



St Mary's Church of England Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your support throughout another successful year. On behalf of all the staff, we wish you and your families a safe, happy and relaxing summer holiday.

We look forward to welcoming all children back to school on **Wednesday 2nd September** for another exciting year of learning.



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

2025-2026: Thank you!

As we come to the end of another successful academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all our parents, carers, staff and governors for their continued support throughout the year. Working together as a school community enables us to provide the very best opportunities for our children, and we are extremely grateful for the partnership we share.

This year has been filled with many memorable achievements and exciting learning experiences. We are particularly proud to have secured the **Leading Parent Partnership Award**, recognising the strong relationships we have built with our families and the positive impact this has on our pupils. We are also delighted to achieve the **School Games Gold Mark Award**, celebrating the rich and varied PE and sporting opportunities provided for our children throughout 2025–26.

Our pupils have enjoyed a wide range of curriculum enrichment events, including **Maths Week, Reading Week, the Book Fair, Science Week, Art Week and Sports Week**. These special events have inspired curiosity, creativity and a love of learning across the school. Alongside these, children have benefited from educational visits, onsite workshops, a variety of enriching trips that have brought learning to life beyond the classroom.

We have also been treated to wonderful performances and celebrations throughout the year, including our **Christmas and Easter productions**, as well as class assemblies and special presentations where children have proudly showcased their talents, achievements and learning.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation for the support and understanding shown by our families during some unexpected challenges this year. Whether adapting to remote learning during the temporary school closure caused by the electrical failure affecting our fire alarm system, or working together during the recent Amber heat alerts, your cooperation and flexibility have been invaluable. These experiences demonstrated the strength of our school community and our shared commitment to ensuring the best outcomes for our children.

It has truly been a fantastic year, filled with achievement, progress and memorable moments. We are incredibly proud of all that our children have accomplished and grateful to everyone who has contributed to making this such a successful year.

On behalf of all the staff, we wish you and your families a safe, happy and relaxing summer holiday.

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Have a wonderful summer holiday!



Parent News, Section 2

Farewell Message to Staff Leaving St Mary's

As we reach the end of the academic year, we are also saying goodbye to some valued members of staff. Whilst we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead for them, we are incredibly sad to see them leave St Mary's.

It has been a genuine pleasure to work alongside each of them. Their passion and commitment to making a difference to children's lives have shone through every day and have enriched the curriculum opportunities available to our pupils. The specialist areas they have led are subjects that we firmly believe every child should have the opportunity to experience, enjoy and succeed in.

Through their expertise, enthusiasm and dedication, they have inspired St Mary's children, helping them to discover new interests, develop confidence and achieve their potential. The impact of their work will continue to be felt long after they have left, and their contribution to the life of St Mary's has been significant.

On behalf of everyone at St Mary's, thank you for all that you have given to our school. We wish you every success and happiness in the future and hope that you will always look back on your time at St Mary's with great pride and fond memories.

You will be greatly missed, and we wish you all the very best for the future. Goodbye and good luck to...

- **Mrs Ali who follows her passion to teach a specialist subject.**
- **Mr Bignell who embarks on a new career.**
- **Miss Brindley who is moving to a school closer to home.**
- **Mrs Canali who embarks on new adventures as part of early retirement.**
- **Miss Holder who is getting married and relocating to another part of the country.**
- **Mrs Galloway who is relocating to another part of the country.**
- **Mrs Ghafoor who embarks on a new adventure with her family.**
- **Mrs Nagra who embarks on a new career.**
- **Mrs Salpi who is moving to a school closer to home.**



Parent News, Section 3

Welcoming New Staff to St Mary's

As we say farewell to valued colleagues, we are also delighted to welcome several new members of staff who will be joining the St Mary's team in September.

We are excited to have them become part of our school community and look forward to working alongside them in the years ahead. Everyone brings a wealth of experience, knowledge and unique talents that will further enrich the educational experiences we provide for our children.

