



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

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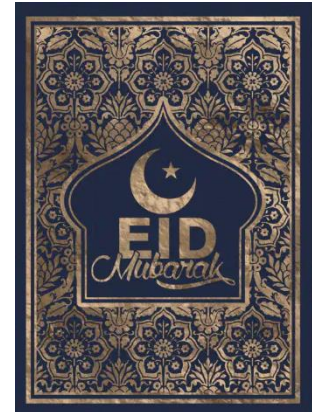
# newsletter

**Week ending**  
20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear St Mary's families,

I would like to start this week's newsletter by wishing our families a joyful, happy Eid!

**Today is Comic Relief Red Nose Day!** Thank you to everyone who supported this very important cause! [Get Involved](#) | [Comic Relief](#)



**Today was also our Wellbeing Life Skills morning.** Each member of staff offered a different wellbeing activity that children from YR to Y6 could choose to do for the 45 minutes. My group were creating paintings about the things that make them smile and feel happy. 😊 I hope the children all enjoyed their activity and come home able to tell you about what they did in their session.

**Our St Mary's pond tadpoles are around 4 weeks old now!**



Happy Friday! Hope you all have a great weekend!

From Mrs Chambers

## Home School Link Worker

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

- Family Advice Communication Education (FACE) – April timetable
- Free online SEND support group
- Family Lives: Parenting neurodivergent children - New FREE online course

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



### **SERVICES @ ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BYFLEET**

#### **GOOD FRIDAY – 3rd APRIL**

10 am – Worship for All, followed by Easter activities & refreshments in the hall

#### **EASTER SUNDAY – 5th APRIL**

10 am – Easter Celebration + Communion



**BREAK THE RULES DAY**

**THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

NURSERY WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> March

**BREAK AS MANY RULES FROM THE LIST AS YOU LIKE!**

- WEAR TRAINERS
- BRING IN A CUDDLY TOY
- HAVE A TEMPORARY TATTOO
- CRAZY HAIR OR HAIR ACCESSORY
- WEAR A HOODIE INSTEAD OF A SCHOOL JUMPER
- WEAR A HAT
- WEAR NAIL VARNISH
- WEAR ODD SOCKS OR CRAZY TIGHTS
- CHANGE YOUR NAME FOR THE DAY
- SQUASH IN WATER BOTTLE (NO FIZZY!)

**50P A RULE BREAK**

SELECT THE RULES YOU WOULD LIKE TO BREAK AND PAY THE AMOUNT OWED TO YOUR SCHOOL TEACHER ON THE DAY. WE AIM TO MAKE THIS A FUN DAY FOR EVERYONE SO REMIND YOU ALL OTHER SCHOOL RULES APPLY. THIS IS NOT A FULL MUFTI DAY - THIS IS A CHANCE TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT AND HAVE SOME FUN!



Today children at St Mary's participated in a wellbeing themed life skills session! Our 'Wellbeing Champions' from Years 4 and 5 helped the adults to lead different sessions around the school from "Mindful listening" to "Yoga". The atmosphere across the whole school was fabulous with children learning and practising a range of different ways that they can be mindful and have tools to use when they are feeling unsettled.



## 10 Simple Mindfulness Activities for Kids



**1 Finger Tracing** With your finger, trace the fingers on your other hand one by one.

**6 Mindful Listening** Sit quietly and focus on the sounds around you.

**2 Mindful Snack** Eat slowly and notice the taste, texture, and smell of each bite.

**7 Five Senses Exercise** Notice something you can see, hear, smell, taste, and touch.

**3 Affirmations** Say kind and encouraging words to yourself.

**8 Teddy Breathing** Watch a stuffed animal rise and fall on your belly as you breathe.

**4 Guided Meditation** Listen quietly to a calming story or visualization.

**9 Bubble Blowing** Blow bubbles slowly and watch them float and pop.

**5 Animal Breathing** Breathe like different animals (e.g. snake, bunny, lion).

**10 Draw Your Breath** Use lines or shapes to show how your breath feels.

@weareteachers

Here are some of the websites used today...why don't you give them a try!

Tai Chi - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YMVg5diOiMs>

Zen Tangles - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6DuwusxV3y8>

Minecraft Cosmic yoga - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=02E1468SdHg>

Peace Out – Guided Meditation - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9\\_vEZTrmtyA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9_vEZTrmtyA)

## The Great Easter Bunny Coin Collection Update

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed so far to The Great Easter Bunny Coin Collection—your support is greatly appreciated!

