

Newsletter

Summer 2 Week 4 (Edition 36)

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to this week's newsletter. The children had a fantastic week with sports day events throughout the week. Thank you to those who could make it and well done to all the parents who took part in the final races. It was fantastic to see the school alive and vibrant. However, this could not have been achieved without the thorough planning and organisation from Mr Bignell so a big shout out to him for all his hard work. Have a lovely weekend.

Values

St Mary's Christian Values for Summer Term:

Forgiveness, perseverance and resilience.

Our school bible quote which we aspire 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

You must do all you can to make sure your child attends school regularly. However, on the rare occasion they must be absent please reported on this on our study bugs system. We ask that you clearly state your child's name, year group and class and state the reason why your child is absent. We ask that you are specific 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, however, if this is not possible, please email the school office with conformation of the appointment.

Clubs

If your child is interested in attending a club, please visit our website or click below. Did you know we offer clubs at lunchtime free to all children. Why not ask your child if they attend one or two? <https://www.stmarys.slough.sch.uk/school-clubs/>

GATES OPEN 08.20am and **CLOSE** 8.30am prompt. Children should be in class, registered and ready for learning at 8.30am. 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 really 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 this week

Nursery AM	79.2%
Nursery PM	90.4%
0Poppy	95.6%
0Bluebell	95.7%
0Daffodil	94.2%
1Damson	95%
1Cherry	90.7%
1Apple	97.3%
2Pear	94%
2Plum	97.2%
2Peach	96.5%
3Ash	92.3%
3Sycamore	96.4%
3Juniper	95.3%
4Larch	96%
4Beech	89.9%
4Oak	93.6%
5Hazel	95.2%
5Alder	94.5%
5Elm	91.7%
6Willow	89.7%
6Maple	94.7%
6Rowan	96.7%
Total	94%

An improvement on last week so well done those in the yellow!

Overall, St Mary's children are not attending school enough which can affect learning, teaching, social skills and an OFSTED grading. Please bring your child to school every day. Thank you.

PARENT NEWS

SCHOOL ABSENCE

77% of families have signed up to study bugs making life much easier to report a child's absence. If you haven't yet signed up to study bugs to report your child's absence, please do. The office staff are there to help you if you are unsure.

SCHOOL TRIPS

We have a few school trips left this year. Please pay towards your child's school trips however little or as much you can so the children at St Mary's can continue to have opportunities and experiences beyond the classroom. Thank you.

SPORTS DAY

Many thanks to those who attended sports day. As a reminder, please refrain from putting videos and photographs of children and staff on social media. You have not been given permission by those persons who may fall under protection. Many thanks for your support on this matter.

CLASS SWAPS

On Tuesday your children will have the opportunity to meet their new classmates, see their new classroom and meet their next teacher. This is an exciting experience, but it can also come with some apprehension. Staff are on hand to support any children who may experience this. We will be paying particular support for those children who have mental health issues or are on our special needs register. Our experience shows that the transition day is exciting, and the children feel a lot more at ease about returning in September.

CLUBS

If your child is interested in joining a club, please see below.

New Summer Term - 2- 2025 - After School Clubs

To book simply log on to your child's parent pay account and pay for the club to reserve your child's place. (First come first serve basis) **If you are able to pay then take this as your confirmation & take note of the dates & times below.** Due to start week of 2nd June 2025

Club Menu

Monday - Athletics - Year 3 & 4 - 3:30 - 4:15 - 28 Apr - 19 May then after half term, **9 Jun, 16 Jun**

Monday - Cricket Club - Year 5 & 6 - 3:30 - 4:15 - 9 June -21 July **(23 June cancelled)**

Tuesday - Fencing - Year 1 & 2 - 3:30 - 4:15 - 3 Jun - 8 July

Wednesday - Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 3:30 - 4:15 - 4 Jun - 16 July (New Group)

Thursday - Choir Club - Year 3 to 6 - 3:30 - 4:15 - 5 June - 17 July

Reception



Thank you to everyone who joined us for Sports Day we had a super time. A big THANK YOU to Mr Bignell for organising it. The water station was a particularly fun event!

