



St. Mary's CofE Primary
'Learning for Life'

Hart Road, Byfleet, Surrey, KT14 7NJ
Tel: 01932 410300
Email: info@stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk

newsletter

Week ending
20th September 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.

Dear St Mary's Families,

Our welcome back picnic is **next Friday 27th September, 3.10pm to 4pm!** There will be a whole school cake sale so please bring cakes and your coins! **All cakes will be 50p!**

The money will go towards the children's next **Values Award** that the whole school enjoy! Previously, we have had a silent disco, bouncy castles and obstacle courses. The children have been earning lots of values stars already and the bowl is nearly full so it is nearly time for our next treat surprise!



Our aim is to raise £300 to cover the cost of the next whole school treat!

Please get baking and drop cakes off on to the tables under the gazebo on Friday morning. If there any parents who would like to help sell the cakes and be an extra pair of hands, please let me know.

We look forward to seeing you then! Don't forget your picnic blankets!

Welcome home Year 6! It sounds like you have had a fantastic week on your residential as have the group of Year 6 who stayed with us here in school, who have also had lots of fun. It was pizza making in school today!

Next week, Year 6 will be given the opportunity to apply to become my **Junior Leaders** who will help myself and the governors to lead the school. Myself and Mr Hurst, the chair of governors, will be looking to appoint 8 children and interviews will be held before half term. I am excited to find my new leaders!

I hope you all have a great weekend!

From Mrs Chambers

HSLW

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

- Common sense media
- Home Start - volunteers needed
- Families Magazine - Sept/Oct edition
- Surrey Local Offer

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

EBooks

Lots of children at St Mary's access our Monster Phonics E Book platform. These E Books mirror the resources we use in school to support your child in learning to read through phonics. They are scaffolded to support your child with their stage of reading. Children are assigned the stages by their class teacher and reflect the phonemes your child is working on. Children should be reading books that they are 90% fluent in and these books are well matched to their current level. They should be used for your reading at home session, if your child is not yet a free reader, and should be read alongside their sharing books (the physical books they will bring home). The E Books will better match their reading ability so please do not just use the sharing books for all home learning. Please do ask your class teacher how to make an account if you do not have one yet! Below are links to some useful information sheets from Monster Phonics in how to use the resource as well. Happy reading!

[Ebooks instructions for parents](#)

[Ebooks information for parents](#)

5 Finger Rule

Children who are free readers should be using the 5 finger rule to support them in choosing a book. Why don't you look at this together with their current book to see if they have used it correctly?

Miss Simmons

5 FINGER RULE FOR READING

1. Choose a book that you want to read.
2. Open the book up to any page and begin reading.
3. Put one finger up for every word you do not know or cannot pronounce.
4. Use the guide below to decide if the book is the just-right choice for you!

0-1	Too easy
2-3	Just right
3-4	Challenge
5+	Too hard



©Sueky 13 E Learning 2020

Yr 6 Residential

We have had the best time on our residential this week! All the children have conquered fears, showing courage, kindness and trust in all their activities.

They have represented St Mary's incredibly well and we could not be prouder!

Miss Roberts & Miss Sher





Star of the Week



Moles	Ace “for playing nicely with his new friends in Moles class” Lewis “for always being enthusiastic in Moles class.”
Hedgehogs	Ameerah “for a great first week showing off your writing and your singing!”
Rabbits	Brodie “for a fabulous first week in Rabbit class, writing and tidying up everything.
Cheetahs	Layla “for always having a positive attitude to her learning.”
Panthers	Wesley “for super sentence writing!”
Lions	Amelie “for working incredibly hard in Maths and using resources to support your understanding.”
Tigers	Louisa “always listening carefully and sharing her ideas so confidently!”
Polar Bears	Olivia “for always taking such pride in her work, with impeccable presentation.”
Pandas	Hunter “for his enthusiasm during Nurture in Nature while creating leaf art.”
Hippos	Verity “for great editing and responding to feedback in English.”
Elephants	Romilly “for always showing enthusiasm and effort across all lessons!”
Kangaroos	Haleem “for being such a kind and hardworking member of the class.”
Giraffes	Charlotte “for sharing super vocabulary in English.”
Lemurs	Mustafa “for fantastic dance moves and completing activities with confidence and enthusiasm!”
Chimps	Jemima “for showing her fantastic sewing skills!”

Times Table Rock Stars

Year 2:	Max – Lions Callie – Lions Noah – Lions
Year 3 & 4:	Shreya – Hippos Luca – Elephants Tommy – Elephants
Year 5 & 6:	Abdullah – Giraffes Ayala – Giraffes Finley - Giraffes

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events shown in bold)

25.09.2024	Individual Pupil Photographs
26.09.2024	Closing Date for Parent Governor Nominations
26.09.2024	Open Classroom 3.10 – 3.40pm
27.09.2024	Wild Walk Trip – Invited pupils
27.09.2024	Welcome Back Picnic – 3.10pm
03.10.2024	David Fuller – Author KS2 visit
w/c 07.10.2024	Bikeability – Yr 6
09.10.2024	Break the Rules Day - NURSERY ONLY
11.10.2024	Break the Rules Day
16.10.2024	Royal Day - NURSERY ONLY
16.10.2024	Local Walk – Yr 1
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 – Whole School 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
w/c 11.11.2024	Shoebox Appeal
11.11.2024	Remembrance Service – Yr 6
13.11.2024	Watts Gallery – Yr 4
15.11.2024	Children in Need
19.11.2024	Lightbox Trip – Yr 2
21.11.2024	Byfleet Village Christmas Lights Switch On
w/c 25.11.2024	Life Bus
26.11.2024	Open Classrooms 3.10 – 3.40pm
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
12.12.2024	Open Classrooms 3.10 – 3.40pm

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
29.01.2025	Chertsey Museum workshop – Yr 3
31.01.2025	Open Classrooms 3.10 – 3.40pm
04.02.2025	Parents Evening
05.02.2025	Panthers Class Assembly – 9am
06.02.2025	Parents Evening
w/c 17.02.2025	Half Term
26.02.2025	Open Classrooms 3.10 – 3.40pm
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 3.10 – 3.40pm
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
29.04.2025	Open Classrooms 3.10 – 3.40pm
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 3.10 – 3.40pm
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