



# newsletter

**Week ending**  
7<sup>th</sup> February 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

Congratulations to the Byfleet Players for their fantastic Panto this year. St Mary's children were very lucky to be asked to be part of the Ensemble! Children, you did us proud on the stage! Well done to all involved and thank you to the Byfleet Players for inviting us to be part of it.

### **Parent Voice update**

Thank you to the parent reps who came to meet with me this week. I thought it may be helpful to summarise the points we discussed for all parents.

Ideas: To fundraise for the school and generate extra income to help fund enrichment opportunities and treats for the children

- 1) Freeze Fridays during the summer term - selling ice lollies after school in the warmer months
- 2) Treats Tables - yummy treats to sell after school.
- 3) I will explore the option and costs involved in offering pool parties in the summer months to see if this a possible letting opportunity.

### **Parents Evening**

Thank you to everyone who signed up and attended parent evening meetings this week. If you have not managed to meet with the class teacher yet, please do organise this before half term. If you have not had an appointment, your class teacher will also reach out to you.

### **Baby News!**

There are more St Mary's babies on the way! Congratulations to Mrs White and Miss Roberts who are expecting their first babies this summer and will be starting their maternity leave towards the end of summer term. I will be advertising for two full time maternity cover teachers to join our team until Mrs White and Miss Roberts return.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Chambers



## HSLW

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

- Family Information Service
- Childcare Choices
- Parent support videos
- Free Parent Information Talk: "Children, Smartphones and Apps"
- Occupational Therapy - Children and Family Health Surrey

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

### Young Writers' Competition

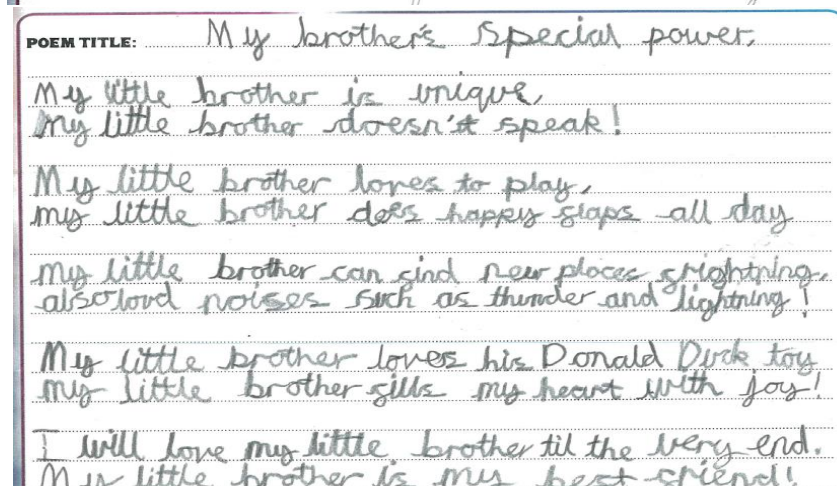
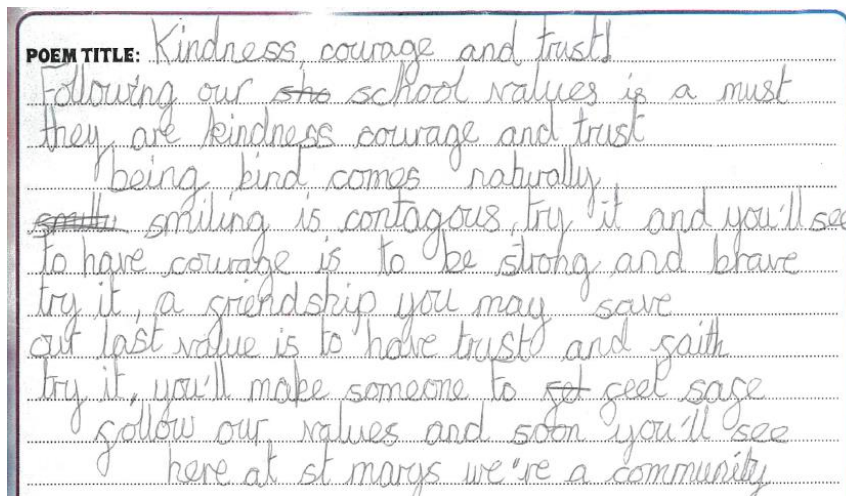
Thank you to all of our budding poets for their entries to the Young Writers' competition. We had a staggering 46 entries from our KS2 children.

Everyone who entered, spent lots of their own time creating some wonderful poems about such a variety of things. We can't wait to see if we have some winners in our midst but want to congratulate everyone who entered. Every entrant will receive a bookmark and sticker for their participation and there are opportunities for school and individual prizes as well.

We have had so many fabulous entries, we have decided to make our own book with all of the poems for our library.

We wanted to share a couple of poems with you all. One by Molly in Year 5, who chose to write about our school values and Amelia in Year 3, who wrote about her brother! Enjoy!

Miss Simmons





## Star of the Week



<b>Moles</b>	Hamza “fantastic mark making during our squiggle while you wiggle.” Freya “for being a kind friend in Moles class.”
<b>Hedgehogs</b>	Alana “for being really kind in class and a caring friend!”
<b>Rabbits</b>	Heath “for sharing your wonderful ideas on the carpet.”
<b>Cheetahs</b>	Josh “having a great attitude towards his learning in all areas of the curriculum.”
<b>Panthers</b>	Frank “for confidently saying your lines in the class assembly.”
<b>Lions</b>	Henry “for working really hard in English, especially when rhyming in poetry!”
<b>Tigers</b>	Alisa “for being kind and considerate and always listening carefully on the carpet!”
<b>Polar Bears</b>	Joseph “for fantastic effort in writing this week by coming up with brilliant ideas for writing, checking his own spellings and making a concerted effort with his joined handwriting.”
<b>Pandas</b>	Kacper “for his enthusiasm towards reading comprehension this week!”
<b>Hippos</b>	Ralph “for demonstrating excellent effort in both Maths and English. Keep up the good work!”
<b>Elephants</b>	Ida “for her thoughtful improvements to her persuasive writing this week.”
<b>Kangaroos</b>	Eddie “for working so hard in his writing this week and coming up with very creative ideas.”
<b>Giraffes</b>	Rufus “for explaining our science exploration task brilliantly!”
<b>Lemurs</b>	Sienna “Being confident when taking responsibility within her leadership role!”
<b>Chimps</b>	Tallulah “for her perseverance in editing and improving her writing!”

### Times Table Rock Stars

Year 3 & 4:	Charlotte W - Hippos Aurora – Hippos Raees - Elephants
Year 5 & 6:	Ayaan - Lemurs Damon - Lemurs Tulisa - Lemurs

## **Dates for your Diary**

(New dates/events shown in bold)

<b>11.02.2025</b>	<b>E Safety Online Parent Workshop 7pm</b>
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
30.04.2025	Pizza Express Trip – Cheetahs
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
07.05.2025	Pizza Express Trip – Panthers
09.05.2025	Full Governing Body Meeting - 5pm
10.05.2025	Circus – PTA Event
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 <sup>th</sup> )
18.07.2025	Year 6 Leavers Service
18.07.2025	End of term – 1.05pm