At St Mary's, we value the opportunity to learn from one another, and we are eager to benefit from the fresh perspectives, skills and ideas that our new colleagues will bring. Their contributions will help us to continue developing exciting learning opportunities and ensuring that our children receive the very best possible education.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, we are confident that our new staff members will play an important role in creating even more memorable experiences, adventures and opportunities for our pupils as they continue their journey of learning, growth, achievement and flourishing.

We extend a very warm St Mary's welcome to each of them and look forward to all that we will achieve together. To ensure smooth transitions to new roles, some of colleagues have already joined this summer term.

Joining us in September are...

- **Miss Sollars who joins the Reception Department.**
- **Mrs George who joins the Year 1 Department.**
- **Miss Hansal who joins the Year 3 Department.**
- **Miss Sacranie who joins the Year 4 Department.**
- **Mr Lewis who joins the Year 6 Department.**
- **Mrs Shah who joins the SEND Department.**
- **Mrs Yassin who joins the SEND Department.**
- **Mrs O'Kelly who joins as the Inclusion and Safeguarding Assistant.**
- **Mr Whatley who has already joined the Office and SEND Department.**
- **Mrs Heer who has already joined the Phonics Department.**
- **Mr Appleton who has already joined the SEND Department.**
- **Miss Jones who has already joined the SEND Department.**
- **Mrs Natt who has already joined the English as an Additional Language Department.**
- **Mrs Newton who has already joined the Year 4 department.**



Parent News, Section 4

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

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 5

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



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	78.5%
Nursery PM	68%
0Poppy	88.5%
0Bluebell	86.7%
0Daffodil	88.3%
1Damson	92.3%
1Cherry	96.7%
1Apple	93.0%
2Pear	96.3%
2Plum	90.0%
2Peach	87.0%
3Ash	89.7%
3Sycamore	91.0%
3Juniper	87.7%
4Larch	94.3%
4Beech	89.0%
4Oak	85.7%
5Hazel	93.3%
5Alder	88.3%
5Elm	89.0%
6Willow	82.7%
6Maple	86.2%
6Rowan	82.0%

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

Expressive Art and Design in Nursery

The children have been working hard with the staff to create something special for the end of the year. The photo shows a little sneak peak of what the children have been creating and it's something the Nursery team hope that families really like!

Nursery Department



Nursery News, Section 2

Outdoor Play

in Nursery

When playing outside the children have been using lots of our different resources well. We have been trying to hula, using the balance pebbles and some of the children spent a really long time working as a group to create objects that would support them in their play. It's lovely to hear the children talking about all of the different things they can do and watching them create something as a team.

Nursery Department



Reception News, Section 1

Maths and Understanding the World in Reception

In Reception we have been continuing our learning about **Looking After Our World**. Our focus book was The **Very Hungry Caterpillar** by **Eric Carle**. We learnt all about the life cycle of a butterfly. A butterfly was helping with a jigsaw puzzle! Have you spotted any beautiful butterflies recently? We need to show **RESPECT** by looking at them but don't try to catch them. Butterflies love getting nectar from flowers and caterpillars love eating their leaves, so we have been using construction kits to create flowers gardens.

In maths we have been learning about directions, routes and maps. We had fun creating a trail to follow with our wooden construction equipment.

Reception Department



Year 6 News, Section 1

Art Week in Year 3

While the weather was hot and sunny outside, Year 6 spent their time exploring a variety of painting techniques and applying them to create artwork inspired by "**Flooding in Japan**". The children demonstrated great creativity and enthusiasm throughout the project, experimenting with different styles and effects. Their hard work resulted in some truly impressive pieces of artwork, showcasing both their artistic skills and understanding of the topic.

Year 6 Department



Dive into A Great Story at St Mary's!

