



newsletter

Week ending
15th 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

I wanted to use today's message to send a big thank you to all of the efforts you have made in thinking of others in our local and global community this week. It is great to see the children so passionate about caring for others in multiple different ways and shows some real courageous advocacy.

Today, we have been a school of spots and yellow as we have marked Children in Need. Your donations make a huge difference to lots of children in the UK and around the world.



As well as this, we have been able to create class shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child using your donations and we have also had lots of individual boxes delivered. Thank you.

This week, we also received a lovely email from West Hall, who were sent some letters and Christmas cards by our children. The residents thoroughly enjoyed reading them and are busy voting for their favourite poem and writing us back! We love to spread some festive cheer.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Chambers



HSLW

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

- Families Online Magazine
- Surrey's Positive Parenting Service
- Byfleet Christmas Lights

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

We are now a Music Mark School



This recognises all the hard work we do to ensure that pupils at our school are able to access a high-quality music education. We will be able to access additional support and training as well having access to extra-curricular music opportunities. We are thankful to the PTA for funding an upcoming 'Samba' experience and this has been organised with the help of Surrey Arts. Some of our pupils are also going to be taking part in the Surrey Schools Music Festival at G-Live which is another fantastic opportunity for music enrichment. Exciting times ahead!

Mrs McIntyre

Councillor Visit – PTA

This week, local Councillor Steve Howes dropped off our two new bright yellow clothes collection bins! These will be used by the PTA and Eco Committee to collect pre-loved uniform and costumes, which will then be available to buy for a small donation. More information about this will be sent out soon.

The bins were kindly funded by the Byfleet Residents Association, so we would like to say a big thank you to them and also to Steve who has put in a lot of time and effort to help make this possible.



St Mary's Byfleet PTA and Friends

STEM Week 10th-14th March 2025

Do you work in a Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) based job? Would you like to come in and share some of your expertise?

During STEM week, we hope to inspire children by learning about real world STEM careers and what different jobs might entail.

If you or someone you know would like to offer your time, please email the office by the end of this term.

Thank you for your support! Mrs Severn and Mrs Masters

Watts Gallery Visit - Year 4

Year 4 had a fantastic day at Watts gallery. We explored the Gesso tile technique which was used to make ceiling tiles by Mary Watts and sketched some of her most intricate designs.

We also looked at some of George Watts most famous paintings!

Miss Simmons





Star of the Week



Moles

Ivy "for showing kindness to everyone in Moles class."

Ralph "for concentrating really hard on creative activities"

Hedgehogs

Ella "for taking part in the space hunt so enthusiastically and always trying hard!"

Rabbits

Ollie "for super name writing and having a go on the writing table."

Cheetahs

Niah "for great effort in her phonics lessons."

Panthers

Savannah "for a brilliant Phonics assessment so early on in the year!"

Lions

Mimi "for always being a fantastic St Mary's Learner, a super role model!"

Tigers

Sabina "for writing a fantastically creative start to a story, using all her prior knowledge!"

Polar Bears

Harry "for showing resilience in maths when completing the challenges"

Pandas

Joni "for working hard during our skills lesson in English, using inverted commas for speech"

Hippos

Shreya "for consistently demonstrating an excellent approach to learning! Always ready to learn and try your best!"

Elephants

Riley-George "for always putting in 100% effort and having a positive learning attitude."

Kangaroos

Zoe "for so much effort and improvement in spelling and tables."

Giraffes

Olivia "for perseverance with maths and sharing your new learning with others."

Lemurs

Maia "for being a proactive learner and showing increased confidence in all aspects of her learning!"

Chimps

Ben "for his excellent effort and attitude towards his learning!"

Times Table Rock Stars

Year 3 & 4:

Harry - Polar Bears

Harrison - Elephants

Bella - Hippos

Year 5 & 6:

Leah - Giraffes

Niamh - Lemurs

Ronnie - Chimps

Millie - Chimps

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events shown in bold)

19.11.2024	Lightbox Trip – Yr 2
21.11.2024	St Mary's Church Visit – Yr R
21.11.2024	Full Governing Body Meeting - 5pm
21.11.2024	Byfleet Village Christmas Lights Switch On
22.11.2024	Reception Phonics Workshop – Yr R
w/c 25.11.2024	Life Bus
25.11.2024	Geography Workshops – Yr 3
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
30.01.2025	Full Governing Body Meeting - 5pm
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
w/c 10.03.2025	STEM Week
13.03.2025	Full Governing Body Meeting - 5pm
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
02.05.2025	Brooklands Museum Trip – Yr 3 (date changed from 29/04)
07.05.2025	Kangaroos Class Assembly – 9am
09.05.2025	Full Governing Body Meeting - 5pm
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
03.07.2025	Full Governing Body Meeting - 5pm
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