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newsletter

Week ending
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Dear St Mary's Families

It has been a busy week at St Mary's. We had our parents evenings which was very well attended. For anyone who could not make it, teachers will be in contact to arrange a time to catch up to talk about your childs progress.

On Sunday, the choir was part of the Remembrance service at the Byfleet War memorial and they did the school so proud with their beautiful singing. It was a wonderful service and so pleased we were invited to be part of the service.

On Wednesday, our Year 6 held their Remembrance assembly. This was really well supported by our Year 6 parents/carers who came to watch. The children sensitively presented a moving assembly. Well done and thank you year 6!

Reception had a Space Workshop which they thoughly enjoyed, year 4 visited Watts Gallery and some of our year 5 and 6 children attended an athletics event today. We also had Children in Need, please read more about the day inside the newsletter.

We are absolutely delighted to announce that our school has achieved the Music Mark Award! This is a fantastic achievement and recognises the dedication, commitment and continued improvement in music across our school. We are incredibly proud of the progress our children have made, their growing confidence and the enthusiasm they show when taking part in musical activities. A huge thank you goes to all our children for their hard work, passion and willingness to embrace new musical opportunities, and to our staff for their dedication, encouragement and commitment to making music such an important part of school life. This award is a wonderful recognition of everyone's efforts, and we look forward to continuing to develop and celebrate music together.



Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Chambers

Home School Link Worker

In this week's HSLW weekly bulletin, you will find information on the following:

- Families online magazine – Nov/Dec edition
- Crisis line from Mindworks
- Coram Family Lives
- 'Keeping Your Child In Mind' course

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

Engage, a local Christian charity is looking to recruit 2 positions:

Engage Woking Schools is recruiting a Part-Time Team Lead (20 hours per week, term time only) to lead and develop its Christian ministry in local schools and colleges. We are looking for someone with a strong Christian faith, a heart for young people and a passion for sharing Jesus. Salary £12,000, starting April 2027. For more information and an application pack, visit www.engagewoking.org. Closing date: Monday 23rd November.

Engage Woking Schools is recruiting a Part-Time Schools Worker (15 hours per week, term time only) to help share the Christian faith in local primary and secondary schools and Woking College. We are looking for someone with a passion for Jesus, a heart for children and young people, and experience of working with them. Salary £7,900, starting January 2027. For more information and an application pack, visit www.engagewoking.org. Closing date: Monday 23rd November.

Christmas Craft fun at the Library

Come and make a fun snowman and reindeer to hang up for Christmas.

Where–
Byfleet Community Library

When–
Saturday, 28th November
10.30am-12pm
(please arrive at 10.30am)
Or
2pm-3.30pm
(please arrive at 2pm)





Who
Children 4-10 years
£1 per child

Spaces are limited so please reserve a place at the library desk.



We would like to say a huge thank you and well done to everyone who supported this year's Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal. Their mission of Operation Christmas Child is to show God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

We have had 62 shoeboxes and are so very grateful for everyone who kindly contributed.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Ramdhony for collecting all the shoeboxes for us and taking them to where they need to go.

Thank you from the Year 4 Team

Children in Need

We've had a great day today celebrating Children in Need at St Mary's! It was wonderful to see everyone getting involved, looking amazing in their Children in Need accessories and bringing so much colour, fun and enthusiasm to the day!

Congratulations to the winners of our brilliant **Children in Need colouring competition** – we had over 100 entries and they were all fantastic!

A huge thank you to all our parents and families for your generous contributions and support. Your kindness helps make a real difference and we are so grateful.

So far, we have raised over £140, there is still time to donate on Scopay.







Star of the Week



Moles:	Darcie “for drawing pictures for her peers when they were sad!”
	Archie “for using his voice to communicate with others!”
Hedghehogs:	Jesse “being keen to write and always ready to learn, a great St Mary’s learner!”
Rabbits:	Everly “for a fantastic effort in coming into school with a smile all week.”
Cheetahs:	Joshua “for your great enthusiasm with English this week.”
Panthers:	Alex “for working hard to use spaces between words this week.”
Lions:	Freddie “For being a role model on the carpet and being ready for learning!”
Tigers:	Edward “for reading so fluently and with confidence this week!”
Polar Bears:	Annabelle “for improved focus and learning in lessons.”
Pandas:	Olivia “for huge improvement in her focus for learning and behaviour.”
Elephants:	Kelsey “for her wonderful enthusiasm and for sharing her knowledge in Art lessons this week.”
Hippos:	Louisa “for making great progress in learning her times table facts.”
Kangaroos:	Kacper “for always working incredibly hard in all aspects of his learning!”
Giraffes:	Willow “for making fantastic progress in her focus and raising her hand to share her ideas. Well done!”
Chimps:	Kyler “for enthusiastically joining in with our class discussions and asking interesting questions!”
Lemurs:	Zara “for such neat graph work in Geography – she always looks to produce her best.”

Times Table Rock Stars

Years 3 / 4	Louisa – Hippos
	Finley – Hippos
	Zara – Elephants
Years 5 / 6	Abrish – Chimps
	Ella-Rose – Lemurs
	Tahaa - Giraffes

Dates for your Diary

17.11.2026	Y1 Fairy Tale Workshop
18.11.2026	YR Maths Workshop 9am
18.11.2026	Yr 2 Trip to St Mary's Church - 1.30pm
19.11.2026	Elephants Class Assembly
19.11.2026	Byfleet Christmas Lights Switch On – Choir
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	KS1 Nativity – 2pm
11.12.2026	KS1 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
01.02.2027	KS2 Author Visit
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