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newsletter

Week ending
7th November 2025

Dear St Mary's Families,



Welcome back to my most favourite half term (the run up to Christmas!) I hope you all had a great half term.

Fireworks

Huge thanks to the PTA for organising our amazing Fireworks event! It was great to see so many attending. Thank you to all of the volunteers and staff who stayed to make it possible!



This Sunday

A group of our children will be performing at the Remembrance service around the memorial in Byfleet this Sunday. They have been busy learning a selection of songs and we are looking forward to being part of the community event. Maybe see you there!



Hope you have a lovely weekend!

From Mrs Chambers

HSLW

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

- Family Advice Communication Education (FACE) – November timetable
- Families Online Magazine – November/December edition
- Woking Family Centre: Free 'Parenting Workshop'

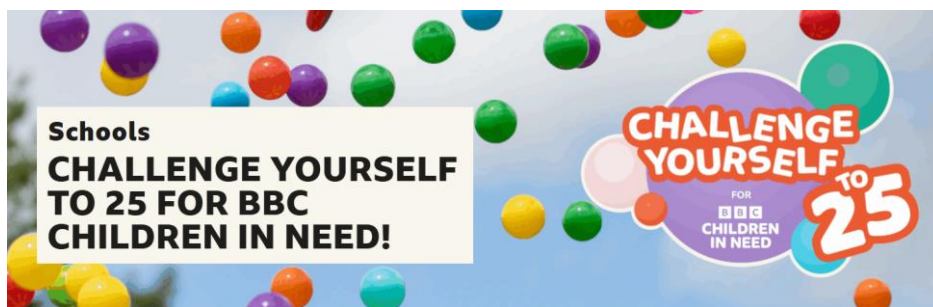
There is also a fun family activity to try at home and a recipe idea.



Anti-Bullying week

Monday 10th November to Friday 14th November 2025 is Anti-Bullying week. This year's theme is Power for Good. The children will take part in various assemblies and activities during the week to raise awareness to help prevent bullying.

Children in Need 2025: Friday 14th November (Moles – Wednesday 12th November)



This year for Children in Need, we have decided to join in with their vision of "Challenge yourself to 25". St Mary's have decided to do 25 laps of the playground. The children will be doing their laps over the course of next week. Nursery will be coming up with their own 25 challenge which suits their children.

The children can also take part in a colouring competition – teachers are handing these out to those who wish to take part. Competition entries need to be handed in by **Wednesday 12th November** as we will be giving out prizes in assembly on Friday 14th November. This is a competition to be done at home. Please name all entries.

Scopay will be open for you to donate to Children in Need over next week to encourage your children to support this great charity. Please donate £1 or whatever you can.

It is **not** a mufti day this year as we already have a couple this half term, but children are able to wear the fundraising headgear or special T-shirts if they have them and wish to.



Thank you, EYFS team





Just like last year we will be supporting the Samaritan's Purse with their Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to show God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. For more information, please follow the links below.

Operation Christmas Child: <https://video.samaritanaspurse.org/operation-christmas-child-2025-overview/>

How to pack a shoe box and more information: <https://www.samaritanaspurse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child>

If you would like to take part, we would love for your shoe boxes to be brought in to your child's classroom on the **week beginning 10th November 2025**. The school will be taking these to the local drop off point on the **14th November 2025**.

Thank you for your generosity,

Year 4 team

What to include...

Toys



A football and pump, cuddly toys, dolls, toy cars, small musical instruments, yo-yos, skipping ropes, balls, small puzzles etc.

School Supplies

Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.



Hygiene Items

Toothbrush, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.

Due to more stringent import regulations, toothpaste can no longer be included in shoeboxes.

Other Items

Hat, gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, socks, T-shirt, flip-flops, hair accessories, jewellery set, watch, wind-up torch etc.



DO NOT INCLUDE

Toothpaste, sweets, lotions and liquids; used or damaged items; war-related items; seeds, gum, chocolate or food items; religious or political literature; medicines, aerosol cans, sharp or fragile items.

Items packed from this list will be removed from shoeboxes.

Christmas Craft fun at the Library



**Come and make a funny
elf and a lovely lamp!**

Where -
Byfleet Community Library



When -

Saturday, 29th November
10.30am-12pm or 2pm-3.30pm

Who - Children 4-10 years
£1 per child

**Spaces are limited so
please reserve a place
at the library desk.**





Star of the Week



- Moles:** Hux “for working so hard on your mark making and writing this week!”
Lacey “for being really responsible and asking a grown up when she needs
- Rabbits:** Elijah “for trying very hard with all his learning this week. Well done Elijah!
- Hedgehogs:** Hux “for working so hard on your mark making and writing this week!”
- Cheetahs:** Parker “for working hard in your learning all week!”
- Panthers:** Tilda “for her amazing efforts in English this week when working on the conjunction ‘and’!”
- Lions:** Josie “for being a fantastic talk partner and always supporting others.”
- Tigers:** Hope “for beautiful role-modelling how to be ‘ready’ for learning in whole class sessions.”
- Polar Bears:** Noah H “for working hard in lessons and showing great resilience especially in maths.”
- Pandas:** Dhruv “for contributing to class discussions and helping to tidy up.”
- Elephants:** Isabelle “for always caring about her work, putting in her best effort and focusing
- Hippos:** Esme “for challenging herself in Maths!”
- Kangaroos:** Ida “always trying her best and being incredibly kind.”
- Giraffes:** Macie “for working incredibly hard with her times tables.”
- Chimps:** Finley “For being a fantastic role model and always going above and beyond to show our school values!”
- Lemurs:** Ben “for a great piece of instructional writing.”

