



St Mary's Church of England Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back to Summer Term 1!

We hope you all had a restful break and are ready for an exciting summer term ahead. Spring term was a wonderfully busy period in school, filled with joyful Easter celebrations, our well-attended Easter performances and an end of term bake sale. Thank you to everyone who supported these events and helped make them such a success.

This term promises to be just as vibrant, with plenty for our pupils to look forward to. We have a full calendar of themed weeks, including Science Week, Sports Week and Art Week, each offering rich opportunities for creativity, curiosity and fun. Alongside these, there will be a range of engaging onsite workshops and educational trips designed to broaden learning beyond the classroom.

We are excited for the months ahead and look forward to sharing another fantastic term with our school community.

It is the **responsibility** of all the community to maintain a supportive environment for everyone. 😊

Values

- St Mary's Christian Values for the **spring term** are **wisdom, responsibility and honesty.**
- Our school Bible quote which we aspire for all children and adults to achieve is **'I instruct you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths.'** (Proverbs 4:11)

Parent News Section 1,

Thank You for Supporting Our Bake Sale

A heartfelt thank you to our Vice Chair of governors', **Mrs Chaudhry**, the parent of one of our Year 4 Oak class pupils **Mrs N**, as well as the wonderful pupils from Oak Class **R, H, A** and Maple class **E** and **Miss Robinson (Assistant Head Teacher)**, who organised and led the bake sale on the last day of the spring term. Their hard work and enthusiasm helped make the event a great success.

We are delighted to share that the sale raised just under **£200** for the **NSPCC** charity.

We have received lots of positive feedback from families and staff, and we are thrilled that the event was so warmly received.

Given its success, we hope to repeat the bake sale during the summer term.



Parent News, Section 2

Thank You for Supporting Our Bake Sale



Parent News, Section 3

Football & Netball success

Congratulations to our Y5 and Y6 Football Team, who have now completed their league season after reaching the quarterfinals of the Slough Primary Schools' Football League. The team performed exceptionally well throughout the group stage, finishing top of their five-team pool with three wins and one draw, before proudly competing in the quarterfinals.



Parent News, Section 4

Football & Netball success

Well done also to our Year 5 and 6 Girls' Netball Team, who concluded a fantastic season by reaching the semi-finals of the Slough Primary Schools' Netball League after winning their mini-league.

Both teams will continue to take part in friendly, non-competitive fixtures during the summer term as we begin preparing for next season.



Parent News Section 3,

Absence

- Attending school every day is important for children to learn well.
- On the rare occasion children are absent, please report this on our **Study Bugs** system.
- If reporting your child's absence, clearly state your child's **name, year group, class** and the **reason why** your child is absent. We ask that you are **specific about your child's illness** so we can recognise trends and local outbreaks.
- We do not authorise holidays during term time, and you may be fined through the authority.
- Please try to arrange appointments out of school hours. If this is not possible, please email the school office with conformation of the appointment: officestaff@stmarys.slough.sch.uk
- Well done to **3** classes who achieved **96%** or more attendance last week!
- Well done to: **Pear, Oak and Elm classes!!**



GATES OPEN: 08:20 am

GATES CLOSE: 08:30 am

Children **must** be in class, registered and ready for learning at **08.30am**.

Please avoid lateness as this impacts on the front office and a calm start to your child's day.

Attendance Competition



We are repeating our attendance competition again this year. It is open to everyone who attends St Mary's school.

All children who achieve **100%** and flourish in their school attendance will be receiving a **special certificate** to thank them for coming to school every day for a **whole term**.

Those who achieve **100% for the whole year** will receive a special celebration and receive some prizes.

They will automatically be entered into a draw where one lucky family will win a summer **family day** out for **four** to **Legoland**.

Good luck everyone!



Attendance for last week

Nursery AM	92.0%
Nursery PM	90.0%
0Poppy	90.7%
0Bluebell	94.0%
0Daffodil	94.0%
1Damson	90.0%
1Cherry	95.7%
1Apple	93.3%
2Pear	96.7%
2Plum	95.0%
2Peach	92.3%
3Ash	93.3%
3Sycamore	94.7%
3Juniper	94.6%
4Larch	93.3%
4Beech	94.0%
4Oak	97.3%
5Hazel	88.7%
5Alder	95.7%
5Elm	97.3%
6Willow	95.3%
6Maple	97.4%
6Rowan	90.0%

96% or more is the target.