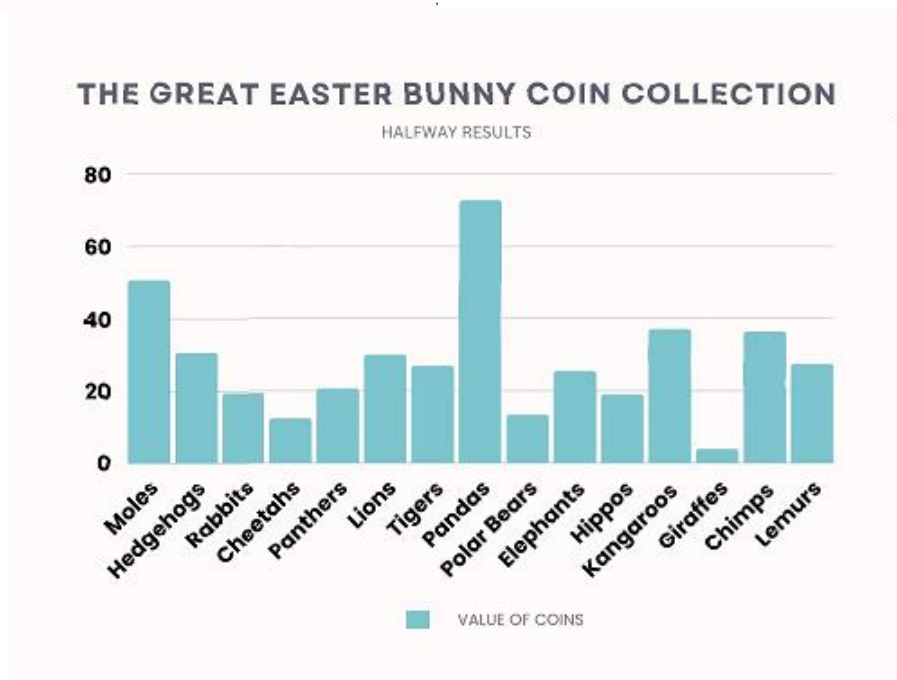
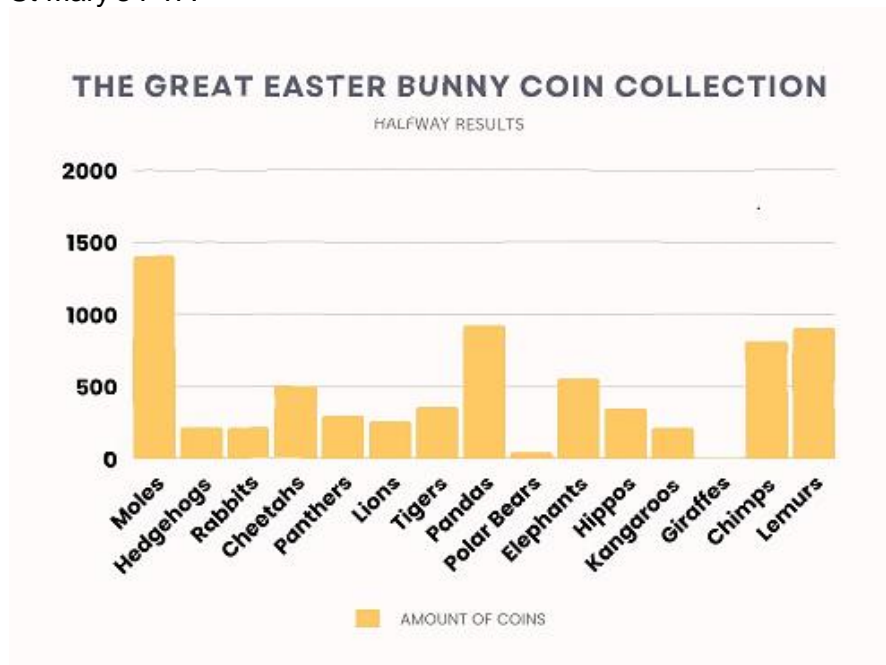
We're pleased to share that the collection is progressing well but as you can see from the attached images - it's all still to play for! Every contribution, big or small, is helping us move closer to our goal of refurbishing the Key Stage 1 Library! Plus, don't forget there will be prizes for the highest amount of coins and the highest value of coins too so all coins are useful!

As a reminder, The Great Easter Bunny Coin Collection will continue until Wednesday 25th March. If you still have any spare coins at home, there's plenty of time to send them in with your child.

Once the coin collection has finished we will announce the winners on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March during our Easter fun and Break the Rules Day and there will be lots of activities and treats for the whole school!

Thank you once again for your continued support!

Kind regards,  
St Mary's PTA





## Star of the Week



- Moles:** Ava “for being really sensible and always following our rules.”  
Ella “for making a fantastic Easter card with a repeated pattern.”
- Rabbits:** Ralph “for trying hard with his writing this week.”
- Hedgehogs:** Maisie “for persevering until you learnt how to skip!”
- Cheetahs:** Indie “for being a great example of showing kindness to others.”
- Panthers:** Seb “for showing great independence in building his vehicle in DT.”
- Lions:** Daisy “for working really hard in Maths this week, especially when reasoning answers”
- Tigers:** Harry “for working really hard in maths to work out the answers independently.”
- Polar Bears:** Mimi “For working really hard in all areas of the curriculum and being a great role model to others.”
- Pandas:** Alisa “for her growth in her writing, enthusiasm for sharing her ideas and always making an effort with good choices”
- Elephants:** Amelia “for always showing kindness and being understanding of others.”
- Hippos:** Zoe S “for always being an excellent St Mary’s learner and role model!”
- Kangaroos:** Hailey “for a great improvement in reading fluency.”
- Giraffes:** Kyler “for amazing focus in all your lessons.”
- Chimps:** Rufus “for his brilliant effort and enthusiasm in Maths!”
- Lemurs:** Ralph “for his thoughtfulness over writing choices.”

### Times Table Rock Stars

- Year 3 and 4      Kelsey - Polar Bears  
                            Louisa - Pandas  
                            Ami - Elephants
- Year 5 and 6      Erin - Kangaroos  
                            Aurora- Giraffes  
                            Abrish - Giraffes

## Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events/changes shown in bold)

23 & 24.03.2026	Feet First Training – Yr 3
<b>25.03.2026</b>	<b>Break The Rules Day (MOLES ONLY)</b>
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