



Dear Parents and Carers,

- **100% Attendance:** **Larch** and **Elm** class celebrated achieving **100% attendance** by wearing their own home clothes to school last Friday 21/11/2025.
- **Mr Plumley:** was so impressed by this **super** achievement that he wore a **Superman outfit** to the Celebration assembly!
- **Mr Fuller:** was even more impressed and issued a **challenge to the KS2 children.**
- **Mr Fuller's challenge:** If **five classes** achieve **100%** attendance in the **same week**, then the **senior leadership team** will wear **superhero** outfits in honour of this **super** achievement!
- **The challenge has been accepted! Will it be achieved?**

Thank you to our whole school community! 😊

Values

- St Mary's Christian Values for the **autumn term** are **love, respect and peace.**
- 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)

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



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.

Parent News

Celebrating British and Core Values at Our School!

At St. Mary's CE Primary School, we believe in helping every child to **learn and grow** into a kind, confident, and responsible citizen.

We weave the **five British Values**, alongside our **nine school core values** into everything we do – from lessons to playtime!

Here's what they mean for us:

- **Democracy** – Pupils have a voice! Our staff are ready, willing and able to listen.
- **Rule of Law** – We follow rules to keep everyone safe and happy.
- **Individual Liberty** – Children are encouraged to make good choices and express themselves.
- **Mutual Respect** – We listen, share, and treat each other kindly every day.
- **Tolerance of Different Faiths and Beliefs** – We celebrate our diverse community and learn about different cultures.

Family Challenge:

Ask your child which **British Value** or **school core value** they used today!

Maybe they showed respect to a friend or made a choice that showed liberty?

Together, we're building a school where everyone feels valued and included!

We hope this is useful.

Best wishes,

Ms. Whatley (SLT, Designated Safeguarding Lead & Senior Mental Health Lead)



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	81.5%
Nursery PM	80.8%
0Poppy	80.3%
0Bluebell	93.1%
0Daffodil	87.3%
1Damson	93.0%
1Cherry	85.8%
1Apple	95.3%
2Pear	93.7%
2Plum	95.9%
2Peach	93.8%
3Ash	97.0%
3Sycamore	92.0%
3Juniper	93.3%
4Larch	99.4%
4Beech	97.9%
4Oak	99.3%
5Hazel	96.7%
5Alder	97.6%
5Elm	98.7%
6Willow	92.0%
6Maple	94.7%
6Rowan	91.0%

Congratulations Ash, Y4 and Y5 Teams!

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 term!

Please bring your child to school every day. Thank you 😊

Reception News

This week we have been deep diving into our focus *The Owl Babies* by Martin Waddle this week and studying the vocabulary such as **brave, flap, swoop, hunt** and **fuss**.

Can you use any of these words at home? We have also been drawing owls like **artists and illustrators**. Some of the owls were treated to a scrumptious meal - that would save Mother Owl having to go out hunting!

The snowfall last Wednesday was very exciting for all of us! We put on our coats to keep warm and rushed outside to experience the snow flurry. We caught the **gentle snowflakes** and felt how cold they were as they **melted** in our hands.

Hope everyone keeps warm in this wintery weather! 😊

The Reception Team



KS1 Life Skills Club News

This week in our **Life Skills Club**, the children explored the theme of '**Community**' through a fun and creative rock-painting activity. Children designed their own '**kindness rocks**' to share with others, helping them learn about **giving, belonging and positive communication**.

Also, we nurtured teamwork and gross-motor skills through a variety of group **challenges** that encouraged **cooperation, resilience and problem solving**. The room was full of energy, laughter and plenty of cheering as the children supported one another and celebrated their efforts.