Classes with **100% attendance** for the **week** earn a collective **reward! 2** classes have earned the reward so far this year.

The senior leadership team have pledged that if **5 classes** achieve **100%** in the **same week**, they will come to school wearing **superhero costumes!** Please bring your child to school every day 😊

Nursery News, Section 1

Easter Performance in Nursery

On Monday and Tuesday, the Nursery went to St Laurence's Church to complete our Easter performance. The children sang the songs 'We have a King who rides a donkey', 'Give me oil in my lamp' and 'He's got the whole world in His hands'. Father Scott told the Easter story and the children helped to open eggs with key parts of the story in. Lots of parents came to watch and it was lovely to see everyone coming together.

Nursery Team



Nursery News, Section 2

Easter Performance in Nursery

Nursery Team



Nursery News, Section 3

Easter Performance in Nursery

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Nursery News, Section 4

Easter Bonnet Parade in Nursery

On Thursday the children took part in the Easter bonnet parade. In the morning, we walked around school and were invited to come into the reception classrooms to say hello! The children sang some of our Easter songs and we had a wonderful time seeing lots of people around the school.

The afternoon Nursery took part in the parade with Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The children enjoyed seeing everyone's bonnets and showing off theirs. We then did a conga line around the field which was a lot of fun!

Nursery Team



Nursery News, Section 5

Easter Bonnet Parade Winners in Nursery

Some of our Nursery children created their own bonnets at home. We were very impressed with the effort they put in! The adults had a talk and chose our winners.

Maverick was our morning Nursery winner with his lovely garden design.

Well done Maverick!

Emily was our afternoon Nursery winner with her fabulous pink bunny ear and garden design which she did all by herself. **Well done Emily!**

Nursery Team



Year 2 News, Section 1

Easter in Year 2

This week, Year 2 have been in the spirit of Easter. It was a joy to see the effort and creativity put into their colourful, decorative Easter bonnets for the parade.

Mrs Peterson (Y2 Lead, Y2 Peach Class teacher)



Year 2 News, Section 2

Easter in Year 2

The children have enjoyed making Easter crafts including an Easter basket - bring on the Easter egg hunt! The children have worked incredibly hard this term, and we hope they all have a wonderful spring break.

Mrs Peterson (Y2 Lead, Y2 Peach Class teacher)



Year 2 News, Section 3

Easter in Year 2

Amidst all the excitement, Year 2 were greeted by some giant bunnies with Easter baskets brimming with Easter eggs for the children who looked an awful lot like **Mr Fuller, Mrs Grange and Miss Robinson...how egg-citing!**

Mrs Peterson (Y2 Lead, Y2 Peach Class teacher)



Year 5 News, Section 1

Science and the Living World in Year 5

Hazel class visited the chicks in Reception class. The opportunity enabled children to experience something different. During the visit, the children had the chance to handle the chicks and learn how to do so with care. It was enjoyable experience for the children. Thank you to the Reception classes for accommodating the year 5 children for this visit.

Mr Ali (Humanities Co-Lead, Y5 Year Lead and Y5 Hazel Class teacher)

