



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

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newsletter

Week ending
17th July 2026

Dear St Mary's Families,

It has been a day of celebrating our lovely Year 6, but also an emotional day as they performed for the last time in their leavers service in the hall and at the church. As my final message to them all in assembly, I wrote them a poem which I hope captures how highly they are regarded and how much we will miss them as a year group in the school.

To the Year 6 Class of 2026

Year 6 of 2026, what a remarkable year you've been,
A class of kindness, courage and all that lies between.
You've laughed, you've learned, you've grown each day,
And you've left your mark in your own special way.
From the moment the curtains opened wide,

In Shrek, you filled us all with pride.
With confidence, humour, music and song,
You showed that together, we all belong.
At our Remembrance Service, you stood so tall,
With quiet respect that inspired us all.
Your thoughtful words and gentle grace
Brought dignity and honour to that special place.



As fantastic St Mary's learners, you've shown us every day
That kindness, resilience and hard work light the way.
Living our vision of Learning for Life, Living Life in All Its Fullness, too,
You have made our whole school proud of each one of you.

As leaders, and Junior Leaders alike,
You led by example, doing what was right.
With compassion, responsibility and hearts so true,
You made St Mary's a better place because of you.

Then came your SATs—a challenge you embraced,
With determination, resilience and an unwavering pace.
Your results are among the highest I have ever seen at our school,
A testament to your effort, perseverance and every learning tool.
Yet even greater than the grades you'll relish the kindness and character that I know you'll always achieve.

It has been such a privilege to watch you grow over the years,
To celebrate your successes, support you through your fears.
One of the greatest joys of being a primary headteacher, you see,
Is watching children become the amazing young people they're meant to be.

Now secondary school is calling; your next adventure starts today.
Be brave when challenges come your way.
Reach for the stars, believe in all you can do,
For the future is waiting with wonderful things for you.

Though you leave the hall of St Mary's behind,
You'll always leave treasured memories in every heart and mind.
We are going to miss your laughter, your smiles and your care,
The happiness and friendship you've so willingly shared.

So go with confidence, hope and pride,
With your St Mary's family always by your side.
Keep dreaming, keep believing, let your light shine through—
The world is a better place because there is only one of you.

Congratulations, Year 6 of 2026

We are so proud of you, and we will miss you more than words can say.



Huge thanks to Charlotte (Parent and our Chair of Governors) for transforming our second library into a magical woodland! We are all very excited to see the final result!

Families could save money this summer.

In a Ministerial Statement made by the Chancellor on 21 May 2026, the government announced the introduction of a temporary reduced rate of VAT (5%) for supplies of children's meals and tickets to certain attractions, intended to reduce the cost of selected activities and services for families with children during the summer holiday period. The reduced rate will apply from 25 June 2026 to 1 September 2026 (inclusive)

Please follow the link for more information:

[Temporary reduced rate of VAT for childrens meals, tickets & family attractions](#)

It has been such a successful year for St Mary's in so many ways, and I am so proud to be the headteacher here at St Mary's.

Thank you for being part of the school family and for all of your support in school, outside of school and for going above and beyond for the school in so many ways. Parents and families help us be the best we can be for the children. Thank you!

I have exciting plans for our school next academic and I look forward to sharing them with you next term!

I hope you all have the most glorious summer holiday!

From Mrs Chambers

Home School Link Worker

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

- Summer activities for children with SEND
- Places kids eat free (or for £1) this summer
- Family Advice Communication Education – August timetable
- Families Online Magazine
- Woking Family Centre: Free 'Play and Learn' sessions
- Free parent online support and information sessions with The Autism & ADHD Advocates CIC

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

End of Term -1.05pm

A reminder we break up for summer holidays on Monday 20th July at 1.05pm.



The Hive - Playworker

We have a Playworker position available at The Hive, our before and after school extended day provision. The position is on a term time and a rota basis.

As a member of the team, you will gain valuable experience assisting the delivering of a wide range of engaging and participative childcare activities; working with children from ages 4 - 11.

Our club is a happy and safe place for the children to prepare for their school day or unwind after a busy day. Some activities that are available for the children in the hall are big games, yoga, skipping, Zumba, card games and film night. Table activities include decorating biscuits/cakes, craft activities, playdough, messy play and painting .

