



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,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a great summer holiday.

Except for the wet weather, the term has started really well! There have been lots of smiling faces this week. It is lovely to see everyone again!

I wanted to celebrate our unique and special children so each child has created a portrait of themselves and these are displayed as a sea of faces in the hall. Our special school family. Please do have a look when you are in school for your expectation meeting and see if you can spot your children!

Over the summer, both Mrs Driver and Mrs Harfield welcomed their beautiful baby girls. Our new and very cute St Mary's babies are Arabella Harfield and Harper Driver! Mummies and babies are all doing really well.

As we start the new academic year, please can I remind parents of the importance of good school attendance. If children have low attendance, it can impact their social, emotional and academic progress. Please avoid taking term time holidays and if a child has a medical or dental appointment, please can we ask you to make these out of school hours where possible, to avoid the children having to be absent from school.

Reminders:

All parents are encouraged to attend the Parents Welcome Meetings with class teachers over the coming days, as we will be sharing a lot of important information. For those parents who work and unable to make them, we will be taking a register and sending hard copies of the information home. The meetings will be held in the classrooms.

Our PTA AGM is at 6pm on Monday evening. Please do come along to find out more! Please enter via the Rectory Lane gate, as the meeting will be held in the Hut on the field.

Whole school 'Welcome Back' family picnic will be after school on Friday 27th September 3.10pm-4pm. There will also be a whole school cake sale! Please bring your picnics and picnic blankets. It is a chance to enjoy catching up with everyone.

Have a great weekend and looking forward to seeing you all on Monday.

From

Mrs Chambers

HSLW

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

- Back to school tips
- School admissions
- BBC '500 words' writing competition
- Family Lives - forum
- Christmas toy sale dates
- Noticeboards
- L-SPA drop-in sessions
- Parent/carer well-being group

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



Star of the Week



Cheetahs	Luna “for being a fantastic role model and helping others in the classroom.”
Panthers	Annabelle “for having a positive first week back.”
Lions	Pip “for being a kind and supportive talk partner on the carpet.”
Tigers	Emeth “for excellent attention and listening skills.”
Polar Bears	Johnny “for impeccable manners and showing super St Mary’s learner values.”
Pandas	Isla “for always following class expectations and being a fantastic role model”
Hippos	Elsie “for making great contributions to class discussions”
Elephants	Ella–Rose “for showing courage each morning and getting on with her learning straight away”
Kangaroos	Molly D “for being a wonderfully hardworking class member!”
Giraffes	Callum “for super focus and a great start to the year.”
Lemurs	Zayna “for contributing to class discussions with confidence and enthusiasm!”
Chimps	Isla “for enthusiastically and confidently participating in our drama activities!”

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events shown in bold)

