



newsletter

Week ending
 28th March 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,

I hope you have all had a good week.

Progress Reports Next week, we will be sending home progress reports. In response to feedback at the Parent Voice Group, we have included feedback on children's effort in each of the subjects which we hope you find helpful. To thrive in learning, children need to have a can do attitude and a good growth mindset. When children have a great learning attitude and try their best in all they do, the sky is the limit!

Fixed Mindset vs. Growth Mindset

Fixed Mindset	Growth Mindset
I'm not good at this...	I can't do this yet.
I give up...	I will try another way of doing it.
It's good enough...	This was my first try!
I made a mistake...	I'm enjoying my learning challenge.
This is too hard...	I am good because I practice.
I am really good at this...	I can find out how they got so good.
I will never be as good as them...	This will take me some time.
I can't do this...	I can make this even better.
I can't make it any better...	I can always improve on something.
My friend is stuck...	How can I help them?



Values award The children have been fantastic in showing our school Values of Kindness, Courage and Trust. As the children have filled my bowl with yellow stars, they have earned their next values award! The Junior leaders will be helping me to choose what that will be and so the whole school have a surprise to look forward to after the Easter holiday!

Kindness Trust Courage



Hope you all have a sunny, happy weekend!

From Mrs Chambers

HSLW

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

- Bereavement support for children
- 'Our Voice Matters' 2025 survey
- Free online session - 'Responding to angry behaviour'
- Supporting children through changes

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



The Hive bookings for w/c 21st April will start to close on Monday 7th April. 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 2 week cut off period to staff The Hive as required to maintain ratios. If you 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, if possible. Please note we are unable to accept children into The Hive without pre-booking.

If you are a voucher payer, once you have booked your session, please create the voucher as soon as you can and send to The Hive proof of your voucher payment.

Reminders: Breakfast club opens at 7.45am with breakfast running from 7.45am – 8.10am. Afterschool club runs until 5.30pm and snacks served from 3.30pm - 4.15pm.

To ensure our records are kept up to date, registration forms and our terms and conditions booklet are to be read and completed for each academic year and emailed to The Hive, together with a signed copy of the terms and conditions. For new parents to The Hive, this needs to be completed prior to your child attending. Please visit the school website for copies of the forms and further information.

Please can we remind all parents/carers that parking in the school car park is for staff only.

The Hive Team

End of Term

A reminder we break up for the Easter holidays on Friday 4th April at 1.05pm and return for the summer term on Tuesday 22nd April.



Spring is in full sway in the outdoor classroom! The children really enjoy watching our pond evolve, and year 6's flower bed is looking lovelier every day!

Mrs Hurst

Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Leave of Absence

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, **per parent/carer per child**, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.



Star of the Week



Moles	Rose “for showing more independence in nursery.” Jude “for representing numbers.”
Hedgehogs	Arsh “for the improvements to his learning, behaviours and reading.”
Rabbits	Ioan “for enjoying maths and sharing his ideas.”
Cheetahs	Arthur “for being kind and helpful to his classmates.”
Panthers	Saanvi “for a fantastic piece of writing in English.”
Lions	Ava “for working really hard in English this week and listening to feedback given”
Tigers	Rares “for working hard to write a fantastic setting description during English.”
Polar Bears	Esme “for showing great St.Mary's courage by settling really well back into Polar Bears class and taking part in class discussions.”
Pandas	Emilis “for his enthusiasm in Geography while learning about the different counties bordering Surrey.”
Hippos	Macie “for incredible effort with factual writing.”
Elephants	Marcela “for always being positive in lessons.”
Kangaroos	Zac “for thoughtful choice of vocabulary in English.”
Giraffes	Amelie “for being such a positive, helpful and kind member of our class.”
Lemurs	Daisy “for always being an excellent role model to others!”
Chimps	Ethan “for his thoughtful and well-explained answers during our class discussions!”

Times Table Rock Stars

Year 3 & 4:	Genevieve - Elephants Ralph - Hippos Abrish - Hippos
Year 5 & 6:	Elora - Giraffes Leah - Giraffes Abdullah - Giraffes

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events/changes shown in bold)

01.04.2025	Yr 4 Easter Service - St Marys Church - 9.15am Yr 4 Parents Invited
01.04.2025	Easter Trail - PTA
02.04.2025	Class Photographs
03.04.2025	Parent Voice – 8.45am
03.04.2025	Wisley Gardens – Yr 2
04.04.2025	Easter Bonnet Parade
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	Parent Voice – 8.45am
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
21.05.2025	Nursery ONLY Egyptian Day
23.05.2025	Ancient Egyptian Day
w/c 26.05.2025	Half Term
03.06.2025	Parent Voice – 8.45am
04.06.2025	Lemurs Class Assembly – 9am
10.06.2025	Fullbrook Away Day – Yr 5 (changed from 19/5)
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	Parent Voice – 8.45am
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