

# Newsletter

Summer 2 Week 2 (Edition 34)

Dear parents and carers,

**Welcome to this week's newsletter. 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	84.6%
Nursery PM	86.9%
0Poppy	95.8%
0Bluebell	95.3%
0Daffodil	88.3%
1Damson	98%
1Cherry	98.7%
1Apple	95.3%
2Pear	99.3%
2Plum	97.6%
2Peach	95.2%
3Ash	94.7%
3Sycamore	97%
3Juniper	95%
4Larch	91.3%
4Beech	94.1%
4Oak	97.1%
5Hazel	91.9%
5Alder	94.8%
5Elm	95%
6Willow	91.8%
6Maple	96.3%
6Rowan	96.3%

**Total 94.8%**

Well done Pear 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

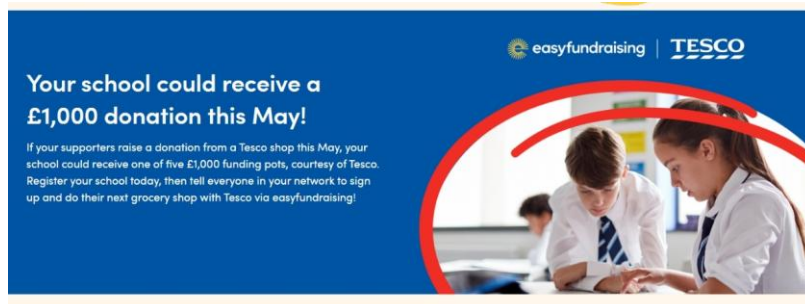
If you haven't yet signed up to study bugs to report your child's absence please do. The office staff are there to help you if you are unsure.

### SCHOOL TRIPS

Please donate to 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.

### TESCO REWARDS!

Please can you consider making your weekly shop at Tesco so that your child's nursery receives a donation of £1000 this May! Please see the attached poster how to shop using the easy app or website.



### SCHOOL PHOTGRAPHS

To confirm that all parents have been given a QR code to access and pay for their child's class photograph. **If you have opted for school delivery, we will notify you when they arrive.** If you have not received a QR code, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

Many thanks for your patience.

Slough children are celebrating their Healthy Smiles

## Article from COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICES 11 June 2025

This National Smile Month, teachers and children at St Mary's CE Primary School and Cippenham Nursery in Slough are celebrating their success after passing their Healthy Smiles accreditation.

The Healthy Smiles accreditation programme delivered by Community Dental Services CIC (CDS), commissioned by Slough Borough Council, teaches early years settings and primary schools to meet six Healthy Smiles standards which promote positive oral health. Settings also learn how to reduce the frequency of sugary snacks, foods and drinks and provide tooth friendly options.

**Cllr Ishrat Shah, Cabinet Member for Public Health, Wellbeing and Equalities** said: "It is great to see our partners Community Dental Services have facilitated six early years settings completing their Healthy Smiles accreditation this year and have enrolled another five on the Supervised Toothbrushing Scheme. In addition to this, 12 0-19 Oral Health Champions have been trained and 14 Carer Champions. One of our main priorities as a council is the health of our residents and it is encouraging to see that a growing number of the 0-19 Champions are from diverse sectors across Slough, including early years staff, churches, asylum support workers, and staff from our family hubs; all with one aim of improving the oral health in our borough."

**Jennifer Baitup, Strategic Oral Health Lead for CDS** said: "Tooth decay is a serious health issue, which also affects children's oral and general health, impacting on their confidence, wellbeing and ability to take part in everyday activities such as attending nurseries and schools, yet it is preventable. By delivering our Healthy Smiles and Supervised Toothbrushing programmes, we are helping children to develop positive oral health skills for life."

**Asima Sabat, Reception Year Lead and class teacher at St Mary's CE Primary School** said: "The oral health training was insightful and gave us valuable knowledge to promote good oral hygiene in early years. Accreditation is so important – it ensures we follow high standards and evidence-based practices. Since the training, we have added fun and engaging activities like songs, stories, and role play to our curriculum, and we're working more closely with parents through workshops and take-home resources. Our oral health displays now highlight brushing steps and tooth friendly foods, and local dental professionals support our efforts. The children especially enjoy games, songs, and brushing dolls' teeth – it has made learning about oral health memorable."

**Karen Bradley, Turtles Room Leader of 2-year-olds at Cippenham Nursery** said: "Teaching the children the importance of cleaning their teeth through a fun and interactive way is setting them up with good skills for the future. Hopefully through imbedding these skills at such a young age we are improving their chances of having good strong teeth as well as a better understanding of oral health."

