



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

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newsletter

Week ending
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Dear St Mary's Families,

A huge welcome to to our new families who have joined us this term and to our new Reception and Nursery children – welcome to the school family!

Introducing little Maeve who was born in the summer holidays! Huge congratulations to Mrs Doyle and family on the arrival of their little girl, we are excited to meet her!

This morning, Year 3 parents joined us at our tie gifting service celebrating our Year 2's graduating from KS1 and moving in to Year 3 in KS2. Thank you to everyone who came to join us this morning, it was a great turn out!

Mrs Chambers

🎨 📖 Library News 📖 🎨

We would like to extend a massive thank you to Charlotte, our Chair of Governors, for using her wonderful artistic talents to begin transforming our Key Stage 1 library!

Charlotte has painted an incredible, tree mural that stretches across the wall, complete with cozy fairy doors nestled in the bark, glowing lanterns and colorful butterflies, bees, and ladybirds. Her incredible attention to detail has made the entire space feel truly magical, a dream spot for inspiring our young readers.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to our fabulous PTA, whose funding and support is helping to make this project possible!

This stunning mural is just the beginning for this area. Keep your eyes peeled for the full room reveal coming very soon!

Mrs Mckechnie



Home School Link Worker

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

- Woking Family Centre – 'The Nurturing Programme.'
- Family Learning – 'First steps to understanding Emotionally Based School Non-Attendance.'
- Free First Aid training from Tigerlily
- Surrey Local Offer article – 'Supporting your child during transitions.'
- Families Online Magazine

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

Contacting the School

Please can we remind parents/carers, if you are emailing the school with messages for teachers, childrens absences, upcoming appointments, general questions and enquiries etc, these should be sent to the main school office email, as monitored daily:

info@stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk

Please ensure you add your child's class to avoid delay in forwarding messages to the correct classes.

Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Leave of Absence

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, **per parent/carer per child**, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.
3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

Surrey County Council is not responsible for authorising pupil absence and therefore cannot withdraw any Penalty Notice requests without the written permission of the Headteacher.



Star of the Week



Moles:

Lilly “for being a fantastic role model to the new children in Moles.”

Luca “for fantastic drawings of the characters from the Julia Donaldson books!”

Cheetahs:

Astrid “for being a fantastic St Mary’s Learner, a great role model to others”

Panthers:

Alison “for striving to be ready, respectful and safe.”

Lions:

Dylan “for always being ready, respectful and safe this week.”

Tigers:

Bonanza “for role modelling fantastic listening skills on the carpet.”

Polar Bears:

Thomas “for settling in to St Mary’s and year 3 brilliantly.”

Pandas:

Lila “for settling in to St Mary’s with great courage”

Elephants:

Noah W “for amazing focus and a positive attitude.”

Hippos:

Ivy “for a fantastic start to Year 4. Well done Ivy!”

Kangaroos:

Mohammad “for being courageous in all of his learning by trying new things!”

Giraffes:

Grace R “for making valuable contributions during history learning this week and being an excellent St Mary’s learner.”

Chimps:

Verity “for her fantastic attitude towards her learning and always trying her best!”

Lemurs:

Lula “for so much effort with her learning – a top girl!”

Times Table Rock Stars

Year 3 / 4 Finley - Hippos

Ava - Hippos

Callie – Elephants

Year 5 / 6 Ida - Lemurs

Bryony - Lemurs

Bella - Chimps

Dates for your Diary

(New dates/events/changes shown in bold)

