



Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Sports Week at St Mary's**

Following the guidance of the UK Health Security Agency and the Met Office, the school Health & Safety Department have decided, with great reluctance, to cancel all St Mary's Sports Days next week.

This is not a decision that has been taken lightly, and it has been taken with your child's safety in mind. With temperatures forecast to reach between 31°C and 33°C this week, we feel that it is not safe for pupils to be outside in this degree of heat for a prolonged time – especially when undertaking more physical activities.

We know this will be the cause of great disappointment as the children have been looking forward to and preparing for their Sports Days for some time and **Mr Bignell (PE Lead)** has worked hard to plan and prepare all sporting activities, but the Health & Safety Department do not feel that it would be safe to proceed.

We also know that a significant number of parents have booked time off work to see your children take part. We can only apologise for the weather interfering with arrangements.

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

### **Values**

- St Mary's Christian Values for the **summer term** are **forgiveness, resilience and perseverance.**
- 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

### Collection of Children by Other Adults

Thank you to those who have successfully submitted emails this week to the **Collections** email providing permission for other adults to collect your child(ren) on your behalf.

[collections@stmarys.slough.sch.uk](mailto:collections@stmarys.slough.sch.uk)

For clarity, we require an **email authorisation** on **each day** that someone other than a parent will be collecting your child/ren.

If this collection arrangement is to occur regularly, please clearly state this in your email, for example, “every day” or “every Monday”.

A template is provided below for your convenience.

#### Scenario 1:

- Date - xx/xx/2026
- My child's name: xxx
- My child's class: xxx
- I give permission for xxx to collect my child/ren on my behalf **today**.
- Password is: xxx

OR

#### Scenario 2:

- Date-xx/xx/2026
- My child's name: xxx
- My child's class: xxx
- I give permission for xxx to collect my child/ren **every day**.
- I give permission for xxx to collect my child on the following days: xxx and xxx.
- Password is: xxx

**We are unable to allow a child to leave school with an adult who is not their parent unless we have email authorisation from the parent, and the adult confirms the password.**

**Thank you for helping the school to always keep your children safe.**



## Parent News, Section 2

### Sun Protection During the Summer Term

As a general reminder, please can we advise the following:

- ALL pupils bring a water bottle into school to drink from throughout the day
- Pupils have a high factor sun cream which they can apply to any exposed skin (face, hands, legs) themselves
- Children have a sun hat to wear outside (please write your child's name in these)
- Children are not required to bring coats to school when it is very warm
- Sweatshirts should be removed in school
- Please check the school uniform policy for guidance for summer uniform clothing
- School shoes and covered sandals are acceptable but NOT flip flops or slides.
- Please speak to your children about being sun aware. Not running around at break and lunchtimes but taking the opportunity to seek shade in the school gazebos or under the parasols, ensuring that they drink water throughout the day, not wearing coats or sweatshirts.
- The school is doing everything it can to keep the staff and pupils as cool as possible during this hot weather. Some classrooms have the benefit of air conditioning. Other classes have portable air conditioning units and fans. Access to water is constant and staff are planning and encouraging more sedate activities – including changes to outdoor PE lessons as dictated by the weather.

**Miss Robinson (Health and Safety Lead, DDSL, Assistant Head teacher)**



## Parent News, Section 3

### Thank you for Supporting Our 'Pop-Up' Lolly Sale

The ice cream sale last Friday was well received again. Thank you to everyone who is supporting St Mary's to generate funds so we can continue to offer children a rich curriculum with many exciting experiences. We were very impressed with the **RESPECT** shown in the orderly lining up and the "Please" and "Thank you"s we heard.

However, it has sadly been brought to attention by our local neighbours that discarded lolly packaging and sticks have been thrown on the area directly outside the school.

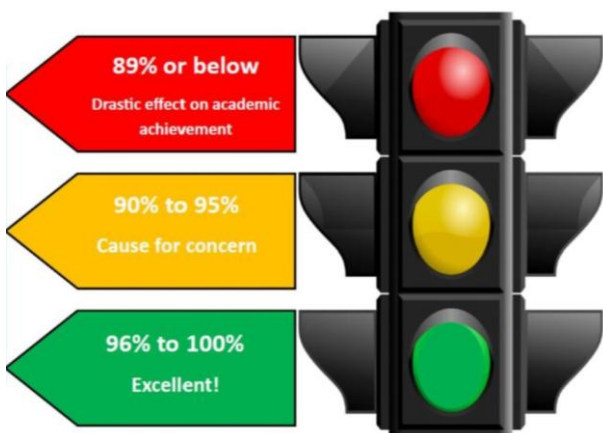
Please enjoy the ice lollies and ice creams but it's everyone's **RESPONSIBILITY** to show **RESPECT** to our neighbourhood and put rubbish in the bin or take it home to dispose of. **Many thanks to those who did.**



