



newsletter

Week ending
24th January 2025

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

It is competition time!

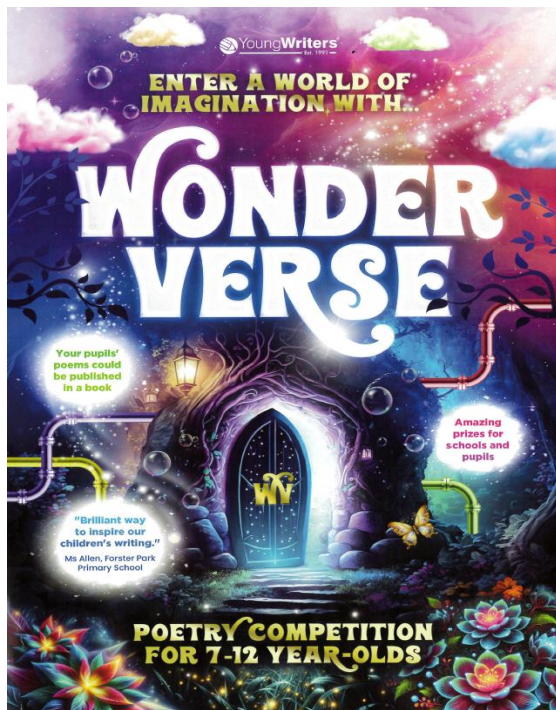
Young Writers have sent a competition for 7-12 year olds to participate.

Children, who wish to enter, need to use the format to plan and write a poem of their choice.

Entries will need to be with Miss Simmons by Friday 7th February to ensure they can be sent off for the closing date. Winning poems will be published into a book!

Prizes include £1,000 for the school, a poetry book bundle and all children who enter will receive a bookmark, sticker and certificate.

Happy writing!



PRIZES FOR SCHOOLS

1ST PLACE:
£1,000 and Young Writers' Award of Excellence

RUNNER-UP:
A poetry book bundle
Plus a free copy of the book your pupils feature in for every participating school.

The more entries you send, the more free books you'll receive! See our website for further details.

PRIZES FOR PUPILS

A fantastic goody bag worth over £100 including an Instax Mini camera

Plus every entrant receives a bookmark & sticker for taking part. Pupils chosen for publication also receive a certificate.

(The school & pupil winners will be chosen from the entries received in the Spring Term 2025 and prizes are awarded the following term.)

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Chambers

HSLW

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

- Family Advice Communication Education (FACE)
- 'Healthy start' support
- Free LEGO magazine
- Peer Productions Youth Theatre

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

Buddhist Temple Visit – Year 6

On Monday, Year 6 visited Wat Phra Dhammakaya Buddhist Temple in Knaphill to learn about the Buddhist way of life. We looked at some important artefacts and took part in a guided meditation with the monk. As part of the Buddhist culture, generosity is one of their main values. To honour this, we took some donations of food which we offered to the monk.

The children were incredibly respectful and represented the school so well - we are extremely proud of them!

Miss Roberts & Miss Sher



Young Voices – O2

On Tuesday, the Key Stage 2 Choir headed to The O2 to perform as part of The Young Voices Choir, along with over 8,000 other children from schools across the country. It was a very long but incredible day - the children had an amazing time and all sang and performed beautifully!

Thank you so much to Miss Lattimore and the parent helpers who all volunteered to join us on this trip. Without you, it wouldn't have been possible to go!

Miss Roberts



Safeguarding: AI and deepfakes

AI and deepfakes are a growing concern online, especially in terms of what children can be exposed to. Internet Matters have some great resources to support your understanding of the dangers of AI and deepfakes and have outlined some advice on how to ensure you are putting measures in place to protect and safeguard your children at home. Please click on [this link](https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-is-a-deepfake/#deepfake-guide) for more information or the Parent Brochure attached: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-is-a-deepfake/#deepfake-guide>

Mrs Severn



Star of the Week



Moles	Samraj “for excellent counting skills.” Jesse “settling so well into Moles Class.”
Hedgehogs	Tilda “for working so hard on your maths!”
Rabbits	Ronnie “for having a fantastic week of learning in Rabbit Class.”
Cheetahs	Violet “for always trying her best and being a great St Mary’s learner.”
Panthers	Albert “for learning his lines for the class assembly so quickly.”
Lions	Max “for having a great attitude towards learning and working well independently.”
Tigers	Kate “for always being kind, caring and considerate – 100% of the time.”
Polar Bears	Sebastian “for super listening, concentration and great progress when performing jumps in gymnastics!”
Pandas	Lucas “for his creativity in Computing and using actions to help remember our key vocabulary.”
Hippos	Charlotte W “participating with enthusiasm”
Elephants	Luca “for fantastic effort in completing and editing his writing and maths.”
Kangaroos	Oliver “for increased confidence with his writing, reading and Maths.”
Giraffes	Leah “for amazing focus and effort in maths.”
Lemurs	Elsie “for supporting her peers in lessons – particularly Maths. Well done for always showing our value of kindness!”
Chimps	Zac “for his enthusiasm towards our History learning and supporting his partners with his knowledge!”

Times Table Rock Stars

Year 3 and 4:	Jesse - Polar Bears Harry - Polar Bears Izaak - Pandas
Year 5 & 6:	Benjamin - Chimps Sienna - Lemurs Karmina - Giraffes

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events shown in bold)

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
03.02.2025	Parent Voice – 8.45am
04.02.2025	Parents Evening
05.02.2025	Panthers Class Assembly – 9am
06.02.2025	Parents Evening
13.02.2025	PTA Discos
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 – Yr 4 Parents Invited
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
20.06.2025	Quiz Night – PTA
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