

Newsletter

Summer 2 Week 3 (Edition 35)

Dear parents and carers,

We hope you are enjoying the lovely sunshine. Welcome to this week's newsletter. Please can you pay particular attention to the sports day information in this edition. 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	77.7%
Nursery PM	90.4%
0Poppy	92.8%
0Bluebell	97%
0Daffodil	80.7%
1Damson	91.3%
1Cherry	92.7%
1Apple	89.3%
2Pear	93.3%
2Plum	96.9%
2Peach	96.4%
3Ash	96.7%
3Sycamore	94.7%
3Juniper	95%
4Larch	93.1%
4Beech	96.6%
4Oak	97.5%
5Hazel	94.2%
5Alder	89.7%
5Elm	94.3%
6Willow	85.3%
6Maple	96%
6Rowan	96%
Total	92.9%

Well done Oak class...top of the leaderboard!

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

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

Dear parents, as we approach the annual sports day events, please read carefully the following so it is yet again a fun and successful week. We ask that all parents and carers support the safety of all children and staff on site as they go about their work routines. Please note the following:

- Sports day for your child(ren) is on a specific day next week (check the dates below).
- Please be mindful that the remainder of the school staff and children are going about their daily learning while your child's activities are taking place.
- Anyone visiting the school does not have permission to enter any buildings or classrooms unless agreed with a staff member and therefore must remain on the field or large playground at all times.
- If you bring any drinks or food onto the school site, please take empties home with you or dispose items in the bins provided.
- If you require the use of a toilet, please make your way to the huts only.
- We ask that parents do not swear, smoke, vape or bring animals on to site.
- There will be visitor races at the end so get sensible shoes on!
- At the end of sports day, please leave the school premises prompt so we can secure the site ASAP.

We hope you have a fun and enjoyable day and don't forget to cheer the children on!

Monday 23rd June

Year 5 & 6 - Start time 9am - 11am Nursery gate will open at 8.50

Year 3 & 4 Start time 1.15pm - 3.15 pm Nursery gate open 1.10pm

Tuesday 24th June

Year 1 & 2 - Start time 9am - 11am Nursery gate will open 8.50am

Reception - Start time 2.00pm - 3.15pm Nursery gate will open 1.50pm

Wednesday 25th June

Nursery AM - start time 9.15am - 10.45 Nursery gate will open 9.05am

Nursery PM - Start time 2.00pm - 3.15pm Nursery gate will open 1.50pm

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

YEAR 3

We were honoured to welcome Children's Laureate Frank Cottrell-Boyce, who visited to share his new book *The Blockbusters*. It was a true privilege to host such a celebrated author. His engaging talk captivated both pupils and staff, inspiring young readers and writers with his warmth, humour, and storytelling brilliance.



Miss M. Martinez (Year 3 teacher)

Year 6

Science Museum

Year 6 were spoilt for choice during their trip to the Science Museum yesterday. At the Power-Up workshop, they were able to immerse themselves in a hands-on gaming experience featuring the very best video games and consoles from the past 50 years. Friendly rivalry dominated multiplayer showdowns, others rose to the challenge of testing the next generation virtual reality technology and even the adults took a walk down memory lane as they rediscovered their childhood favourites.

The Science Museum, a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) paradise, fuelled their imagination and held everyone in awe with their breathtaking interactive displays which spans 250 years.

In a technology -driven world, Year 6 gained valuable digital skills, which are essential for their future success.



Mrs S Parbhoo (Year 6 Teacher).

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 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)

rocksteadymusicschool.com

Year 5 SEND Roadshow

Are you a parent /carer or family member of a child in Year 5 with Special Educational Needs (SEND)?

Do you have any questions or do you want to find out about how pupils with SEND are supported in secondary schools in Slough?

If so please come along to our Year 5 Roadshow. There will be representatives from the Slough secondary schools and services that support parents carers and young people with SEND

We are holding an event on the 24 June 2025 at Arbour Park Stadium Arbour Park, Slough SL2 5AY between 1.00 and 3.30 pm

You will be made very welcome and we look forward to meeting you.

**For further information email:
ISSadmin@slough.gov.uk**



SUPPORTING PEOPLE INTO JOBS

JOB FAIR & CAREER EXPO



**Slough Jobs Fair
Thursday 26th June 2025
10am – 1pm**

**Venue:
The Curve
William Street
Slough
SL1 1XY**





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



contact For families with disabled children

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

Diary Dates

19.06.2025	Year 6: Trip to Science Museum
19.06.2025	Year 4: Oak Class swimming
23.06.2025	Year 5 and Year 6: Sports Day 9.15am-10.45am (parents welcome)
23.06.2025	Year 3 and Year 4: Sports Day 2.00pm-3.15pm (parents welcome)
24.06.2025	Year 1 and Year 2: Sports Day 9.15am-10.45am (parents welcome)
24.06.2025	Year Reception: Sports Day 2.00pm-3.15pm (parents welcome)
25.06.2025	Year Nursery: Sports Day 9.15am-10.45am (parents welcome)
25.06.2025	Year Nursery: Sports Day 2.00pm-3.15pm (parents welcome)
26.06.2025	Reception: Daffodil Class Assembly @ 3 pm start, Yew Hall (Parents welcome)
26.06.2025	Year 4: Oak Class swimming
27.06.2025	Year 3: Juniper Class Assembly @ 8.50am start, Yew Hall (Parents welcome)
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
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)