge!'

The fundraising page is still open should anyone wish to donate:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/jasper-grover-3?utm_id=2&utm_term=PjYRWAJY3

Well done Jasper – we are very proud of your achievement.

Yr 3 Brooklands Trip

In History, Year 3 have been answering the questions, 'What transport links are in Surrey?' and 'How has transport impacted Surrey?' As part of this unit, Year 3 took a trip to Brooklands Museum. We had a tour around the museum and saw how planes, cars, busses and bicycles have changed over time. We even took a trip onto Concord and took part in a workshop where we designed our own cars and raced them down the old racing track.

Thank you to all the adults who came with us and well done to all the Year 3 children for showing our St. Mary's values during the trip.

Mrs Driver & Mrs O'Connor



Penalty Notice Reminder

Just to remind parents/carers that if you take your child/children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carers per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carers per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.



Star of the Week

Moles	Parker "for always being so helpful and making the right choices." Sienna "for having a fantastic start to Moles class."
Hedgehogs	Daisy "for always completing lots of amazing writing activities during Discovery Time."
Rabbits	Myles "for showing more courage and perseverance in his learning!"
Cheetahs	Madison "for always challenging herself and working so hard on her learning!"
Panthers	Emily "for challenging yourself in all areas of learning. You've really impressed us with your determination!"
Lions	Peyton "for her constant kindness and thoughtfulness in class."
Tigers	Maryam "for working really hard to learn about fractions this week!"
Polar Bears	Faith "for showing impeccable manners and St. Mary's school values on our trip to Brooklands."
Pandas	Luca "for your lovely questions and answers during our trip to Brooklands."
Hippos	Roshan "for being a great team player during our residential. Contributing in all activities and showing good independence!"
Elephants	Olivia E "for showing great determination and courage on the residential."
Kangaroos	Zac "for your enthusiasm in all learning and always confidently sharing ideas"
Giraffes	Damon "for great focus and enthusiasm in PSHE."
Lemurs	Renata "for excellent focus in English and working hard to apply new learning in her hot task!"
Chimps	Aron "for using feedback to improve his hot task"

Time Table Rock Stars

Year 2:	Elmas - Tigers Isla – Lions Grace – Tigers
Year 3 & 4:	Raees – Pandas Charlotte – Polar Bears Matei – Elephants
Year 5 & 6:	Patrick – Giraffes Sofie – Giraffes Dylan - Lemurs

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events shown in bold)

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
07.06.2024	School Family Picnic & cake sale 3pm
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	Hedgehogs Class Assembly 9am
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)
11 & 12.07.2024	Yr 6 Production
18.07.2024	Leavers Day – Yr 6
19.07.2024	Leavers Service at St Mary's Church – Yr 6
19.07.2024	End of Term
02.09.2024	INSET Day