## Parent News, Section 4

### Attendance at St Mary's

- 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 confirmation of the appointment: [officestaff@stmarys.slough.sch.uk](mailto:officestaff@stmarys.slough.sch.uk)
- Well done to **10** classes who achieved **96%** or more attendance last week!
- Well done to: **Bluebell, Apple, Pear, Peach, Sycamore, Oak, Hazel, Elm, Willow and Maple 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	93.8%
Nursery PM	90.1%
0Poppy	93.8%
<b>0Bluebell</b>	<b>97.9%</b>
0Daffodil	93.3%
1Damson	93.3%
1Cherry	94.3%
<b>1Apple</b>	<b>96.0%</b>
<b>2Pear</b>	<b>98.7%</b>
2Plum	95.7%
<b>2Peach</b>	<b>98.0%</b>
3Ash	95.3%
<b>3Sycamore</b>	<b>96.0%</b>
3Juniper	95.3%
4Larch	89.0%
4Beech	93.7%
<b>4Oak</b>	<b>98.0%</b>
<b>5Hazel</b>	<b>97.9%</b>
5Alder	93.8%
<b>5Elm</b>	<b>97.3%</b>
<b>6Willow</b>	<b>96.7%</b>
<b>6Maple</b>	<b>96.1%</b>
6Rowan	95.9%

**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

## Baking in Nursery

In Nursery we looked at a recipe for baking biscuits to learn about writing for different purposes. Some children chose to follow the recipe to make biscuits with Miss Allan in learning play.

## Nursery Department



## Nursery News, Section 2

### Baking in Nursery

We measured the butter, sugar and flour and the children worked hard to mix the ingredients together. They then used cutters to create the biscuits from the dough. The children did this in preparation for our very exciting Teddy Bears Picnic which we did later in the week!

### Nursery Department



## Nursery News, Section 3

### Teddy Bears Picnic in Nursery

To link to our learning and books from Week 1 and 2 of Summer 2, on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> the Nursery had a Teddy Bears Picnic! Lots of the children brought in their own soft toys, and so did the adults!

### Nursery Department



## Nursery News, Section 4

### Teddy Bears Picnic in Nursery

We talked about our toys, listened to the story '**The Teddy Bears Picnic**' and then we ate lots of yummy food. The children really enjoyed trying the biscuits that were made earlier in the week. It was lots of fun and the children also explored the Forest School area once they had finished eating.

### Nursery Department



# Reception News, Section 1

## Maths and PE in Reception

Thank you, Mr Bignell, for organising our PE session with an Athletics Coach. We had such a fun session we didn't take any photos. Mrs Bignell did so he'll be sharing them soon.

In maths lesson we have been recapping some of our learning such as **doubling** and **odd** and **even** numbers. We put 'spots' on ladybirds to help use explore these mathematical concepts.

## Reception Department



## Reception News, Section 2

### Understanding the World in Reception

We have been continuing our learning about **Looking After Our World**. Our focus book is **The Whale Who Ate Plastic** by **Stephanie O'Connor**. We have been creative with our large plastic construction kits creating large sculptures. We all felt very sorry for the whale so please remember it's our **RESPONSIBILITY** to make sure plastic items are recycled or disposed of safely, so they don't end up harming wildlife. We have been continuing to have fun junk modelling and using plastic to create things rather than just throwing it away.

### **REDUCE REUSE RECYCLE.**

We were very proud of **Bluebell** and **Daffodil** Classes for their super assemblies. Thank you to everyone who came to support them. Didn't they do well!

### Reception Department



## Year 2 News, Section 1

### Science, Art, PE and Crafts in Year 2

This week Year 2 have had a very busy week planting seeds in Science, trying out fencing in PE, making 3D maps in Art, starting our SATS papers and making Father's Day cards. Well done to all of Year 2 for working so hard this week.