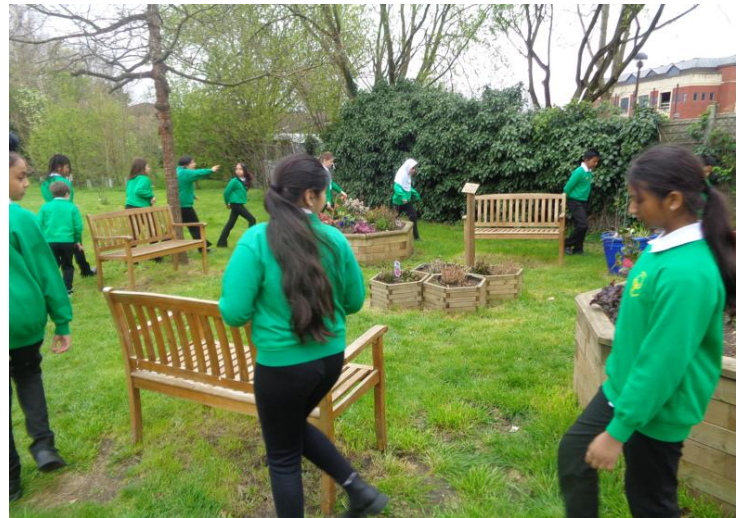


Year 5 News, Section 2

Geography and the Living World in Year 5

In the summer term, year 5 will be walking to the Thames Valley Athletic Centre in Eton. As part of their preparation for this, the children have been planning their own risk assessment to identify potential risks along the way and how best to reduce them. This has involved doing a mock fieldwork on the school grounds to practice moving around safely.

Mr Ali (Humanities Co-Lead, Y5 Year Lead and Y5 Hazel Class teacher)



Year 5 News, Section 3

Easter Bunnies in Year 5

Elm Class was excited by an unexpected visit from our cute Ester bunnies (members of the SLT), who distributed Easter eggs with great festivity and joy. The children were delighted by the surprise and loved celebrating together. It was a wonderful day to end the term, filling the school with smiles, laughter and Easter cheer!

Mrs Rajan (Y5 Elm Class teacher)



Year 5 News, Section 4

Easter Cheer in Year 5

Children at St Mary's had an egg-cellent ending to the Easter spring term with our very own flash-mob conga line at break time!

Children had great fun moving along with their friends as well as Mrs Khan and several other teachers spreading the joy of Easter across the school campus!

Mrs Rajan (Y5 Elm Class teacher)



Year 5 News, Section 5

Elm Class Dojo Winners

It was a proud moment for Elm Class children as they received their Gold Dojo certificates and prizes. They worked incredibly hard throughout the Spring term, and their efforts were truly recognised and rewarded. Well done! We are proud of your achievements and look forward to seeing their continued success next term.

Mrs Rajan (Y5 Elm Class teacher)



Year 6 News, Section 1

Imperial War Museum Trip in Y6

Mrs Fogarty (PHSE Lead and Y6 Maple Class teacher)



Year 6 had a wonderful time at the Imperial War Museum in London on Tuesday. They had the opportunity to become war correspondents and film their own short documentaries, bringing the museum to life, whilst showcasing knowledge gained from their history unit. They particularly enjoyed exploring the First and Second World War Galleries; they tried cracking Enigma coded messages and experienced what it felt like to be cramped inside the Morrison and Anderson shelters.

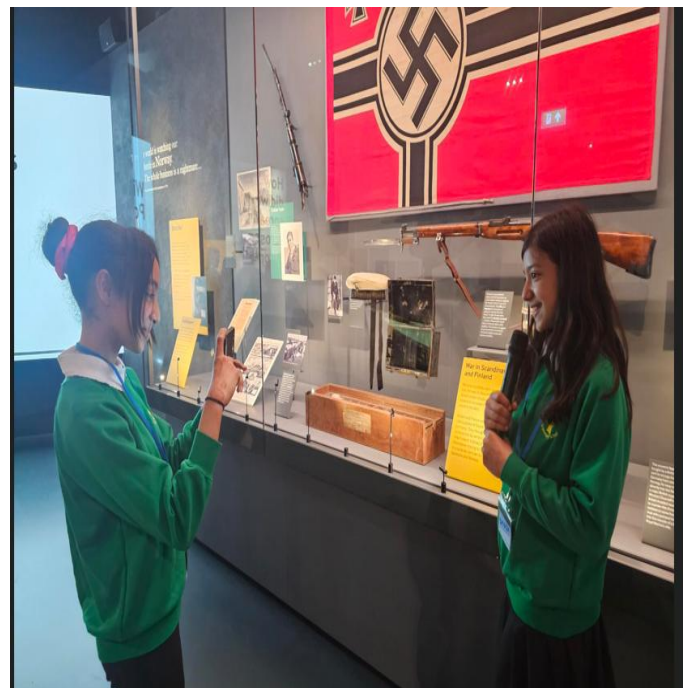
Comments from children on the journey home: "This was a really good trip."
"I agree. I think it's been the best so far!"



