



St. Mary's CofE Primary
'Learning for Life'

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newsletter

Week ending
21th November 2025

Dear St Mary's families,

The Christmas festivities began this week with our choir singing at the turning on of the Christmas lights in Byfleet yesterday. Thank you to all of the children, staff and parents who came to support the event.

Next week our, hopefully very large 12/13ft, Christmas tree will be arriving funded by the PTA. Each child will be creating their own tree decoration to hang on the tree over the course of the week.



Exciting dates and plans:

Friday 28th November – after school we transform the school for the children by decorating the classroom doors and other areas of the school. I am really looking forward to seeing the children's reactions on Monday morning!

Monday 1st December - My favourite assembly of the year - our Christmas Tree assembly! After school please do pop into school to see it.

Monday 8th December- Our Christmas post office opens! Class bags will be in the gazebo where you can post your cards. Our super postal elves, from Year 2 will deliver them during the week whilst wearing their special postal headwear!



Reminder: Next Parent Voice will be 3rd December 8.45am.

Hope you have a lovely weekend!

From Mrs Chambers

HSLW

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

- Neurodiversity advice for Parents/Carers
- Mind Matters free NHS talking therapies
- Managing change and transition for neurodivergent children
- Surrey's Family Information Service

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



Children having factual fluency of both their number bonds and multiplication tables is vital to their success in Maths. It provides the foundations for so much maths as they move through school.

All children at St. Mary's (Reception and above) are given a login to both Numbots and Times Table Rock Stars to aid this fluency. We would recommend children becoming fluent with their number bonds before moving on to multiplication.

I have attached a parent and carer guide about both these apps to help you support your child at home.

We would recommend a little and often approach. Doing five minutes a day practice at home, would have a huge benefit to your child's confidence in Maths.

[Numbots video guide](#)

[TTRS video guide](#)

Any questions about these apps please speak to your class teacher.

Mr Baddock - Maths Lead

Young Writers Competition

At St Mary's we love to participate in the Young Writers Competition. It creates a real buzz for writing across the school and we have such great success with the number of children that get published each time.

This half term there are two more competitions for children to participate in.

The first is for 4-7 year olds called 'Monster Mayhem'.

The second is for 7 - 12 year olds called 'The Adventure of...'.

Children had some time exploring these competitions this morning in their classrooms and some are very keen to take part.

More information can be found in the links below:

<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/primary-4-7/mm?view=ind>

<https://www.youngwriters.co.uk/competitions/primary-7-12/adventure?view=ind>

Entries will need to be with Mrs Doyle by the 17th December on the pre-printed competition sheets, which children can pick up from school.

Happy writing!

Church Visit

Reception had a wonderful time visiting St Mary's Church on Wednesday. Reverend Chris showed us around and talked to us about the special celebrations the church has, like Baptisms, Easter and Christmas.



We looked at the kneeling cushions, talked about the special food the church has. We looked at the font and the stained-glass windows. We then got to ask Reverend Chris any questions we might have. We had a great time.

Reception Team

Woking FC Visit

We had a visit from Woking FC last week, including 2 players from the club. It was great to hear about the challenges they had overcome and opportunities they have taken to become professional footballers.



An email was sent out to all parents regarding complimentary tickets for an upcoming Woking FC match - we hope you take advantage of this great opportunity!

Miss Sher and Mrs Corbett

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.



Help Our School Earn Books by Recycling Broken Plastic Toys

We're delighted to let you know that our school is taking part in the [Recycle to Read Toys](#) campaign which helps families recycle broken plastic toys at participating Tesco stores — **while earning free books for both schools and families.**

How it works:

You can now drop off broken hard plastic toys at over 167 [participating large Tesco stores](#) - **Addlestone Extra** Tesco Extra 117 Station Road Addlestone KT15 2AS is our closest location.

Each drop-off you register online earns our school points in the [School Leaderboard](#) and a chance to win up to £500 in book vouchers.

School Leaderboard!



RANK	SCHOOL NAME	TOWN	POSTCODE	POINTS
1	Southway Primary School	BOGNOR	PO21 5EZ	856
2	Downview Primary School	BOGNOR	PO22 8ER	604
3	Warden Park Primary Academy	HAYWARDS	RH16 3JR	346

Make sure you scan the QR code on the front of the box and put in our school using our postcode **KT14 7NJ**.



There is also a monthly book prize draw for families earning points for our school.