We have been continuing our learning about **Looking After Our World**. This week we have started learning all about **minibeasts** so do look out for minibeasts and see if you can name them.

In phonics many of us work together reading books with a partner This is because we have learnt many of the sounds we need and can blend them to be able to read. Do remember to read at home with someone. Please talk about the book to help understand what the words and sentences mean.

A couple of weeks ago Poppy Class spoke and performed fabulously in their assembly all about our value of **PERSEVERANCE** – very well-done Mrs Sabat and Poppy Class we were very proud of you. Thank you to everyone who came to support them.

Thank you, Miss Jenkins and Daffodil Class, for showing **RESILIENCE** while rehearsing for your assembly. Thank you to everyone who came to support them - they did us proud. Here is a link to the great song they sang <https://youtu.be/AMVKNvSn36M>

Photos will be going on the website soon. <https://www.stmarys.slough.sch.uk/reception-year/>



In NELI this week we have been learning about time. Did you know **clocks and watches** have **hands**?! See the link below for the NELI Newsletters including the vocabulary we have learnt. <https://st-marys-church-of-england.secure-primariesite.net/neli-nuffield-early-language-intervention/>

Mrs R. Ballard Reception Intervention Teacher

YEAR 3



Juniper class gave a fantastic performance for their class assembly this week, all about deforestation and the importance of trees. They reenacted a book called the Great Kapok Tree with anteaters, porcupines, a macaw, a toucan and many more exotic rainforest wildlife! We are so proud of you Juniper class – well done!

Miss M. Cresto (Year 3 teacher)

Year 2



Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed watching the life cycle of a butterfly in action as part of our science learning on life cycles. Thank you to Mrs Williams (Science Lead) for allowing us to experience this in our classrooms. We have watched them grow from caterpillar to pupa and butterfly. Although it was sad to see them go as we released them this week, we have had lots of fun looking after them and watching them develop!



Year 2 had so much fun participating in Sports Day! There were some fantastic athletic skills on display and fantastic teamwork. The children loved taking part and celebrating each other's successes. Thank you to all the parents who attended and joined in with the parents' races!



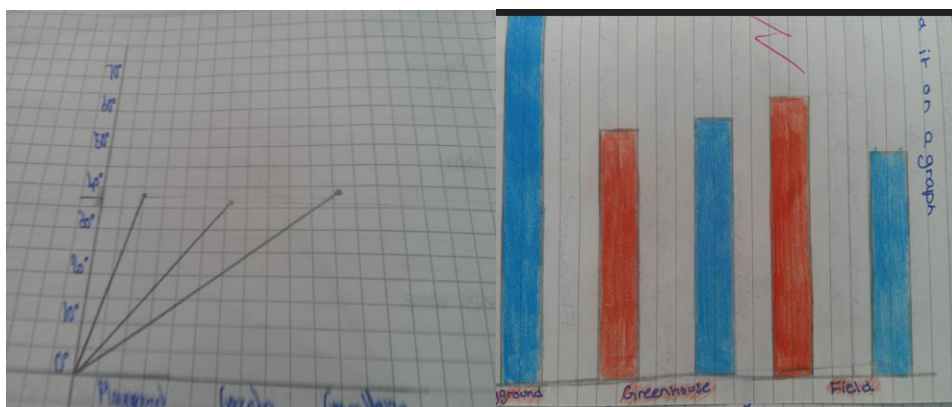
KS1 have been loving our Thursday lunchtime reading club, enjoying reading books on their own and with friends. It has been lovely seeing Year 1 and 2 children enjoy reading a range of stories and sharing book recommendations with one another.