Reading Recommendations

The Butterfly Lion

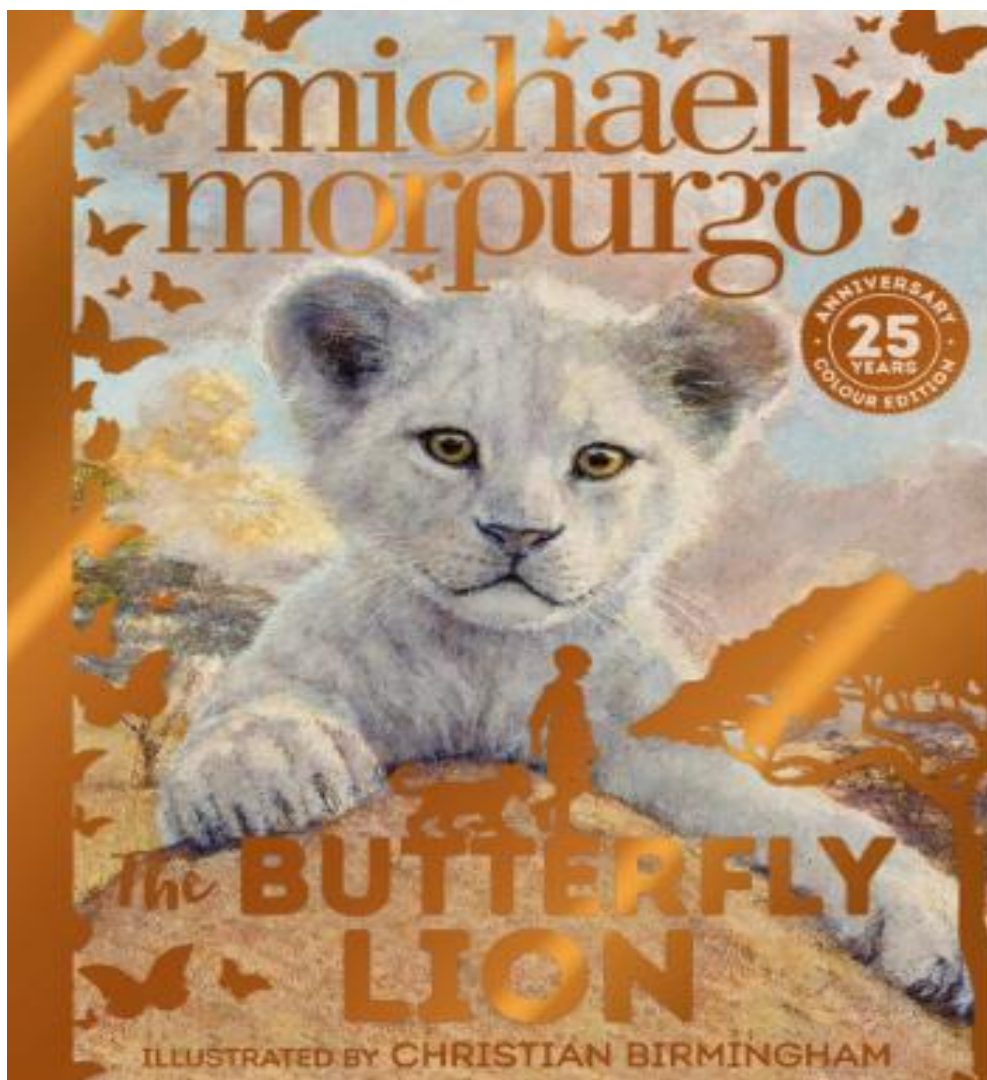
This week's book recommendation comes from Michael Morpurgo. The butterfly lion is such a captivating read filled with emotion. If you're interested in animals and war stories this will be the perfect book to dive into. The twist at the end was brilliant and left me wanting to know more about what happens next.

This book is great for upper KS2!

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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!

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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 and find your school on the sign up page or call 0330 113 0330.