Year 6 News, Section 2

Imperial War Museum Trip in Y6

Miss Rockett (Maths Lead, Y6 Year Lead and Y6 Rowan Class teacher)



Year 6 News, Section 3

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Dive into A Great Story at St Mary's!

Read our staff recommendations

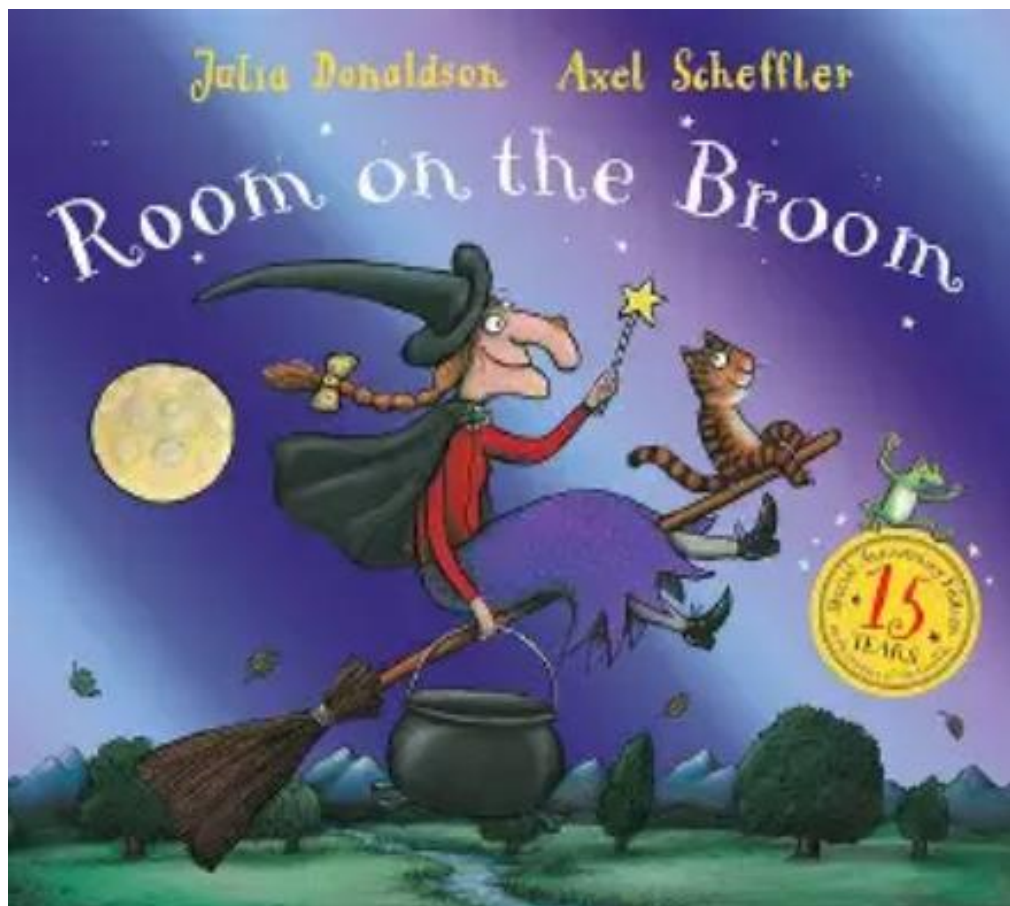
Julia Donaldson, whose work has had a meaningful impact on me and the children I read with. Her books have a unique ability to take readers on an adventure, and they are always met with excitement and joy.

If I had to choose a favourite, it would definitely be ***Room on the Broom***. The story is full of warmth, imagination, and humour, and it captures the magic of friendship in a way that children immediately connect with.

The rhythm and rhyme of her writing make her stories engaging to read aloud, and the characters stay with you long after the book is closed.

Happy reading!

Mrs Bains (YR Poppy Class teacher)



Rocksteady Music at St Mary's C.E. Primary



Hi Parent or Guardian,

Do you want your child to experience the magic of playing music in their very own band? Rocksteady Music School is the leading provider of in-school rock and pop band lessons for primary age children – and we're delighted to let you know we're teaching in your child's school!

