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'Learning for Life'

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newsletter

Week ending
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Dear St Mary's Families,

Our first OPAL collection!



Thank you to everyone who kindly donated!



- 1) We need more more things for children to use to dig with! We are looking for spoons, metal sieves, cups, trowels, rakes etc. Please do not send in anything sharp! They can be old or new! Please place any donations in the yellow bins which can be found by either school gate, any day next week!

- 2) We are also looking to collect as many pairs of wellies as possible! All sizes wanted! Please also place these in the yellow bins.



Reminder, next week Friday 16th is an INSET Day

We hope you 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:

- Woking Family Centre – 'The Nurturing Programme'
- World Mental Health Day
- Admissions for September 2027
- Kaleidoscope- Autism Support
- ADHD Awareness Month

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

BBC 500 Words Writing Competition

The UK's largest children's story writing competition is now open for entries until Friday 6 November at 9pm. There are two age categories: **5-7 and 8-11 year-olds** and spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - as has always been the case for 500 Words, it's all about our writers' brilliant creativity!



Here at 500 Words, we have always wanted children to have fun writing stories, to be as creative as they can be and to make us laugh, cry or just be blown away by what we are reading. **Children are encouraged to write a story they would love to read themselves.**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zctk7v4#zbx4jfr>

Please see this link for more information about the competition including:

- Rules for writing
- How to apply
- Which authors are on the judging panel
- PRIZES!

Happy writing!

Photograph Orders

Your children will be bringing home their photograph orders today or next week if in Moles. The closing date for your online orders made direct with Yellow Photography, is Tuesday 20th October. Please note, orders they receive after this date may be subject to a late fee.

Thank you

Winchester Science Centre Trip

On Monday, Year 5 visited Winchester Science Centre as an introduction into their 'Space' topic. The children were fully engaged in a wide range of games and activities. From Dino Digging to delving further into our solar system at the Planetarium, we were treated to a day of 'star-seeking' fun!

Thank you so much to the parent helpers and Mrs Di Liberio, who joined us on this trip - it would not have been possible without your support!

Yr 5 Team





Star of the Week



Moles:	Heidi “for being kind and caring to others.”
Hedgehogs:	Samraj “for writing your name so beautifully and always being a St Mary’s superstar!”
Rabbits:	Ellie “fantastic blending in our phonics lessons. Well done Ellie!”
Cheetahs:	Archie “for being a fantastic friend to others – a great role model to others!”
Panthers:	Marley “being focused and showing great listening on the carpet.”
Lions:	Indie “for super adjectives describing the runaway chapati.”
Tigers:	Wilson “for always listening carefully to instructions and being “ready” to learn.”
Polar Bears:	Amelia “for always being ready, respectful and safe.”
Pandas:	Max “for listening closely, being ready to learn and working hard.”
Elephants:	Noah H “for sharing amazing facts about volcanoes during geography!”
Hippos:	Louisa “for showing great perseverance in Maths.”
Kangaroos:	Izzy “for always asking for help and listening to feedback, and using that feedback to improve her work!”
Giraffes:	Freddie “for his fantastic contributions on our trip to Winchester Science museum and progress in his independent learning.”
Chimps:	Charlotte W “for brilliant effort with her narrative writing in English!”
Lemurs:	Betty “for fantastic engagement and a wonderfully encouraging attitude!”

Times Table Rock Stars

Years 3 / 4	Callie (Elephants)
	Madison (Elephants)
	Victoria (Pandas)
Year 5/6	Arabella (Lemurs)
	Ida (Lemurs)
	Ryan (Chimps)

Dates for your Diary

12.10.2026	Harvest Donations in this week
13.10.2026	Y2 The Lookout Centre Trip
14.10.2026	YR Phonics Workshop 9am
15.10.2026	Y3 Harvest Festival Service at St Mary's Church – Y3 parents invited
15 – 16.10.2026	Yr 4 Wise Up
16.10.2026	INSET day
19 – 30.10.2026	Half Term (2 weeks)
20.10.2026	Photograph orders close
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
18.11.2026	YR Maths Workshop 9am
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 - 9.30am
03.12.2026	Parent Voice Meeting 8.45am
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	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
08.12.2026	KS2 Carol Service – Choir
09.12.2026	Reception Nativity – 9.15am
10.12.2026	KS2 Nativity – 2pm
11.12.2026	KS2 Nativity – 9.30am
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
04.03.2027	World Book Day
05.03.2027	YR – 6 West End In Schools Workshops
11.03.2027	Chimps Class Assembly
15-16.03.2027	Y3 Feet First Walking Training
16.03.2027	Eco Great Big School Clean
16.03.2027	Yr 1 British Wildlife Centre Trip (date changed)
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
20.05.2027	Nursery Sports Day
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
15.06.2027	Yr 6 Guildford Cathedral Leavers Service

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
02.07.2027	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