



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

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# newsletter

**Week ending**  
8<sup>th</sup> November 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 Marys Families

Happy Friday all!

I hope that you enjoyed your half term holidays and have had a chance to relax and enjoy yourselves. It has been an incredibly busy and fun week back after half term for all of us at St Mary's.

To kick off the week, Year 6 had a Macbeth workshop. We also had the fabulous whole school pantomime of Cinderella on Tuesday as well as the fantastic fireworks hosted by the PTA on Wednesday evening. Thank you to the PTA for all the effort that went into this event and for all those that came and supported by enjoying the display. On Thursday, Year 3 had a trip to Butser Ancient Farm, an open-air archaeology museum which they all thoroughly enjoyed!

Today, we have ended our busy week with our Life Skills sessions. Children were in mixed year group classes practising a life skill of their choice with sessions ranging from guinea pig care to wrapping present and table manners.

What a great way to start our most festive half term!

Have a great weekend.

Mrs Chambers

## Macbeth Workshop



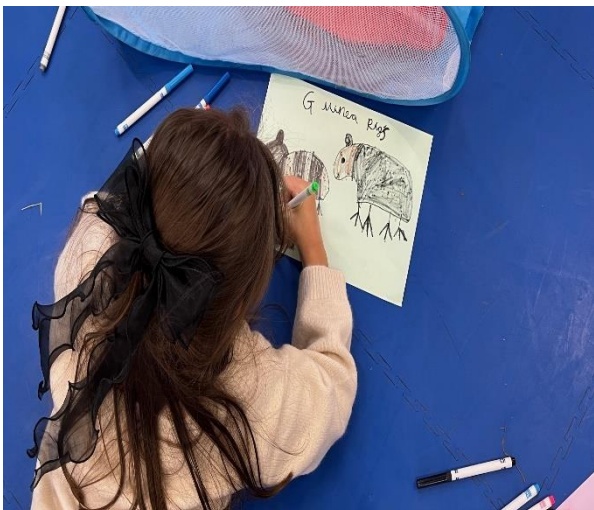
## Cinderella Pantomime



## Fireworks



## Life Skills



## HSLW

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

- 'Navigating the Maze' - a toolkit of strategies for parents of neurodivergent young people
- 0-19 Advice line
- One-minute guides to Early Help and Children's Services
- Free counselling for 16-25 year olds

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



# Christmas Craft!



**Come and join us for a fun Christmas craft session to make Santa, his sleigh and reindeer.**

### Where-

Byfleet Community Library

### When-

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November

10.30am-12noon

**(please arrive at 10.30)**

OR

2pm-3.30pm

**(please arrive at 2pm)**

### Who-

Children 3-11 years. £1 per child



**Places are limited so please reserve a place at the library desk.**



## Star of the Week



<b>Moles</b>	Poppy “for listening so well in the Cinderella pantomime” Jude “for focusing really well on creative activities”
<b>Hedgehogs</b>	Fletcher “for working so hard in Phonics lessons and writing your name so well!”
<b>Rabbits</b>	Alice “for sharing your ideas and using super vocabulary during carpet time”
<b>Cheetahs</b>	Rory “for fantastic diary writing.”
<b>Panthers</b>	Florence “for learning nativity dances so quickly and helping others when they forgot the moves.”
<b>Lions</b>	Phoebe “for explaining your understanding so confidently in a range of subjects this week – well done!”
<b>Tigers</b>	Ivy “for trying her best to come to school every day with a positive attitude.”
<b>Polar Bears</b>	Elmas “for showing such super St. Mary’s values on our school trip to Butser Ancient Farm and representing the school impeccably!”
<b>Pandas</b>	George “for sharing his ideas and knowledge during group discussions on our trip to Butser Antient Farm.”
<b>Hippos</b>	Matilda “for sharing good ideas in English”
<b>Elephants</b>	Arabella “for being a great role model to her peers and being a fab St Mary’s learner.”
<b>Kangaroos</b>	Ivy “for showing so much progress with reading.”
<b>Giraffes</b>	Carlos “for making huge efforts with your focus and attitude to learning.”
<b>Lemurs</b>	David “for being a constant source of happiness through his boundless enthusiasm!”
<b>Chimps</b>	Haydon “for enthusiastically participating in all of our learning!”

### Times Table Rock Stars

Year 3 & 4:	Olivia - Polar Bears Ryan - Hippos Bella - Hippos
Year 5 & 6:	Elora - Giraffes Finley - Giraffes Kristof - Kangaroos

## Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events shown in bold)

w/c 11.11.2024	Anti-Bullying Week
w/c 11.11.2024	Shoebox Appeal
11.11.2024	Remembrance Service – Yr 6
12.11.2024	Freshwater Theatre Workshop – Yr R (please note date change from 6.11.24)
13.11.2024	Nursery ONLY Children in Need – Mufti Day
13.11.2024	Watts Gallery – Yr 4
15.11.2024	Children in Need – Mufti Day
19.11.2024	Lightbox Trip – Yr 2
<b>21.11.2024</b>	<b>Full Governing Body Meeting - 5pm</b>
21.11.2024	Byfleet Village Christmas Lights Switch On
<b>22.11.2024</b>	<b>Reception Phonics Workshop – Yr R</b>
w/c 25.11.2024	Life Bus
<b>25.11.2024</b>	<b>Geography Workshops – Yr 3</b>
26.11.2024	Open Classrooms 3.10 – 3.40pm
27.11.2024	Pandas Class Assembly – 9am
28.11.2024	Maths Workshop 9-10am – Yr R (not 25.11.24 as in previous newsletter)
04.12.2024	Hippos Class Assembly – 9am
04.12.2024	Nursery ONLY PTA Mufti Day – for fair Sweets/Bottles
04.12.2024	Nursery Nativity – 9.30am (New time)
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
11.12.2024	Christmas Jumper Day
11.12.2024	Christmas Lunch
12.12.2024	The Space Between – Production Yr 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
<b>30.01.2025</b>	<b>Full Governing Body Meeting - 5pm</b>
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
<b>13.03.2025</b>	<b>Full Governing Body Meeting - 5pm</b>
14.03.2025	Comic Relief

w/c 17.03.2025	Yr 6 Mock SATS Week
24.03.2025	Feet First Yr 3
25.03.2025	Year 4 Parents Residential Meeting – 8.45am (in hall)
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	Open Classrooms 3.10 – 3.40pm
30.04-02.05.25	Kingswood Residential – Yr 4
01.05.2025	Bocketts Farm – Yr R
<b>02.05.2025</b>	<b>Brooklands Museum Trip – Yr 3 (date changed from 29/04)</b>
07.05.2025	Kangaroos Class Assembly – 9am
<b>09.05.2025</b>	<b>Full Governing Body Meeting - 5pm</b>
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
<b>03.07.2025</b>	<b>Full Governing Body Meeting - 5pm</b>
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