### Year 2 Department



## Dive into A Great Story at St Mary's!

### Reading Recommendations

#### Planet Omar

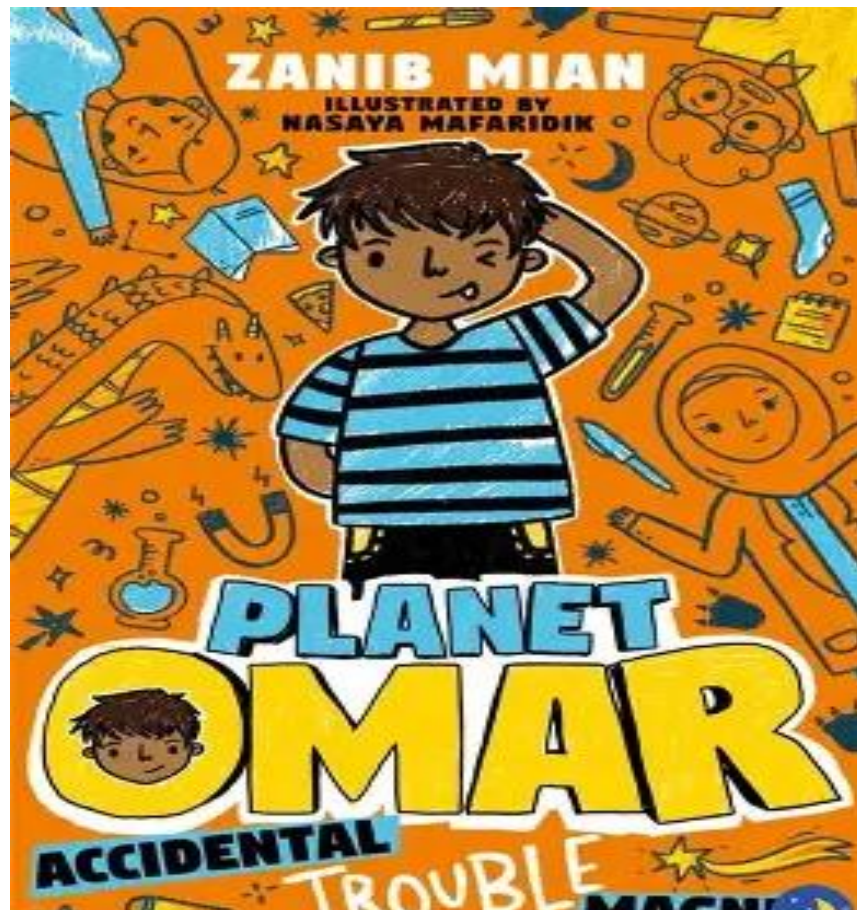
Planet Omar is a hilarious, fun, and adventurous book that I really enjoyed reading. The story is full of exciting moments that kept me entertained from beginning to end. Omar is a funny and relatable character, and his adventures made me laugh many times.

One of the best things about this book is the character development. As the story progresses, we learn more about Omar and the people around him, which makes the characters feel realistic and interesting. Omar faces challenges, learns important lessons, and grows in confidence throughout the book.

I also think many children will be able to relate to Omar's experiences at school, with friends, and with his family. The book deals with everyday situations in a humorous and positive way, making it both enjoyable and meaningful.

**Happy reading!**

**Miss Martins** (Reading for Pleasure Lead, Y3 Sycamore 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.

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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](http://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)  
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## Holiday Camp News



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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

<del>22.06.2026</del>	<del>Sports Day: Y5 and Y6 at 9.15am</del>
<del>22.06.2026</del>	<del>Sports Day: Y3 and Y4 at 1.30pm</del>
<del>23.06.2026</del>	<del>Sports Day: Y1 and Y2 at 9.15am</del>
<del>23.06.2026</del>	<del>Sports Day: YR at 2pm</del>
<del>24.06.2026</del>	<del>Sports Day: Morning Nursery at 9.15am</del>
<del>24.06.2026</del>	<del>Sports Day: Afternoon Nursery at 2pm</del>
25.06.2026	Assembly: Reception Poppy Class at 3pm
30.06.2026	Trip: Y6 to Mosque
01/07/2026	<a href="#">School Photographer</a>
06/07/2026	Art Week: World Environment
09.07.2026	Trip: Y2 to Littlehampton
<a href="#">14.07.2026</a>	<a href="#">Morning Nursery Graduation Ceremony at 10am</a>
<a href="#">15.07.2026</a>	<a href="#">Afternoon Nursery Graduation Ceremony at 2pm</a>
17.07.2026	Y6 Leavers' Assembly for Parents at <a href="#">9am</a>
<b>17.07.2026</b>	<b>Last Day of Summer Term 2. School ends at 1.30pm for Children</b>
<b>02.09.2026</b>	<b>First Day of Autumn Term 1, 2026 for Children</b>