



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

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# newsletter

**Week ending**  
19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear St Mary's Families,

It has been a busy festive month that ended this week with our values award of a silent disco, stunning singing from our Year 5 children at the church and the staff singing and performing 'The 12 Twelve Days of Christmas' to the whole school which was very funny!

On behalf of us all, thank you so much for the very kind gifts, kind words and cards. We all wish you a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy 2026!

Look forward to seeing you all on the 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Festive wishes from Mrs Chambers and all at St Mary's



## **HSLW**

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

- Family Advice Communication Education (FACE) – January timetable
- BBC Bitesize article; 'How to navigate challenges at Christmas time.'
- Young Carers

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

## **Starting Reception in September 2026**

If your child is due to start in Reception in September 2026, we would remind you that the closing date for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

Surrey Admissions recommend online applications via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>. If there is a valid reason why you cannot apply online, you can obtain a paper application by calling 0300 200 1004. Completed paper application forms must be emailed to [schooladmissions@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@surreycc.gov.uk) or posted to the team with a postmark no later than 14 January 2026. Surrey Admissions strongly recommend parents send postal applications by recorded delivery as we are unable to confirm receipt.



We have an advert on Eteach for a playworker at The Hive, our before and after school provision. The closing date is 5<sup>th</sup> January.

<https://www.eteach.com/>

Please can we also remind parents that bookings for The Hive have a 2-week cut off period therefore Spring term bookings will start to close midnight on Monday 22nd December.

Please note there is a new number for The Hive: 01932 544303. If you call out of The Hive hours, please leave a message. The Hive mobile number will no longer be in use.



Every year, St Mary's joins in with Guildford Cathedral's Christmas Art Project. This year, schools explored the theme 'Joy to the World' inspired by Luke 2:10: '*Don't be afraid, because I am bringing you some good news. It will be a joy to all the people.*' This year Reception took part and made an angel flying down to Earth in a bright glow of light. All of the children had the opportunity to stick tissue paper on to create the angel and were very proud of themselves.

This artwork will be available to see throughout the Christmas Period and January at Guildford Cathedral.

There is also a video on YouTube which shows the school's artwork alongside all other entries.

<https://youtu.be/TfDmrvGQa1o?si=7QSw3YRiLH5WgTv>

Merry Christmas to all our St Mary's families.

Mrs McGowan



## Star of the Week



- Moles:** Cece “for always showing the values of a St Marys Learner.”  
Rosie “for being a kind friend and making good choices.”
- Rabbits:** Oscar “for developing his confidence this term and being a great St Mary’s learner.”
- Hedgehogs:** Tate “for a great first term and always working hard!”
- Cheetahs:** Dylan “for your fantastic learning during our DT lessons this week!”
- Panthers:** Freya “for having a fantastic attitude to learning and always trying her best!”
- Lions:** Ryan “for always being an enthusiastic and hardworking member of the class!”
- Tigers:** Annabelle “for working really hard on her phonics and maths this week.”
- Polar Bears:** Annabelle “for having a fantastic week at school and working really hard to organise our classroom!”
- Pandas:** Rachel “for always working extremely hard in her learning and being a very helpful member of the class.”
- Elephants:** Zeno “for always trying hard in lessons and putting his best effort into his English Hot Task.”
- Hippos:** Olivia “for great instructional writing – Well done!”
- Kangaroos:** Lucy “for lovely persuasive writing and being a great role model.”
- Giraffes:** Aston “for amazing persuasive writing – super job!”
- Chimps:** Lyra “for excellent effort in Maths!”
- Lemurs:** Ivy “for always putting in 100% effort...and so polite too!”

### Times Table Rock Stars

Year 3 and 4:

Daniel - Elephants  
Zeno - Elephants  
Lavinia - Hippos

Year 5 and 6:

Nate - Lemurs  
Kialon - Chimps  
Nancy - Kangaroos

## Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events/changes shown in bold)

05.01.2026	Start of Summer Term
06.01.2026	Parent Voice – 8.45am
13.01.2026	Great Fire of London Workshop – Yr 2
<b>13.01.2026</b>	<b>PTA Meeting 6pm Surestart Centre – All Welcome</b>
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
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
12.06.2026	Library Visit – Kangaroos am
12.06.2026	Library Visit – Cheetahs am
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