09.09.2024	Yr 6 Parents Welcome Meeting – 3.10 - 3.45pm
09.09.2024	PTA AGM – 6pm Surestart Centre
10.09.2024	Yr 5 Parents Welcome Meeting – 3.10 – 3.45pm
11.09.2024	Yr 4 Parents Welcome Meeting – 3.10 – 3.45pm
12.09.2024	Yr 3 Parents Welcome Meeting – 3.10 – 3.45pm
13.09.2024	Yr 2 Parents Welcome Meeting – 3.10 – 3.45pm
w/c 16.09.2024	PGL Residential – Yr 6
16.09.2024	Yr 1 Parents Welcome Meeting – 3.10 – 3.45pm
17.09.2024	Yr R Parents Welcome Meeting – 3.10 – 3.45pm
25.09.2024	Individual Pupil Photographs
27.09.2024	Welcome Back Picnic – 3.10pm
w/c 07.10.2024	Bikeability – Yr 6
16.10.2024	Nursery ONLY – Royal Day
16.10.2024	Giraffes Class Assembly – 9am
17.10.2024	Harvest Singing at Barnes Wallis – Yr 3
17.10.2024	Local Walk – Yr 1
18.10.2024	Royal Day
22.10.2024	Parents Evening 4pm – 6.50pm
23.10.2024	Winchester Science Museum – Yr 5
23.10.2024	Elephants Class Assembly – 9am
24.10.2024	Harvest Festival Church Service – Yr 3 parents/carers invited
24.10.2024	Parents Evening 4pm – 6.50pm
25.10.2024	INSET Day
w/c 28.10.2024	Half Term
04.11.2024	Flu Immunisations
04.11.2024	Macbeth Workshop - Yr 6
05.11.2024	Cinderella Pantomime
06.11.2024	Nursery ONLY PTA Mufti Day – donations for hampers
06.11.2024	PTA Fireworks Display
06.11.2024	Freshwater Theatre Workshop – Yr R
07.11.2024	Butser Ancient Farm Trip – Yr 3
08.11.2024	PTA Mufti Day – donations for hampers
w/c 11.11.2024	Anti-Bullying Week
11.11.2024	Remembrance Service – Yr 6
15.11.2024	Children in Need
19.11.2024	Lightbox Trip – Yr 2
21.11.2024	Byfleet Village Christmas Lights Switch On (Changed from 14.11.24)
w/c 25.11.2024	Life Bus
26.11.2024	Open Classrooms
27.11.2024	Pandas Class Assembly – 9am
04.12.2024	Hippos Class Assembly – 9am
04.12.2024	Nursery ONLY PTA Mufti Day – for fair Sweets/Bottles
04.12.2024	Nursery Nativity – 11am & 2.15pm
05.12.2024	PTA Mufti Day – for fair Sweets/Bottles
05.12.2024	St Marys Church Visit – Yr 3
06.12.2024	Reception Nativity – 9.30am
07.12.2024	PTA - Christmas Fair
09.12.2024	KS1 Nativity - 2pm
10.12.2024	KS1 Nativity - 9.15am
11.12.2024	Polar Bears Class Assembly – 9am
12.12.2024	The Space Between – Production Yrs 3-5

19.12.2024	Christmas Service – Yr 5
20.12.2024	End of term – 1.05pm finish
06.01.2025	Start of Spring Term
08.01.2025	Great Fire of London Workshop – Yr 2
15.01.2025	Chimps Class Assembly – 9am
21.01.2025	Little City – Yr N & Yr R
21.01.2025	Young Voices Concert O2 – School Choir
23.01.2025	Little City – Yr N & Yr R
29.01.2025	Cheetahs Class Assembly – 9am
05.02.2025	Panthers Class Assembly – 9am
w/c 17.02.2025	Half Term
26.02.2025	Open Classrooms
w/c 03.03.2025	Book Fair
05.03.2025	Rabbits Class Assembly
06.03.2025	World Book Day
14.03.2025	Comic Relief
w/c 17.03.2025	Yr 6 Mock SATS Week
24.03.2025	Feet First Yr 3
26.03.2025	Tigers Class Assembly – 9am
26.03.2025	Open Classrooms
01.04.2025	Yr 4 Easter Service
02.04.2025	Class Photographs
03.04.2025	Wisley Gardens – Yr 2
04.04.2025	End of Term - 1.05pm
22.04.2025	Start of Summer Term
29.04.2025	Brooklands Museum Trip – Yr 3
30.04-02.05.25	Kingswood Residential – Yr 4
01.05.2025	Bocketts Farm – Yr R
07.05.2025	Kangaroos Class Assembly – 9am
W/c 12.05.2025	KS2 SATS Week / SATS Breakfast
14-16.05.2025	Bikeability – Yr 4
16.05.2025	Park Trip – Yr 6
21.05.2025	Nursery ONLY Egyptian Day
23.05.2025	Ancient Egyptian Day
w/c 26.05.2025	Half Term
04.06.2025	Lemurs Class Assembly – 9am
18.06.2025	Lions Class Assembly – 9am
25.06.2025	Nursery Sports Day
26.06.2025	Open Classrooms
27.06.2025	Sports Day
02.07.2025	RESERVE Nursery Sports Day
04.07.2025	RESERVE Sports Day
09.07.2025	Hedgehogs Class Assembly – 9am
09 & 10.07.2025	Year 6 Productions to Parents – 6pm
17.07.2025	Year 6 Leavers Day/BBQ
18.07.2025	Year 6 Leavers Service
18.07.2025	End of term – 1.05pm