We cannot wait for next weeks' adventures and challenges! 😊

Mrs Hill (Y2 Plum Class teacher)



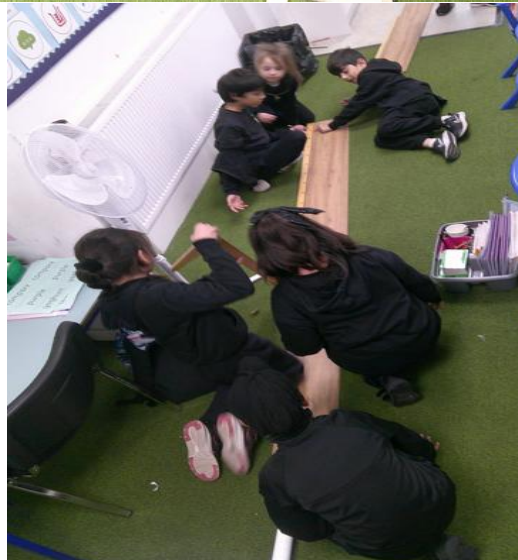
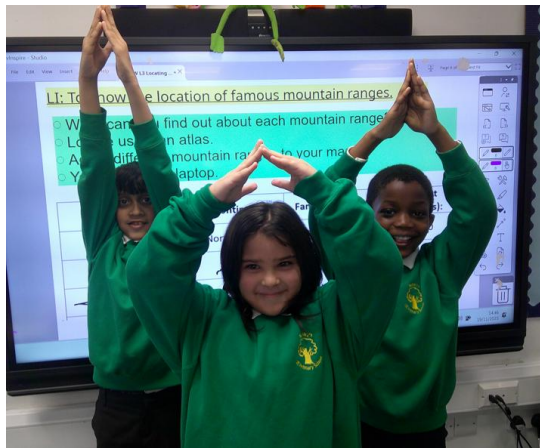
Year 3 News

Year 3 have had another exciting week of learning! In **geography**, we located **mountain ranges** using **atlases** and researched the **height** of different mountains. It was fascinating to see how **tall** some of them are!

In **science**, we carried out an **investigation** to determine whether **different surfaces affect** the **distance** a marble rolls.

It has been a week full of **exploration** and **discovery!** 😊

Mrs Williams (Science Lead, Y3 Lead, Y3 Ash Class teacher)



Events at St Mary's

Exciting Storytelling Event at St Mary's!

We're thrilled to announce a special storytelling session for **KS1** with the amazing **Liz Fost!**

Liz is a wonderful storyteller who brings books to life with her fun, energy, and imagination. This time, she'll be sharing the beautiful story:

***The Turtle Who Turned the Tide* by Rachel Bright**

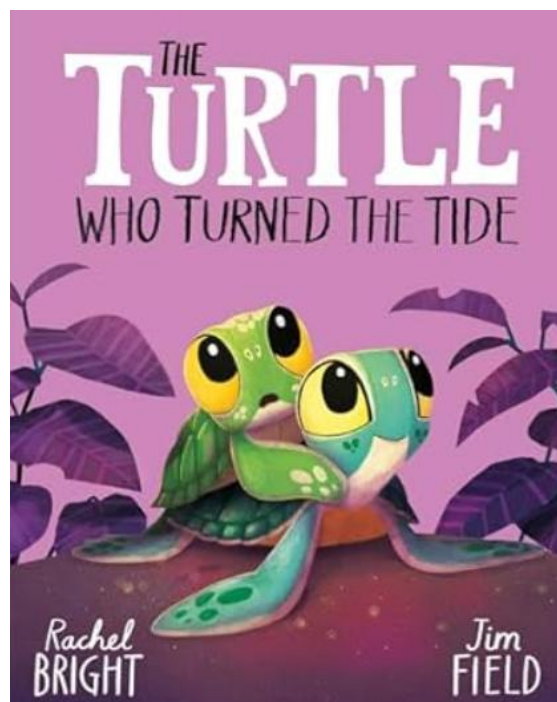
Here's what you need to know:

- **Liz Fost** will be performing a live storytelling session in school.
- This will happen during the school day on the **25th of November**.
- This book teaches about **friendship, courage, and protecting our oceans**.
- **This event is for Reception-Year 2**

Want your own copy of the book?

- Price: **£12.99**
- Please click on the link to order: [Liz Fost - 25th November - Chiltern Bookshops](#)

Miss Martins (Reading for Pleasure Co-Lead, Y3 Sycamore Class teacher)



Rags2Riches4Schools News

Wednesday 26th November is the last day for clothing collection!

We are taking part in the **Rags2Riches4Schools** clothing collection to raise funds for our school and help families around the world access affordable clothing.

