



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

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newsletter

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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

Congratulation Polar Bears on their great class assembly, the last one of the year! They shared their learning with us through the story of the Christmas Jolly Postman and impressed us all with their recorder playing! Thank you to everyone who came to join us!

Huge well done to the KS1 children for their fantastic Nativities! They were so confident and their singing really did give us all goose bumps! I hope parents found it helpful that the school funded and sourced the nativity costumes this year. We are now well stocked and ready for nativities of the future.

The Carol service and refreshments at the church on Tuesday were very festive. The church team hosted us with mince pies and mulled wine which was very kind and much appreciated. Thank you to the children who came to perform and to all the families who came to join us, and of course to the church team.

The children have been showing our values of **Kindness, Courage and Trust** so much that we have filled the star bowl, so the whole school have earned their values treat! As a well done, I will be buying treats and popcorn for the whole school to enjoy while watching a Christmas movie next week! Congratulations St Mary's for always showing our values!

Thank you to the PTA for organising such a fantastic Christmas fair and trip to the pantomime! The fair was such a huge success. Thank you does not seem enough to recognise all of the hard work that goes in to organising such events. We are very lucky to have such dedicated and generous families and parents who make all of these things possible.

December is flying by and I can't believe it is nearly the end of term! I hope you have a great festive weekend planned.

See you all next week for the final school week of 2024!

From Mrs Chambers

HSLW

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

- Places where kids eat free (or for £1) during Christmas 2024
- Santa visits Byfleet

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

End of term

A reminder we break up for the Christmas holidays on Friday 20th December at 1.05pm and return for the Spring term on Monday 6th January 2025!



Bookings for w/c 6th January will start to close on Monday 23rd December. When booking, please ensure you book under the heading of BC or ASC, please do not use the extra column as this will not show on our registers and your booking will not be valid. The booking system has a two week cut off period, which allows us to staff as required to maintain our ratios. If you do miss the cut off period and require a space, please email The Hive hive@stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk and we will endeavour to accommodate your booking where we can. Please note we are unable to accept children into The Hive without a booking.

If you are a voucher payer, please ensure you send us proof of the voucher payment once paid.

Just a few reminders, our breakfast club opens at 7.45am with breakfast running from 7.45am – 8.10am. The afterschool club runs until 5.30pm and snack is served from 3.30pm - 4.15pm.

To ensure our records are kept up to date, registration forms and our terms and conditions booklet, need to be read and signed each academic year and emailed to The Hive. For new parents who wish to use The Hive, this also needs to be completed before children attend. Please visit the school website for further information.

Can we also please remind all parents/carers that parking in the car park is for staff only and if your child is absent from school, that you also inform The Hive.

You all wish you all a Merry Christmas and will see you in the New Year.

The Hive Team



Space Between Theatre Production

We were lucky to have 'The Space Between (my head & heart)' theatre production in school this Thursday performing to Years 3, 4 and 5. The production helped the pupils explore their everyday wellbeing, perspective and resilience and taught them about looking after their mental health using the Five Ways of Wellbeing. The production told the story of an astronaut and an alien both being stranded on an unfamiliar planet. They needed to learn to understand each other if they wanted to get their feet back on the ground.

The children really enjoyed it and it helped them to understand calming strategies they can use when emotions can get too much.



Star of the Week



Moles	Rocco “for participating on the creative table making his Christmas decorations.”
Hedgehogs	Ola “for being a kind and caring member of Hedgehog Class!”
Rabbits	Melanie “for working really hard in Phonics lessons!”
Cheetahs	Angie “for a fantastic performance in the Nativity,”
Panthers	Myles “for a fantastic Nativity performance!”
Lions	Paul “for fantastic progress in reading!”
Tigers	Blake “for working really hard on blending his phonics when reading!”
Polar Bears	Rhys “for putting a huge effort into our class assembly by including great singing, dancing and actions- a super star!”
Pandas	Koa “for his creativity in DT and showing kindness by supporting others with the skills he had learnt!”
Hippos	Albert “for always demonstrating an excellent attitude towards his learning.”
Elephants	Hari “For a great effort in his handwriting in his English book”
Kangaroos	Theo “for showing so much confidence with his singing.”
Giraffes	Safa “for super focus and a great attitude to learning”
Lemurs	Muhammed “for excellent focus and effort in English, and always trying to improve his writing!”
Chimps	Neve “for her fantastic imagination and enthusiasm during our poetry unit!”

Times Table Rock Stars

Year 3 & 4:	Lara - Pandas
	Ida - Elephants
	Cleo - Hippos
Year 5 & 6:	Molly C - Kangaroos
	Bruno - Kangaroos
	Faith - Chimps

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events shown in bold)

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
19.05.2025	Fullbrook Away Day – Yr 5
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