What toys can be recycled:

What type of toys can be recycled?

The infographic is set against a green background. On the left, a blue monkey character with a white chest patch and a blue tail is pointing towards the 'We CAN accept' section. The 'We CAN accept' section is enclosed in a white rounded rectangle and lists 'All small hard plastic toys like these...' with images of a trumpet, stacking rings, a bucket, blocks, and a rocket. The central 'RECYCLE TO READ' bin is blue and green, featuring a QR code and text: 'RECYCLE HARD PLASTIC TOYS HERE', 'Play Back', 'RECYCLE TO READ', 'GET BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL & A CHANCE TO WIN PRIZES!', 'EARN PLANET CARE POINTS', and 'Play Back'. The 'We CAN'T accept...' section is enclosed in a red rounded rectangle and lists items with red 'X' marks: 'BATTERY POWERED OR OTHER ELECTRONIC TOYS', 'RUBBER, METAL OR SLIME TOYS', 'SOFT TOYS', 'INFLATABLES', 'PACKAGING', 'WOODEN TOYS', and 'TOYS WITH ANY FABRIC PARTS'. A colorful caterpillar character is also present in this section.

How you can take part:

1. **Check the map** to find your nearest participating Tesco store (167 larger stores):
<https://recycleto.read.org/#stores>
2. **Recycle your broken hard plastic toys** by bringing them in-store and putting them in a Recycle to Read collection unit.
3. **Get a Planet Care Point** by scanning the QR code on the front of the bin to complete the simple form and select our school to get your point!

Please note! Every recycling registration earns us one Planet Care Point. (One point per drop off per day – regardless of the number of toys dropped off)



Mrs Robinson



Star of the Week



- Moles:** Enya “for fantastic singing while learning the Christmas songs!”
Freddie “for retelling all of our focus stories with such enthusiasm!”
- Rabbits:** Ada “for creating a wonderful thank you card after our visit to the church.”
- Hedgehogs:** Lola “for behaving so beautifully on our trip to the church and showing our school values every day.”
- Cheetahs:** Tommy “for always trying hard in his learning.”
- Panthers:** Joshua W “for working har to improve his handwriting.”
- Lions:** Cobi “for working incredibly hard in English this week, especially when applying phonics!”
- Tigers:** Roman “for confidently explaining his ideas during whole class learning!”
- Polar Bears:** Max “for taking part in our class assembly with confidence and courage!”
- Pandas:** Rares “for focusing well in lessons and helping other children.”
- Elephants:** Cleo “for writing a brilliant character description in her hot task.”
- Hippos:** Tahaa “for always being ready to learn and demonstrating the school values.”
- Kangaroos:** Betty “for enthusiasm for learning and a positive attitude, especially in maths this week.”
- Giraffes:** Charlotte W “for being such a kind, caring and understanding member of our class.”
- Chimps:** Mimi “for fantastic enthusiasm in Maths!”
- Lemurs:** Theo “for wonderful effort in all lessons – including disco dancing!”

Times Table Rock Stars

Year 3 and 4

Max - Polar Bears
Noah - Polar Bears
Daniel - Elephants

Year 5 and 6

Leona - Lemurs
Mason – Lemurs
Lyra – Chimps

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events/changes shown in bold)

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 9.30am
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
17.04.2026	Library Visit – Pandas am
17.04.2026	Library Visit - Polar Bears pm
22.04.2026	Earth Day
23.04.2026	Pandas Class Assembly
24.04.2026	Brooklands Museum Trip- Yr 3
24.04.2026	Library Visit – Giraffes am
24.04.2026	Library Visit – Rabbits - pm
27-29.04.2026	Yr 4 Residential
30.04.2026	Tigers Class Assembly
01.05.2026	Bocketts Farm Trip – Yr R
01.05.2026	Library Visit – Tigers am
01.05.2026	Library Visit – Hedgehogs pm
06.05.2026	Parent Voice – 8.45am
06.05.2026	Full Governing Body – 5pm
07.05.2026	Rabbits Class Assembly
08.05.2026	Library Visit – Lions am
08.05.2026	Library Visit – Hippos pm
w/c 11.05.2026	SATS Week
12.06.2026	Library Visit – Kangaroos am
12.06.2026	Library Visit – Cheetahs pm
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
05.06.2026	Library Visit – Lemurs am
05.06.2026	Library Visit – Panthers pm

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