Do you have clothes in your wardrobe that you no longer wear? **Let's give them a new life!**

What they collect	What they don't collect
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Clean, good quality, dry reusable clothing● Adults, children's & babies clothing● Paired shoes and footwear● Jewellery and accessories● Belts and Handbags	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Poor quality items such as dirty, wet, ripped or soiled clothing● Uniform or sports kits● Socks● Pillows● Duvets● Curtains● Books or CD's or bric-a-brac

STOP & THINK – *Would you pass it on to a friend to wear?* If not, it's not suitable to donate.

Even one item makes a difference, and don't forget to ask your friends, grandparents and neighbours to join in!

Please bring your donations to school by: 26th November 2025

Did you know?

Every bag we fill helps reduce textile waste going to landfill. Clothes are sent to Europe, Africa and beyond, where they are resold at affordable prices, giving them a second life and helping families in need.

Thank you for supporting our fundraising efforts! 😊



Working in Partnership with Parents

Partnerships
for Inclusion of
Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS)



BRIGHTER
FUTURES TOGETHER

Slough
Parent
Carer
Forum

Participation session

For parent carers of children
with neurodivergent needs

JOIN US AT
YOUR SCHOOL

Wednesday 10 December 09:30 - 10:30
St Mary's C of E Primary School



[Click here to book](#)

Connect - Share - Make a difference

PINS is a national project funded by NHS England in partnership with the
Department for Education, Department of Health & Social Care &
the National Network of Parent Carer Forums

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



0330 113 0330
(Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)
rocksteadymusicschool.com



Find out what parents say about Rocksteady →



Drop-in flu clinics

At Foundation House, Windsor SL4 4LE

We are holding drop-in clinics for your child's flu vaccination on the following dates:

- 18.11.25 14:30-16:30
- 27.11.25 14:30-16:00
- 5.12.25 12:00-16:00

If you haven't completed a consent form yet, you can complete one using the information sent by your child's school or complete one at the clinic with one of the team



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 cypf.berkshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/feedback

Music at Slough Borough Council



Slough Youth Orchestra



Film music, Theatre, Classical, Pop, and more –
The World of Orchestra is limitless, and continually developing!

Required Grade 2+ standard on your instrument.

Meet like-minded musicians from schools in the community.
Perform in exceptional concert venues.
Develop your string, brass, wind, or percussion playing.

For more information, contact us: music.service@slough.gov.uk



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](#).

Half Term Holiday

17.11.2025	Phonics Parent Workshop for KS1 (Y1 & Y2) Parents at 8.35am
19.11.2025	Phonics Parent Workshop for Reception Parents at 2.45pm
20.11.2025	Reading Parent Workshop for LKS2 (Y3 & Y4) Parents at 8.35am
26.11.2025	Y2 Eton College Workshop at St Mary's School
26.11.2025	Y3 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum
28.11.2025	Dance Festival at Creative Academy: This Boy Can Dance!
04.12.2025	Y5 Trip to Butser Farm-Anglo Saxons
08.12.2025	St Mary's Choir Christmas Carol Performance at St Andrew's Methodist Church
09.12.2025	Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day for Reception and KS1 (Y1 & Y2)
10.12.2025	St Mary's Choir Performance at St Mary's Church for 'Slough Schools' Multi-Faith Carol Concert'
10.12.2025	Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day for KS2 (Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6)
11.12.2025	Christmas Concert for Reception Parents at 2.30pm
12.12.2025	Christmas Jumper Day for Nursery
16.12.2025	Christmas Concert for UKS2 (Y5 & Y6) Parents at St Mary's Church at 9.30am
16.12.2025	Christmas Party for LKS2 (Y3 & Y4)
17.12.2025	Christmas Concert for Y2 Parents at 9am
17.12.2025	Christmas Concert for Y3 Parents at 2.30pm
17.12.2025	Christmas Party for Y1 and Y2
18.12.2025	Christmas Concert for Y1 Parents at 9am
18.12.2025	Christmas Concert for Y4 Parents at 2.30pm
18.12.2025	Christmas Party for Nursery, Reception, Y5 and Y6
19.12.2025	Last Day of Autumn Term 2

Christmas Holiday

05.01.2026	INSET for Staff
06.01.2026	First Day of Spring Term 1 for Children