



newsletter

Week ending
13th February 2026

Dear St Mary's families,

Safer Internet Day

On Monday, we focussed on Safer Internet Day with all of the children. This year's theme is **'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'**.

There are some great resources on the website not only for schools but for parents and carers too. Please do have a look at the top tips on how to keep your children safe on technology!

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Anti-bullying

We celebrated Anti-bullying week back in November however class assembly this week was also focussed on Antibullying. We reminded children of what bullying is and what it can look like. In classes, children then looked at some scenarios and discussed the best course of action for the children involved in them.

The Antibullying Alliance has some great definitions and resources!

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/what-bullying>.

I hope you all have a Happy Half Term and manage to relax and reset before Spring 2 begins. Hopefully, the weather will be on our side and everyone will be able to spend sometime in the great outdoors which is great for wellbeing.

See you all on the 23rd February!

From Mrs Chambers



Home School Link Worker

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

- Barnardo's 'Stay and play afternoon'
- Parenting support in Surrey
- Kids eat for free (or for £1)
- Woking Family Centre – 'Messy play' session

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

Hair/Hair Accessories

Please can we remind parents/carers of the school rules on hair styles and accessories and ask that these are adhered to.

Thank you

Hair Styles

These should be natural in colour and discreet. Extreme hair styles are not acceptable. Inappropriate styles might include: shaved designs in hair, hair shorter than a Grade 3, hair dyed in unnatural colours. Long hair (shoulder-length or beyond) should be tied back.

Hair Accessories

These must be simple and either plain royal blue, black or white. Hair bows must be small (around 6cm maximum), Alice bands must be plain and Hijabs must again be plain royal blue, black or white. For health and safety reasons, beaded / braided hair must be tied back and beads must be plain navy blue, royal blue, black or white.

Emailing the School Office

When emailing the school with absences, appointments, messages for teachers etc, please use the main school email:

info@stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk

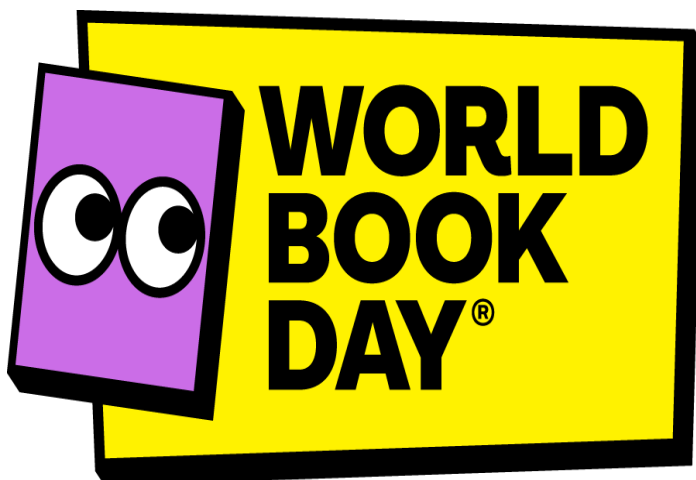
as this is the only office email that is monitored daily.

Thank you

World Book Week

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 5th March and we are looking forward to celebrating at St Mary's.

From week beginning the 2nd March, the scholastic book fair will be in the school hall after school. Please remember that this is a **CASH FREE** fair. We will be able to take payment via the "tap" function on your cards/phones. We will also have QR codes available for you to scan to pay. Each child at St Mary's will 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. Please do come along and support the fair – every book purchased can help to get free books for our school library.



All children will get to take part in an exciting "Show in a Day" storytelling workshop on Thursday or Friday with West End in Schools, which the PTA have kindly supported us with funding.

Staff will also be taking part in the "Masked Reader" and the children will have a daily video to watch, where they will guess which masked member of staff is reading to them.

Dressing up or bringing books into school is a big part of World Book Day celebrations, and is something that St Mary's children particularly enjoy. We are inviting children to dress up this World Book Day **Thursday 5th March (Wednesday 4th March for Nursery)** as their favourite book character. 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. The children are welcome to bring in their chosen book in with them on the day so they can share it with their class.

We will also be asking the children to create their own "River of Reading." We will talk to the children about this in an assembly after half term. Keep your eyes peeled for more information.

We look forward to having a fun week where we can celebrate the love of reading at St Mary's.

Mrs Mckechnie



Star of the Week



- Moles:** Oscar “being kind to others and helping them when they are upset.”
Ryan “for his confidence with his speech and his improved listening skills.”
- Rabbits:** Ivy “for fantastic progress in reading.”
- Hedgehogs:** Scarlett “for working so hard!”
- Cheetahs:** Melani “for working so hard in your reading this week!”
- Panthers:** Leo “for being resilient and kind this week.”
- Lions:** Dani “for sharing your understanding so confidently in Science to support others.”
- Tigers:** Saanvi “for making a really great effort to improve her handwriting this week.”
- Polar Bears:** Zara “for working really hard on her persuasive letter writing as the Big Bad Wolf!”
- Pandas:** Louisa “for showing a growth mindset when learning becomes tricky! Also, putting in fantastic effort to improve and reflect on her learning.”
- Elephants:** Isabelle “for always being on task and being a great role model to others.”
- Hippos:** Ivy “for writing a fantastic explanation text in English.”
- Kangaroos:** Genny “for her lovely potion in English and her stunning stained glass window.”
- Giraffes:** Bella “for excellent improvement with her handwriting.”
- Chimps:** Elora “for her incredible effort in all subjects – especially Maths.”
- Lemurs:** Xavier “for his constant focus and determination to do as well as he can.”

Times Table Rock Stars

- Year 3 and 4: Danie I- Elephants
George - Elephants
Gayle – Hippos
- Year 5 and 6: Finley - Chimps
Tommy - Lemurs
Eliza - Giraffes

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events/changes shown in bold)

w/c 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
04.03.2026	World Book Day (MOLES ONLY)
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	Author Workshop: Emma Swan – Yrs 2, 3, 4 & 6
10.03.2026	Oliver Performance @ Fullbrook School – 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
16 – 25.03.2026	The Great Easter Bunny Coin Collection - PTA
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 Fun and Break the Rules Day – 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
27.06.2026	Colour Run - PTA
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