



newsletter

Week ending
13th 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,



Parent Governor Election

We have a vacancy for the role of parent governor. [Please see letter with full details](#). This has also been emailed to parents today. The closing date for nominations is 26th September 2024 at 3pm.

Being a governor here at St Mary's is such an important and hopefully enjoyable role. Please do take the time to read the letter and consider putting yourself forward!



PTA

At the start of the week, the PTA AGM was held and I am very pleased to share that our new co-chairs will be **Hayley Green** and **Helen Campbell**. I am really looking forward to all of the events and new ideas for this year! Thank you to all of the PTA members for continuing to support the school and children this year.



Communication

As we start the new year, please can I remind parents that your class teacher is your first point of contact at school. If your class teacher feels another member of the team would be helpful, they will signpost you. If you do email or call the school to request a conversation with a member of staff, it is our policy to respond to your email or call within 48 hours. If your call or email requires an urgent response, then this will be responded to accordingly. Please remember for any questions you may have, the website is very helpful so please do look to the website before reaching out to school staff.

Welcome Moles, Rabbits and Hedgehogs!



Our new youngest members of our St Mary's family have started and have settled in so, so well. They have been happily playing and settled each time I visited them in their classrooms.



We are excited to have all of our Rabbits and Hedgehogs in next week to start full time. Welcome again to our new families!

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:

- Free online parenting courses
- 'One minute guides' from Surrey Family Information service
- Surrey Paediatrics Parenting service
- Uniform

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

Author Visit



On Thursday 3rd October, Children's author David Fuller will be visiting St Mary's C of E Primary School to talk to the KS2 Children about his books and explain what inspires him as a writer.

Please visit the www.alfie-jones.co.uk website for more information.

David will also be selling and signing copies of his book(s) at the reduced price of £4.50 (usually £5) to any children who would like a Copy.



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Star of the Week



Moles	Maisie “for being really kind to the new children in Moles class” Erin “for settling back into Nursery routines really well.”
Cheetahs	Jacob “for trying really hard with his learning and focusing well in class.
Panthers	Magnus “for persevering when you found tasks tough!”
Lions	Madison “for confidently sharing her understanding with the class and supporting others.”
Tigers	Lottie “for being confident and ‘having a go’ during Maths.”
Polar Bears	Luka “for showing courage and independence by leading a class meditation.”
Pandas	Zeno “for always focusing and working hard during lessons.”
Hippos	Eliezer “for using great scientific language in our Science topic.”
Elephants	Theo “for working hard on his targets in all his lessons!”
Kangaroos	Bruno “for great historical knowledge and working so hard on his handwriting.”
Giraffes	Mimi “for amazing effort in maths. Well done!”
Lemurs	Patrick “for showing such enthusiasm during our Science topic!”
Chimps	Sam “for showing courage and resilience towards his learning!”

Times Table Rock Stars

Year 3 & 4:

Ryan - Hippos

Luca - Elephants

Teddy - Hippos

Year 5 & 6:

Nate - Kangaroos

Zac - Kangaroos

Edie - Kangaroos

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events shown in bold)

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
26.09.2024	Closing Date for Parent Governor Nominations
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	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
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
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
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