



newsletter

Week ending
6th December 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

A magical first week of December! We had Hippos amazing class assembly and wonderful Nativities by Moles and Reception. Huge thanks and congratulations to all that were involved and to everyone who came to watch; they really were special performances! The children who performed in the Christmas Tree assembly were outstanding! As a thank you from me, they will be invited to a special hot chocolate break with me – a small token to show my appreciation for their talent and courage to perform.

Christmas has arrived at St Mary's! Mrs Chambers



HSLW

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

- Winter Mini Reading Challenge
- Woking Foodbank
- APPEER's wellbeing bulletin - Christmas 2024

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



Christmas Poems written by Harry W, Lemurs.

I've been waiting for Christmas

I've been waiting for Christmas.
And it's almost here.
I've been waiting for Christmas.
Santa's getting near.
Can't you hear the sleighing bells ringing?
Reindeer up so high

Can't you hear the children singing.
As they watch the sky

December

All the months go past
Each is like a guest
December is the last
December is the best
Each has lovely things
Each one is a friend
But December brings
Christmas at the end!

Little Pine Tree

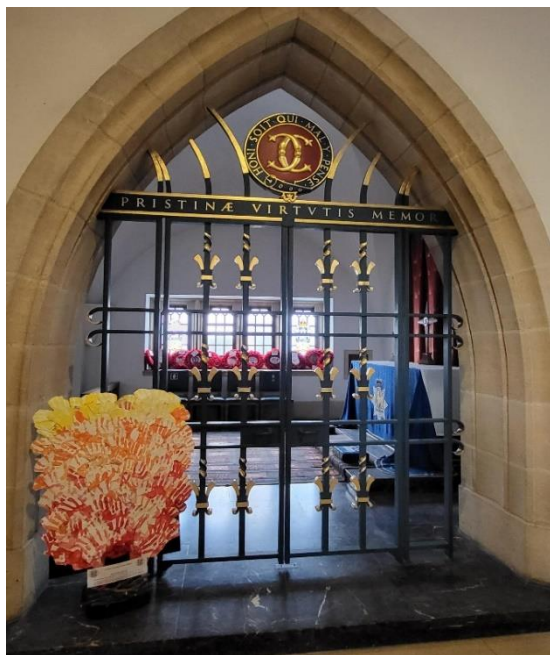
I'm a little pine tree
as you can see
All the other pine trees
are bigger than me
Maybe when I grow up
Then I'll be a great big
Christmas tree.

Guildford Cathedral Church School's Art exhibition

"The Light shines in Darkness, the darkness has never put it out."

As we did last year, St Mary's have taken part in the Church School's Art Exhibition at Guildford Cathedral this year. The theme is "Light in the Darkness." We set out a table for the children to paint their hands one lunchtime and any child who wanted to join in, could. As the theme was light in the darkness we made a fire out of the children's hand prints. The exhibition runs from now until Sunday 2nd February 2025 but please check the Cathedral's event diary before going to visit as they have a few events on in the run up to Christmas.

Mrs Townson



Children in Need

Thank you to all who donated to Children in Need this year, we raised almost £300 as a school!

Mrs Townson, Mrs James and Mrs Matthews

L-SPA

At the Woking Family Centre, the next L-SPA appointments are on Wednesday 11th December. For full details, please click [here](#). To book an appointment, please email:

wokingfamilycentre@barnardos.org.uk





Star of the Week



Moles

Lewis “very good concentration when drawing and listening to stories”

Nevaeh “singing really well in our Nativity Play.”

Hedgehogs

Scarlett “for your confidence and smiles in all our Nativity rehearsals!”

Rabbits

Daisy “for a wonderful performance in our Nativity.”

Cheetahs

Dani “for writing a wonderful speech bubble and challenging yourself to include a question mark.”

Panthers

Harry “For your fantastic contributions in all lessons.”

Lions

Noah W “for always being ready to learn and having a positive attitude towards all learning”

Tigers

Elodie “for working hard to apply her prior learning to her maths this week! Super work!”

Polar Bears

Lavinia “for her enthusiasm and creativity when making up actions for our class assembly songs.

Pandas

Ivy “for her enthusiasm and contributions to class discussions, especially during our trip to the church”

Hippos

Teddy “for consistently working so positively and enthusiastically!”

Elephants

Romilly “for showing brilliant courage performing on the piano in front of the school”

Kangaroos

Penny “for her incredible vector drawings in Computing.”

Giraffes

Anna “for showing the school value of kindness and being so helpful.”

Lemurs

Chloe “for constantly and consistently demonstrating our school values – an incredible role model to others!”

Chimps

Sienna “for her enthusiasm and confidence towards her learning, especially in Maths and Science!”

Times Table Rock Stars

Year 3 & 4:

Lucas - Pandas

Joni- Pandas

Emilis- Pandas

Year 5 & 6:

Ivy - Kangaroos

Lucie- Kangaroos

Xavier- Kangaroos

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events shown in bold)

07.12.2024	PTA - Christmas Fair
09.12.2024	KS1 Nativity - 2pm
10.12.2024	KS1 Nativity - 9.15am
10.12.2024	KS2 Carol Service – St Mary's Church @ 6.30pm
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 (for invited pupils)
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
03.03.2025	Viking Workshop – Yr 5
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
18.03.2025	Painshill Trip – Yr 4
20.03.2025	Hobbledown Trip – Yr 1
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
17.06.2025	Shah Jahan Mosque Trip – Yr 1
17.06.2025	Leavers Service at Guildford Cathedral – Yr 6
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
16.07.2025	Year 6 Leavers Day/BBQ (not 17 th)
18.07.2025	Year 6 Leavers Service
18.07.2025	End of term – 1.05pm