Best wishes,

Rachel Hawker | Director of Education

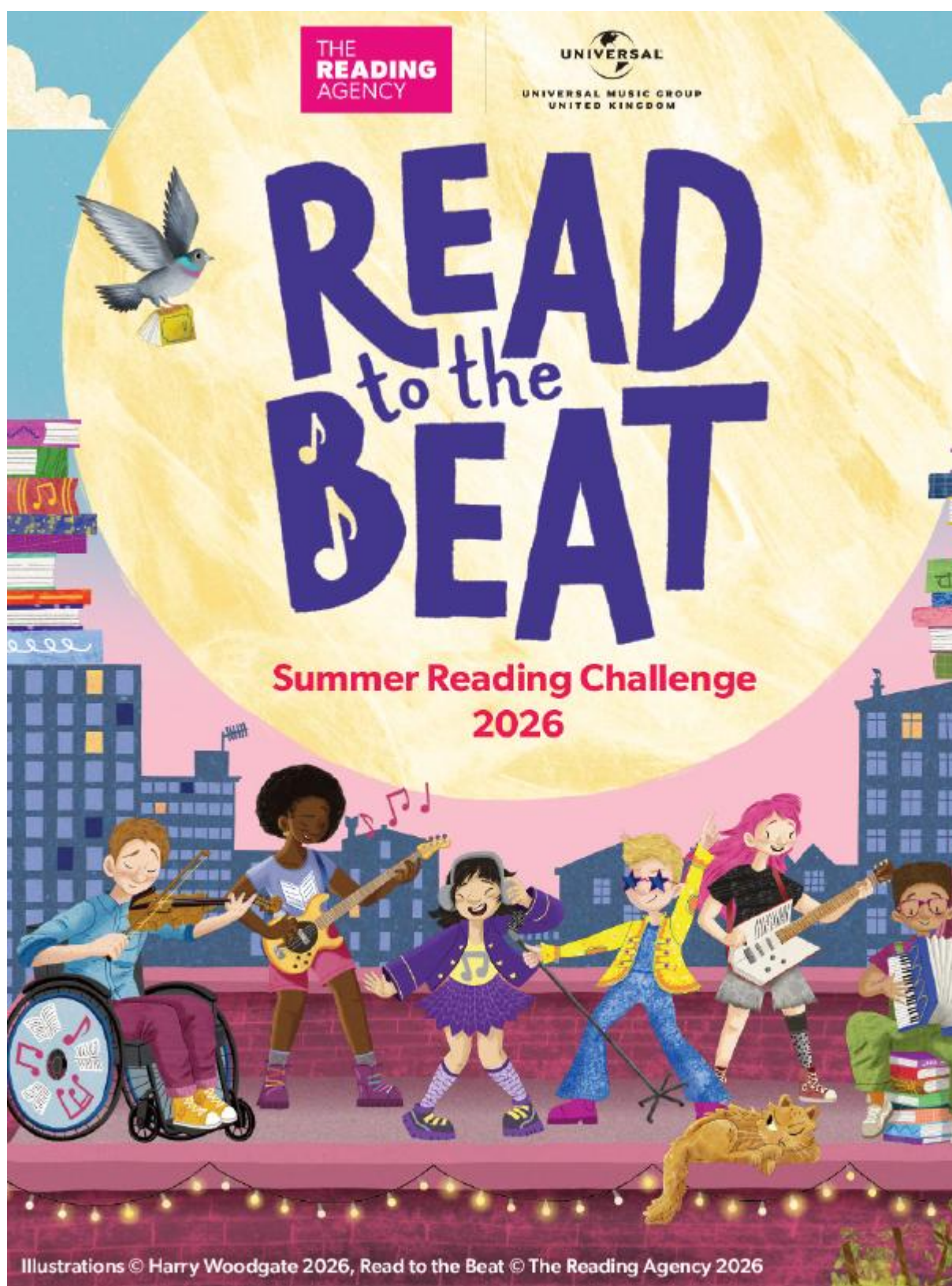


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-  **DJ WORKSHOPS**
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-  **CREATIVE ARTS AND CRAFTS**

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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](#).

Autumn Term 1, 2026

02.09.2026

First Day of Autumn Term 1, 2026 for Children

[07.09.2026](#)

[Meet the Phase Lead & Teacher for Y5 and Y6 at 2pm in Yew Hall.](#)

[08.09.2026](#)

[Meet the Phase Lead & Teacher for Y3 and Y4 at 2pm in Yew Hall.](#)

[09.09.2026](#)

[Meet the Phase Lead & Teacher for Y1 and Y2 at 2pm in Yew Hall.](#)