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'Learning for Life'

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newsletter

Week ending
13th March 2026

Dear St Mary's families,

St Mary's is part of the wider family of Guildford Diocese Schools and as a group of schools we were very sad to hear about the death of Bishop Andrew.

I had met him personally on many occasions at various meetings and events and he really was such a lovely man who cared deeply for the families, children and staff in schools.



The Diocese has shared this message with schools for those who may be interested: *'It has been announced this week that Bishop Andrew's funeral will be held on Monday 23rd March at 12 noon in Guildford Cathedral. The service will be live-streamed on the Cathedral's You Tube channel. We will not be watching this in school with the children.'*

Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

PTA

Huge thanks to the PTA and volunteers who have made the craft afternoons possible this week! The children have really enjoyed it.

On behalf of us all, we wish you a wonderful day on Sunday, celebrating the important women in your lives.

Happy Friday! From Mrs Chambers



Home School Link Worker

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

- Child health drop-in clinic
- APPEER
- Family Advice Communication Education (FACE)

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

Red Nose Day – Friday 20th March

St Mary's will be working to raise money for Comic Relief by participating in Red Nose Day. Year 5 pupils have been busy planning a collective worship to share information about the charity event and would like everyone to come in on the 20th dressed in something red – even if it is just a nose! We have opened up a donation on Scopay, where we recommend a donation of £1, but any donations are welcomed. We look forward to seeing you wearing lots of red!

Author Visit – Emma Swan

Years 2, 3, 4 and 6 recently enjoyed an exciting and inspiring assembly with visiting author Emma Swan. During the session, Emma introduced the children to her brand-new book, *Cruise Ship Kid – Kidnap at Sea*, and spoke about her journey as a writer, including where she finds inspiration for her stories.

The pupils listened enthusiastically and asked some thoughtful questions, showing great interest in both the book and the world of storytelling. It was a fantastic opportunity to encourage a love of reading and writing across the year groups. They also loved hearing about how she is a West End Horrible Histories star.

We would like to say a big thank you to Emma Swan for taking the time to visit us and share her experiences. Thanks also to Regency Bookshop in Surbiton for their help in organising the event. The children left feeling inspired and excited to explore new books and stories.

Mrs Mckechnie



Yr 5 - Community Centre Visit

Ten of our Year 5 children visited St Mary's Community Centre this week. We are working with the Community Centre to create an inter-generational, collaborative art piece. The children were **incredible!** They worked with the older patrons to create some beautiful artwork and had such a wonderful time chatting away. The benefit for both the children and the patrons was so clear to see. The whole morning was topped off beautifully when the children, off their own backs, decided to perform our St Mary's song. There wasn't a dry eye in the house!

We are so excited about this partnership with the Community Centre, and look forward to more of our Year 5s visiting next week!

Mrs Harding



St Mary's PTA



THE GREAT EASTER BUNNY COIN COLLECTION

BRING IN YOUR LOOSE CHANGE
TO FUNDRAISE FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

MONEY BOXES WILL BE IN CLASS FROM
MON 16TH MARCH - WED 25TH MARCH AND
WE NEED YOU TO HELP US FILL THEM!

PRIZES FOR THE CLASS THAT
COLLECTS THE HIGHEST AMOUNT!



SUGGESTED MINIMUM DONATION £1 PER CHILD!



Star of the Week



- Moles:** Rose “for showing lots of kindness towards others.”
Ashley “ for a fantastic drawing of an aeroplane.”
- Rabbits:** Charlotte “for great progress in reading – Keep it up!”
- Hedgehogs:** Rayah “for your wonderful independent writing this week!”
- Cheetahs:** Noah “for your amazing confidence in our Class Assembly!”
- Panthers:** Benjamin “for concentrating hard on all of his tasks this week.”
- Lions:** Raavan “for confidently using his understanding to support others during partner work”
- Tigers:** George “For writing detailed sentences with conjunctions in his Penguin fact file!”
- Polar Bears:** Ava “For improved focus in lessons, contributing well to discussions- especially in maths.”
- Pandas:** Lottie “for showing an improvement in building her resilience and trying her best when learning becomes tricky”
- Elephants:** Cai “for putting his hand up and contributing lots in lessons.”
- Hippos:** Elmas “for making great progress in reading. Well done Elmas!”
- Kangaroos:** Jacob “for working hard to improve his writing”
- Giraffes:** Matilda “kind, hardworking and thoughtful.”
- Chimps:** Nathan “for great effort with his English this week!”
- Lemurs:** Mason “for so much incredible progress in every aspect of school life.”

Times Table Rock Stars

- Year 3 and 4 Mimi - Polar Bears
 Madison - Polar Bears
 Joshua - Polar Bears
- Year 5 and 6 Lexi - Kangaroos
 Simba - Kangaroos
 Ella-Rose - Kangaroos

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events/changes shown in bold)

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
01.09.2026	INSET Day
02.09.2026	INSET Day
03.09.2026	Start of Autumn Term