For further details on how to sign up to the Healthy Smiles programmes, please contact the CDS Oral Health Improvement team: [ohp.slough@cds-cic.co.uk](mailto:ohp.slough@cds-cic.co.uk).



## SCIENCE COMPETITION WINNERS

Many thanks to everyone who took the time and effort to enter this years' science competition. You are all fantastic and it was incredibly difficult to select winners. Below are our 2025 champions.



A huge well done to our spectacular science winners: **Sagnik** (Daffodil), **Khadijah** (Cherry), **Yusuf** (Pear), **Alexander** (Peach), **Hajra** (Sycamore), **Ruqaiyah** (Ash), **Kodie** (Alder), **Ishanvi** (Larch), **Srinika** (Alder) and **Tasnime** (Rowan).

*Mrs N. Williams (Science Lead)*

## 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**

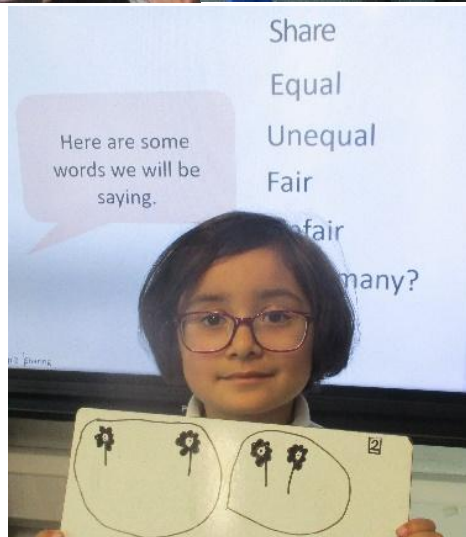
Monday - Cricket Club - Year 5 & 6 - 3:30 - 4:15 - 9 June - 14 July

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 YEAR



We have been continuing our learning about recycling and looking after our world. We have been having fun making junk models out of different types of (clean) litter as well as leaning about how to attach things to each other with glue, masking tape or Sellotape. The children have been constructing models from our large outdoors construction kit too.

In maths we have been learning about grouping and sharing as a precursor to developing mathematical understanding of division.

On Wednesday we had a very exciting Rocksteady Music School assembly. We all enjoyed clapping along to the different instruments and songs.

You can see other photos on our website. <https://www.stmarys.slough.sch.uk/reception-year/>



NELI groups haven't started back yet but we will be continuing with our topic about **time** soon. Please 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 4

### Science

This term, we are looking at States of Matter. We explored lots of different materials, including Oobleck, rice, marmalade and fizzy drinks to sort them into solids, liquids and gases!



**Miss E. Holder (Year 4 teacher)**

### Year 4 science - investigating states of matter

Year 4 had a lot of fun in this week's science lesson. While learning about states of matter, the children created Oobleck using corn starch and water. The children had to then decide if was truly a solid, a liquid or something in-between?

For information on our science learning, check out the link below:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zdpjs82/articles/zngfp4j>



**Mr M. Ali (Year 4 Lead)**

## Year 6

On Tuesday, the Year 6 children took part in a World War 2 interactive workshop run by Rainbow Theatre London. After watching a brief introduction to set the scene, the children were split into groups and given roles to play in the rest of the performance. Every child had a part to play and thoroughly enjoyed the morning.

Mrs Parbhoo said of the experience, "A truly impressive, talented and captivating trio who skilfully conveyed the historical content of World War 2."

Feedback from the pupils was equally positive; "The actors were brilliant.", "Fantastic.", "Funny." and "Incredible."

Due to the great success of the workshop, we have already booked them again for next year.



**Mr L. Plumley (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](http://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](mailto:ISSadmin@slough.gov.uk)**



SUPPORTING PEOPLE INTO JOBS

# JOB FAIR & CAREER EXPO



Slough Jobs Fair  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
10am – 1pm

Venue:  
The Curve  
William Street  
Slough  
SL1 1XY



## Sports Update of Events

### Netball

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of June our Girls' 5&6 Netball team participated in a home fixture against Marish to conclude an exciting season. The game started out fast with Marish taking an early lead. Like the sunny day the girls' mentality shone through for a fight back. The game finished 6-5 to St Mary's. Thank you and well done to a strong season for the netball team and the volunteers who made this happen. We look forward to seeing the new season starting in September where we will continue to Learn, Grow, Achieve and Flourish at team St Mary's.

Well done girls!



**Mr Bignell (PE and sports coach)**

## 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
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)
<b>22.07.2025</b>	<b>FINISH SCHOOL YEAR @ 1.30pm</b>
23.07.2025	Inset for staff (excl. TAs, LSAs & Lunch staff)