Mrs J. Hunter (Year 2 lead teacher)

Year 6

Geography fieldwork

As part of our learning in Geography, year 6 were asked to plan an investigation whereby they would go into the school grounds to do some fieldwork. Some children decided they wanted to investigate what areas of the school had the most litter, others decided to find out what type of plants were growing in certain areas of the field and playground. One group chose to compare the temperature in the Polytunnel, in the shade and in the sun. Once the children had recorded their results, they were asked to create bar graphs, line graphs and Venn diagrams in their Geography books.



Ms J. Rockett (Year 6 Lead)

The children were invited to a Rock Steady music assembly where they had a chance to be entertained and to find out what Rock Steady is all about. If your child is interested in signing up for September, please follow the details on the flyer below.



DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO PLAY MUSIC IN THEIR OWN BAND?



With Rocksteady, children learn to play an instrument through fun and inclusive weekly in-school rock and pop band lessons.

It's the perfect way to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time - all at school! There's no musical experience necessary and instruments for lessons are provided.

Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost confidence, improve wellbeing and encourage teamwork!



Scan QR code to find out more!

98%

OF PARENTS SAY THEIR CHILD LOVES OR ENJOYS ROCKSTEADY BAND LESSONS



94%

OF PARENTS SAY ROCKSTEADY IMPROVES THEIR CHILD'S CONFIDENCE



0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 9am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)

rocksteadymusicschool.com

A new Parent Carer Forum for Slough

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person 0 to 25 years who has special educational needs and or a disability living in Slough

Would you like to be involved in the design, development and implementation of services for your child or young person?

Would you be interested in how parent carer forums are involved with services locally, regionally and nationally?

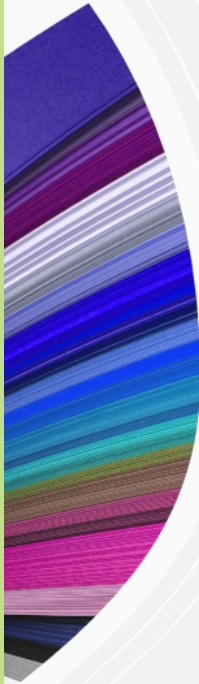
If you are interested do come along to one of the virtual sessions

7th July 6pm to 7-30pm

8th July 10-00am to 11-30 am

9th July 12 noon to 1-30pm

You will need to book by emailing Catherine.ratcliffe@contact.org.uk



Free Performance

Thursday 10th July
4-4.45pm
St Mary's Church, Church St, Slough, SL1 1PJ

The Dionysus Ensemble performs
World Premiere of music by Libby Croad
&
new Jubilee River inspired songs created & performed by students at
Slough & Eton College
and St Mary's Primary School

Berkshire Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust
St Mary's Primary School
ETON-COM CHALET
The Dionysus Ensemble
Slough Anti-Litter Society
JUBILEE RIVER RIVERSIDE CENTRE

Diary Dates

01.07.2025	Class swap – meet your new teacher
03.07.2025	Year 4: Oak Class swimming
03.07.2025	Year 2: Trip to Littlehampton
04.07.2025	Reception: library visit to the curve
07.07.2025	Art week whole school
07.07.2025	Year 4: London Landmarks Trip
08.07.2025	Year 4: London Landmarks Trip
09.07.2025	Year 4: London Landmarks Trip
10.07.2025	Year 4: Oak Class swimming
10.07.2025	Performance at St Mary's church – parents welcome (4pm start – 4.45pm finish)
15.07.2025	Year 6: performance @ 2pm (parents welcome)
16.07.2025	Year 6: performance @ 6pm (parents welcome)
18.07.2025	Annual pupil report to parents
21.07.2025	Year 6: Leavers party
21.07.2025	Whole year attendance celebrations and Legoland draw!
22.07.2025	Year 6 Leavers assembly & Presentation (9am parents welcome)
22.07.2025	FINISH SCHOOL YEAR @ 1.30pm
23.07.2025	Inset for staff (excl. TAs, LSAs & Lunch staff)