Times Table Rock Stars

- Year 3 & 4: Royalty - Polar Bears
Koa - Elephants
Daniel - Elephants
- Year 5 & 6: Ololade - Lemurs
Arabella - Kangaroos

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events/changes shown in bold)

10.11.2025	Freshwater Theatre – Yr R
w/c 10.11.2025	Anti-Bullying Week
11.11.2025	Remembrance Service – Yr 6 Parents Invited
12.11.2025	MOLES ONLY Children in Need
13.11.2025	Watts Gallery Trip – Yr 4
14.11.2025	Children in Need
17.11.2025	Flu Immunisations Yr R - 6
19.11.2.25	Full Governing Body – 5pm
20.11.2025	Polar Bears Class Assembly
w/c 24.11.2025	Life Bus Visit
26.11.2025	Maths Workshop 9am - Yr R
26.11.2025	Open Classroom 3.10pm
27.11.2025	Wreath Making 7pm - PTA
03.12.2025	MOLES ONLY Tombola Donations Mufti Day – PTA
03.12.2025	Parent Voice – 8.45am
03.12.2025	Nursery Nativity am & pm
05.12.2025	Tombola Donations Mufti Day – PTA
06.12.2025	Christmas Fair 11am-1pm - PTA
08.12.2025	Choir to Barnes Wallis
09.12.2025	Carol Service – St Marys Church 6.30pm (TBC)
10.12.2025	Reception Nativity 9.30am
11.12.2025	Christmas Jumper & Christmas Lunch Day
11.12.2025	KS1 Nativity – 2pm
12.12.2025	KS1 Nativity – 9.30am
18.12.2025	Christmas Service – Yr 5 parents Invited
19.12.2025	End of term 1.05pm
05.01.2026	Start of Summer Term
06.01.2026	Parent Voice – 8.45am
13.01.2026	Great Fire of London Workshop – Yr 2
15.01.2026	Lemurs Class Assembly
20.01.2026	Little City – Yr R & Yr N
22.01.2026	Little City – Yr R & Yr N
22.01.2026	Choir Young Voices trip to O2
26.01.2026	Open Classroom 3.10pm
28.01.2026	Full Governing Body – 5pm
28.01.2026	Pizza Express Trip – Cheetahs (Date changed from 26.01.26)
29.01.2026	Hippos Class Assembly
29.01.2026	Friendship Disco - PTA
30.01.2026	Romans Workshop – Yr 3
03.02.2026	Parent Voice – 8.45am
04.02.2026	Pizza Express Trip – Panthers
05.02.2026	Kangaroos Class Assembly
06.02.2026	Our World Day

06.02.2026	Quiz Night - PTA
10.02.2026	Safer Internet Day
10.02.2026	Parents Evening ONLINE
11.02.2026	Buddhist Temple Trip – Yr 6
12.02.2026	Parents Evening FACE TO FACE
12.02.2026	Uniform Sale – PTA at Parents Evening
16.02.2026	Half Term
26.02.2026	Painshill Trip – Yr 4
26.02.2026	Open Classroom 3.10pm
w/c 02.03.2026	Book Fair
03.03.2026	Parent Voice – 8.45am
05.03.2026	World Book Day
05 & 06.03.2026	Dance Workshop – Yr R – 6
w/c 09.03.2026	Science Week
09.03.2026	Hindu Temple Trip - Yr 5
10.03.2026	Litter Picking – Yr 3
11.03.2026	Full Governing Body – 5pm
11 – 13.03.2026	Wonderful Women Crafternoon - PTA
12.03.2026	Cheetahs Class Assembly
16.03.2026	Legoland Trip – Yr 1
19.03.2026	Lions Class Assembly
20.03.2026	Red Nose Day
23 & 24.03.2026	Feet First Training – Yr 3
26.03.2026	Easter Egg Trail – PTA
26.03.2026	Open Classroom 3.10pm
27.03.2026	Easter Service – Yr 4 Parents Invited
27.03.2026	End of term 1.05pm
13.04.2026	Start of Summer Term
14.04.2026	Wisley Trip – Yr 2
15.04.2026	Class Photographs
22.04.2026	Earth Day
23.04.2026	Pandas Class Assembly
24.04.2026	Brooklands Museum Trip- Yr 3
27-29.04.2026	Yr 4 Residential
30.04.2026	Tigers Class Assembly
01.05.2026	Bocketts Farm Trip – Yr R
06.05.2026	Parent Voice – 8.45am
06.05.2026	Full Governing Body – 5pm
07.05.2026	Rabbits Class Assembly
w/c 11.05.2026	SATS Week
15.05.2026	Park Trip – Yr 6
19.05.2026	Mosque Trip - Yr 1
20.05.2026	Ancient Egyptian Day (MOLES ONLY)
20.05.2026	Portals to the Past – Yr 5
21.05.2026	Disco - PTA
22.05.2026	Ancient Egyptian Day
w/c 25.05.2026	Half Term
02.06.2026	Open Classrooms 3.10pm
03.06.2026	Parent Voice – 8.45am

11.06.2026	Panthers Class Assembly
17-19.06.2026	Marvellous Men Crafternoon - PTA
18.06.2026	Hedgehogs Class Assembly
24.06.2026	Nursery Sports Day
26.06.2026	Sports Day
01.07.2026	Nursery Sports Day (reserve)
01.07.2026	Full Governing Body – 5pm
03.07.2026	Parent Voice – 8.45am
03.07.2026	Sports Day (reserve)
08 & 09.07.2026	Yr 6 Productions
15.07.2026	Yr 6 Leavers Day & BBQ
17.07.2026	Yr 6 Leavers Service to Parents
20.07.2026	End of term 1.05pm