Breakfast club hours are; 7.30am – 8.35am and After school hours are; 3.00pm – to 5.15pm. Shifts are allocated to availability, numbers and ratios. Duties will include: serving breakfast and clearing up after the children have finished, interacting and playing with the children.

Afterschool duties are done on a job a rota basis, these include, serving of snack, helping out with an activity, supervising children in the hall and head counting.

If you feel this would suit you please email your interested at:

hive@stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk.

BE KIND. BE CREATIVE. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

FRIENDSHIP BRACELET

MAKING PROJECT!

CREATE • SHARE • SUPPORT

We're inviting all children
to get creative over the

≡ **SUMMER** ≡

by making friendship
bracelets to help support
the Venkat Memorial Trust.

Make as
many bracelets
as you can!



EVERY BRACELET SELLS
TO RAISE MONEY FOR



Venkat Trust

Venkatraman Memorial Trust

Your creativity can help change
lives and support children's
education in rural India.



PLEASE RETURN
YOUR BRACELETS BY:

≡ **4/9/26** ≡

Let's come together and
make a **BIG** difference!



NEED SOME INSPIRATION?

Watch this easy step-by-step
friendship bracelet tutorial
from **Red Ted Art** - perfect for
children aged 6-11!



SCAN ME!

WATCH THE VIDEO HERE:



Easy Friendship Bracelet
Video Tutorial

[https://www.youtube.com/
watch?v=yYU9mSua8zc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yYU9mSua8zc)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CREATIVITY,
KINDNESS AND SUPPORT!



Star of the Week



Moles:	Everyone in Moles “for having a fantastic year in Moles!”
Rabbits:	Rabbits Class “being fantastic members of Rabbits class all year!”
Hedgehogs:	Hedgehogs Class “being fantastic members of Hedgehogs class all year!”
Cheetahs:	Cheetahs Class “ For being wonderful learners and class members all year! Thank you!”
Panthers:	Panthers Class “For being wonderful learners and class members all year! Thank you!”
Lions:	Jacob “for having such a great year, showing kindness, courage and confidence in all he does!”
Tigers:	Tigers Class “for working really hard throughout the year and for building your courage and confidence to deal with challenges!”
Polar Bears:	Polar Bears “All of Polar Bears class for being super star learners this year!”
Pandas:	Pandas class “Well done this year for your hard work and building your resilience. You are a fantastic class and you will all be missed. Best of luck for Year 4!”
Elephants:	Izaak “For his great effort with the Science investigations this week!”
Hippos:	Harrison “for confidently sharing detailed scientific explanations in Science this week.”
Kangaroos:	Logan “For being a kind, helpful and supportive classmate who is always ready to learn!”
Giraffes:	Ellis “ for being a valued member of the class and school community.”
Chimps:	Chimps Class “for all of your hard work, enthusiasm, kindness and courage this year – we are so proud of you all!”
Lemurs:	Lemurs Class “for all your efforts over the past two years – you have made me very proud.”

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events/changes shown in bold)