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
15.09.2026	PTA AGM – 6pm
16.09.2026	Reception Parent Expectation Meeting 3.10pm
19.09.2026	Colour Run - PTA
23.09.2026	KS2 Author Visit - Jack Meggitt Phillips
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	Lemurs Library Trip AM
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
09.10.2026	Chimps Library Visit AM
12.10.2026	Harvest Donations in this week
13.10.2026	Y2 The Lookout Centre Trip
15.10.2026	Y3 Harvest Festival Service at St Mary's Church
15 – 16.10.2026	Yr 4 Wise Up
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 – Colour Hamper Donations
09.11.2026	Shoobox Appeal donations in by
09.11.2026	Parents Evening ONLINE
10.11.2026	YR Freshwater Theatre
11.11.2026	Y6 Remembrance Service in the hall
11.11.2026	Y1 Local Area Walk
11.11.2026	Parents Evening INPERSON
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	Yr 2 Nativity - PM
11.12.2026	Yr 2 Nativity - AM
16.12.2026	Y5 Christmas Service
18.12.2026	End of Autumn Term 1.05pm
04.01.2027	Start of Spring Term
06.01.2027	Parent Voice 8.45am

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
04.02.2027	PTA KS1 Friendship Disco – 5-6pm
09.02.2027	Safer Internet Day
10.02.2027	Ancient Egyptian Day
11.02.2027	Y6 Buddhist Temple Trip
11.02.2027	Cheetahs Class Assembly
11.02.2027	PTA KS2 Friendship Disco – 5-6pm
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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11.03.2027	Chimps Class Assembly (changed from 15.10.26)
13.03.2027	Yr 1 British Wildlife Centre
15-16.03.2027	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
12.04.2027	Y4 Humanist Workshop
13.04.2027	YR – 6 Life Skills
14.04.2027	Class Photographs
16.04.2027	Y2 Wisley Trip
16.04.2027	Hippos Library Trip
22.04.2027	Tigers Class Assembly
22.04.2027	Eco - Earth Day
23.04.2027	Y3 Brooklands Museum Trip
23.04.2027	Elephants Library Trip AM
23.04.2027	Panthers Library Trip PM
26.04.2027	Open Classrooms – 3.10pm
28.04.2027	Nursery – Our World Day
28.04.2027	Lions Class Assembly
29.04.2027	Our World Day
30.04.2027	Reception Bocketts Farm Trip
30.04.2027	Cheetahs Library Trip
03.05.2027	Parent Voice Meeting
05 – 07.05.2027	Y4 Bikeability
06.05.2026	Rabbits Class Assembly
07.05.2027	Rabbits Library Trip AM
07.05.2027	Hedgehogs Library Trip PM
10 – 13.05.2027	Y6 SATS Week
14.05.2027	Y6 Park Trip
17.05.2027	Y5 Vikings Workshop

19.05.2027	Nursery Sports Day
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20.05.2027	PTA KS1 Summer Disco 5 – 6pm
21.05.2027	YR – 6 Sports Day
26.05.2027	Y1 Mosque Trip
26.05.2027	Open Classrooms – 3.10pm
26.05.2027	Nursery Sports Day – RESERVE DATE
27.05.2027	Hedgehogs Class Assembly
27.05.2027	Nursery Sports Day – RESERVE DATE
27.05.2027	PTA KS2 Summer Disco 5 – 6pm
28.05.2027	YR – 6 Sports Day – RESERVE DATE
31.05 – 04.06.2027	Half Term
07 - 11.06.2027	Y6 Bikeability
08.06.2027	Parent Voice Meeting 8.45am
09.06.2027	Nursery - Royal Day
11.06.2027	YR – 6 Royal Day
14 – 18.06.2027	Y1 Phonics Screening
16 – 18.06.2027	PTA Marvellous Men
18.06.2027	Kangaroos Library Trip AM
18.06.2027	Lions Library Trip PM
21 - 25.06.2027	Y6 PGL
24.06.2027	Giraffes Class Assembly
25.06.2027	Open Classrooms – 3.10pm
28.06.2027	INSET Day
30.06.2027	YR – 6 Life Skills
02.07.2027	Giraffes Library Trip AM
02.07.2027	Tigers Library Trip PM
03.07.2027	Parent Voice Meeting 8.45am
09.07.2027	Pandas Library Trip AM
09.07.2027	Polar Bears Library Trip PM
14 & 15.07.2027	Y6 Production
19.07.2027	YR – 6 Life Skills
20.07.2027	Y6 Leavers' Day
22.07.2027	Y6 Leavers' Service
23.07.2027	End of Summer Term 1.05pm