



# newsletter

**Week ending**  
14<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 Mary's Families

Happy Friday everybody!

It has been a very busy final week of half term, with lots of Art and DT projects coming to an end. The children work really hard to design and make their final pieces across a unit and here are some of the brilliant pieces so far. Year 5's work on Kustav Klimt and Year 4's buzzer games.



On Monday, we had a group of keen singers and performers sing at the G Live Music Festival. They did an incredible job and really impressed their audience with the solo song they performed. They treated the rest of the children to their special song this morning in Collective Worship and we all thoroughly enjoyed it!

We hope you have a fabulous and restful half term next week!

Mrs Chambers

## **HSLW**

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

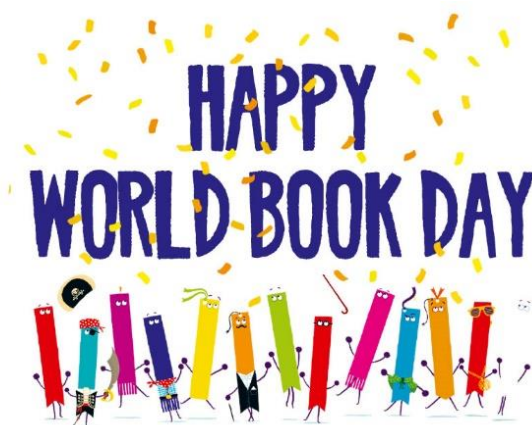
- Learners Single Point of Access (L-SPA) sessions
- Online SEND support group
- Youth services
- Half term fun

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

## **World Book Week**

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March and we hope you'll join us to celebrate.

From week beginning the 3<sup>rd</sup> March, the scholastic book fair will be in the school hall after school. Please remember that this is a **CASH FREE** fair and you will need your card information for the QR codes. Each child at St Mary's will also be given a £1 book token which you can either bring to our Book fair or take to your nearest bookseller and swap it for a World Book Day £1 book.



We will also be holding an exciting dance workshop on Thursday and Friday with West End in Schools for the whole school which the PTA have kindly supported us with funding.

Dressing up or bringing books into school is a big part of World Book Day celebrations, and is something that children particularly enjoy. We are inviting children to dress up this World Book Day (Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March) as it's an exciting way for children to get book recommendations from each other. The book choice is key – even if it's just a prop or a clue, make sure your child is recommending something to read with their costume. We do not expect you to buy a costume and encourage you to use things you already have at home to make a creative costume. Please send in your child's chosen book in with them on the day so we can read it to them and their friends.

This week, your child will also bring home a reading challenge for them to complete over the half term. How many of the activities can you do? Please take pictures of your child completing the challenges and bring them back into school by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. We will share them with our class and prizes will be awarded to the children who complete their challenges in the most adventurous and fun way.

We'd love to include you in our world book day celebrations too so if you are available to come in to school and read your favourite childhood book to a class or group of children during the week, then please let your child's class teacher know.

We're very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day, which could not happen without the support of parents and carers – thank you.

Mrs Mckechnie



## Star of the Week



<b>Moles</b>	Ava “for demonstrating really good listening skills.” Alison “for being brave and always having a go at new tasks.”
<b>Hedgehogs</b>	Joshua “for your increasing confidence in lessons.”
<b>Rabbits</b>	Parker “for always doing his very best.”
<b>Cheetahs</b>	Lola “for writing a fantastic ‘That’s Not My’ story in English this week.”
<b>Panthers</b>	Ava “for writing a fantastic ‘That’s Not My’ story in English this week.”
<b>Lions</b>	Joshie “for confidently sharing your understanding on the carpet - especially in Maths!”
<b>Tigers</b>	Emily “for her positive attitude and enthusiasm towards her learning, in all that we do!”
<b>Polar Bears</b>	Muhammad “for fantastic effort in our persuasive letter writing this week!”
<b>Pandas</b>	Cleo “for continuously challenging her abilities and consistently pushing her learning forward.”
<b>Hippos</b>	Ben “for excellent effort in all lessons! And for always showing such kindness to your friends.”
<b>Elephants</b>	Lexie “for showing kindness to her peers.”
<b>Kangaroos</b>	Lucie “for so much incredible effort at school (and at home) with your Maths.”
<b>Giraffes</b>	Kaitlynn “for persevering in PE AND being a super St Mary’s learner!”
<b>Lemurs</b>	Tulisa “for always being kind and helpful to adults around the school.”
<b>Chimps</b>	Ronnie “for brilliant effort with your Maths – well done for using your prior learning!”

### Times Table Rock Stars

Year 3 & 4	Matilda - Hippos Oscar - Pandas Olena – Hippos
Year 5 & 6	Harry - Lemurs Ayaan - Lemurs Elsie - Lemurs

**Dates for your Diary**  
**(New dates/events shown in bold)**

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
<b>06 &amp; 07.03.2025</b>	<b>West End in School Workshop – Yr R - 6</b>
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