18.07.2026	Byfleet Parish Day
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 (Not Nursery or Reception)
04.09.2026	Y1 Parent Expectation Meeting 3.10pm
07.09.2026	NURSERY Start of Autumn Term
07.09.2026	Y2 Parent Expectation Meeting 3.10pm
08.09.2026	Y3 Parent Expectation Meeting 3.10pm
09.09.2026	Y6 Parent Expectation Meeting 3.10pm
10.09.2026	Y5 Parent Expectation Meeting 3.10pm
11.09.2026	Y4 Parent Expectation Meeting 3.10pm
14.09.2026	Reception start their RECEPTION all in
15.09.2026	Nursery Parent Expectation Meeting 3.10pm
16.09.2026	Reception Parent Expectation Meeting 3.10pm
19.09.2026	Colour Run - PTA
25.09.2026	Open Classrooms – 3.10pm
30.09.2026	Pupil Individual Photographs
01.10.2026	Y3 Harvest Songs at Barnes Wallis
02.10.2026	Y3 Butser Farm Trip
02.10.2026	Parent Voice Meeting
05.10.2026	Y5 Winchester Science Museum Trip
06.10.2026	Flu Vaccinations YR-6 Height & Weight YR & 6
07.10.2026	YR - 6 Life Skills
09.10.2026	World Mental Health Day
12.10.2026	Harvest Donations in this week
13.10.2026	Y2 The Lookout Centre Trip
15.10.2026	Chimps Class Assembly
15.10.2026	Y3 Harvest Festival Service at St Mary's Church
16.10.2026	INSET day
19 – 30.10.2026	Half Term (2 weeks)
02.11.2026	Y6 Shakespeare Workshop
03.11.2026	Parent Voice Meeting
03.11.2026	Whole School - Robin Hood Pantomime
04.11.2026	Fireworks Night - PTA
06.11.2026	Mufti Day for PTA Tombola
09.11.2026	Shoebox Appeal donations in by today
10.11.2026	YR Freshwater Theatre
11.11.2026	Y6 Remembrance Service in the hall
11.11.2026	Y1 Local Area Walk
12.11.2026	Kangaroos Class Assembly
12.11.2026	Y4 Watts Gallery Trip
17.11.2026	Y1 Fairy Tale Workshop
18.11.2026	NURSERY ONLY Children in Need – Mufti Day
19.11.2026	Elephants Class Assembly
19.11.2026	Byfleet Christmas Lights Switch On – Choir
20.11.2026	Children in Need – Mufti Day
23 – 26.11.2026	Lifebus
26.11.2026	Lemurs Class Assembly
26.11.2026	Open Classrooms – 3.10pm
02.12.2026	Nursery Nativity
03.12.2026	Parent Voice Meeting
04.12.2026	Mufti Day for PTA Tombola
04.12.2026	YR-6 Life Skills
05.12.2026	Christmas Market - PTA
07.12.2026	Choir singing at Barnes Wallis
08.12.2026	KS2 Carol Service - Choir
09.12.2026	Reception Nativity
10.12.2026	KS1 Nativity - PM

11.12.2026	KS1 Nativity - AM
16.12.2026	Y5 Christmas Service
18.12.2026	End of Autumn Term 1.05pm
04.01.2027	Start of Spring Term
12.01.2027	Nursery and Reception - Little City
13.01.2027	Y2 Great Fire of London Workshop
14.01.2027	Nursery and Reception - Little City
18.01.2027	Choir – Young Voices O2 Trip
21.01.2027	Pandas Class Assembly
22.01.2027	PTA Break the Rules Day
26.01.2027	Open Classrooms – 3.10pm
28.01.2027	Hippos Class Assembly
29.01.2027	Y3 Chertsey Museum Roman Workshop
03.02.2027	Parent Voice Meeting
04.02.2027	Panthers Class Assembly
05.02.2027	Our World Day
09.02.2027	Safer Internet Day
10.02.2027	Ancient Egyptian Day
10.02.2027	Y6 Buddhist Temple Trip
11.02.2027	Cheetahs Class Assembly
12.02.2027	YR – 6 Life Skills
15 – 19.02.2027	Half Term
23.02.2027	Y4 Painshill Trip
26.02.2027	Open Classrooms – 3.10pm
03.03.2027	Parent Voice Meeting
03 – 05.03.2027	PTA Wonderful Women
03.03.2027	World Book Day (NURSERY ONLY)
03.03.2027	YR – 6 West End In Schools Workshops
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15.03.2027	Y3 Feet First Walking Training
16.03.2027	Y2 Wisley Trip
16.03.2027	Eco Great Big School Clean
17.03.2027	Red Nose Day (NURSERY ONLY)
18.03.2027	Polar Bears Class Assembly
19.03.2027	Red Nose Day
23.03.2027	Y4 Easter Service
23.03.2027	Easter Bonnet Parade & PTA Easter Event
24.03.2027	End of Spring Term 1.05pm
25.03.2027	INSET Day
12.04.2027	Start of Summer Term
22.04.2027	Tigers Class Assembly
26.04.2027	Open Classrooms – 3.10pm
29.04.2027	Lions Class Assembly
06.05.2026	Rabbits Class Assembly
26.05.2027	Open Classrooms – 3.10pm
27.05.2027	Hedgehogs Class Assembly
25.06.2027	Open Classrooms – 3.10pm
03.05.2027	Parent Voice Meeting
03.07.2027	Parent Voice Meeting