How does it work?

With Rocksteady, children learn to play an instrument through weekly band lessons. It's the perfect way to learn new musical skills, make friends and have fun – all at school! Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost confidence, wellbeing social skills and even academic achievement.

Your child will learn to play songs instantly through listening and playing. There's no music theory involved and lessons are designed to be fun, inclusive and accessible. They will be making progress in every lesson and can also achieve an Ofqual-regulated Trinity Music qualification, without having to take a single exam!

Here's what else you need to know:

- Most lessons take place during the school day. There's no experience necessary and all instruments for lessons are provided.
- You can choose if they shine on vocals, keyboard, drums, guitar or bass.
- Proudly watch as your child performs in their end of term concerts, showing just how far they have come!
- Rocksteady band leaders are professional musicians who inspire a passion for music and support your child every step of the way.

Places are offered on a first come, first served basis. There's a money-back guarantee for the first month and you can cancel at any time.

For more details on availability and cost, visit rocksteadymusicschool.com and find your school on the sign up page or call 0330 113 0330.

Best wishes,

Rachel Hawker | Director of Education



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Diary Dates

Please check 'diary dates' weekly. As new school events are confirmed, the 'diary dates' section of the newsletter is updated. Each week's new confirmed dates are shown in [blue](#).

Summer Term 1

13.04.2026	First Day of Summer Term 1 for Children
15.04.2026	Workshop: Y4 History 'Romans' experience at St Mary's school
21.04.2026	Trip: Y5 to Milestone Museum
23.04.2026	Parent Workshop at 8.40am: Reading workshop for Y3 and Y4 Parents
27.04.2026	Parent Workshop at 8.40am: Phonics workshop for Y1 Parents
27.04.2026	Parent Workshop at 2.45pm: Phonics workshop for Y1 Parents
29.04.2026	Dance Festival at The Curve at 10am: Y3, Y4, Y5 After-school Dance Club
30.04.2026	Assembly: Y2 Pear Class at 3pm
04.05.2026	May Bank Holiday: School closed
07.05.2026	Assembly: Y1 Apple Class at 3pm
08.05.2026	Assembly: Y4 Beech Class at 8.50am
11.05.2026	KS2 SAT: Monday 11/05/2026-Thursday 14/05/2026
12.05.2026	Trip: Y5 to St Mary's Church for Ascension Service at 2pm
15.05.2026	Trip: Y6 to St Mary's Church for Eucharist Service at 9.30am
18.05.2026	Science Week: Current Affairs
21.05.2026	Assembly: Y1 Cherry Class at 3pm
22.05.2026	Last day of Summer Term 1
25.05.2026	Half Term Holiday
01.06.2026	First Day of Summer Term 2 for Children
03.06.2026	Trip: Y3 Kew Gardens
11.06.2026	Assembly: Y1 Damson Class at 3pm
12.06.2026	Assembly: Y2 Plum Class at 12.50pm
16.06.2026	Workshop: Y5 History 'Victorians' experience at St Mary's school
18.06.2026	Assembly: Reception Daffodil Class at 3pm
19.06.2026	Assembly: Reception Bluebell Class at 12.50pm
22.06.2026	Sports Day: Y5 and Y6 at 9.15am
22.06.2026	Sports Day: Y3 and Y4 at 1.30pm
23.06.2026	Sports Day: Y1 and Y2 at 9.15am
23.06.2026	Sports Day: YR at 2pm
24.06.2026	Sports Day: Morning Nursery at 9.15am
24.06.2026	Sports Day: Afternoon Nursery at 2pm
26.06.2026	Assembly: Reception Poppy Class at 3pm
06/07/2026	Art Week: World Environment
09.07.2026	Trip: Y2 to Littlehampton
14.07.2026	Y6 End of Year Performance for Parents at 2pm
15.07.2026	Y6 End of Year Performance for Parents at 6pm
17.07.2026	Y6 Leavers' Assembly for Parents at 11am
17.07.2026	Last Day of Summer Term 2. School ends at 1.30pm for Children
02.09.2026	First Day of Autumn Term 1, 2026 for Children