

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome to the last edition of our newsletter for summer 1 term.

This week we had an amazing science week where we invited lots of professional visitors, parents into school as well as some feathered falconry friends. Year 3 took a visit to Kew gardens and there were also some judo skills being taught to some of our pupils by two Olympians. Please see photographs below. Enjoy the weeklong break and we will see all children back in school on Tuesday 3rd June 2025.



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	82.3%
Nursery PM	94.6%
0Poppy	89.7%
0Bluebell	94.5%
0Daffodil	93.3%
1Damson	97.3%
1Cherry	96.7%
1Apple	96.7%
2Pear	98.7%
2Plum	93.4%
2Peach	93.8%
3Ash	99.3%
3Sycamore	98.3%
3Juniper	95.3%
4Larch	96%
4Beech	92%
4Oak	96.4%
5Hazel	91.9%
5Alder	95.9%
5Elm	97.3%
6Willow	91.7%
6Maple	96%
6Rowan	99.7%
Total	95.1%

School Total this week 95.1%

This is just below national expectation.
Every class should be at 96%+ every week.

PARENT NEWS

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photographs will be taken on June 3rd, the first day after half term. Ensure your child wears their full school uniform.

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.



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CONGRATULATIONS

A huge congratulations to Miss Hunter in Year 2 who is getting married on 24 May 2025. We all wish you happiness and health. Enjoy this special time.



LEADING PARENT PARTNERSHIP AWARD

We want YOUR views

Please let us know how we can improve the school newsletter. What items would you like to see added? Is there a particular area you would like to know more about? Would you like information about curriculum, teaching tips, training as a volunteer etc. Please contact the school office with your ideas. All ideas welcome.

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 22nd April 2025**

Club Menu

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

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

Wednesday - Tennis - Year 5 & 6 - 3:30 - 4:15 - 23 Apr - 21 May

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Wednesday -Forest School - Year 1 & 2 - 3:30 - 4:05 - 7 May - 16 Jul (New Group)

Wednesday - Cricket Club - Year 5 & 6 - 3:30 - 4:30 - 4 June - 9 July

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

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Nursery

It has been Science Week across the school this week and in nursery we have been busy investigating the world around us. The week has been filled with exciting experiments, lessons and opportunities to observe science in action. Everyone has been working hard to become a scientist!



Mrs S. Badyal (Nursery Lead Teacher)

RECEPTION YEAR



In Reception the **'Helpful Heroes'** we have been focusing on this week have been police officers.

Our focus book was a non-fiction book called **Topsy and Tim meet the Police** We discussed the importance of their role the different jobs they do. The children had a wonderful time creating police motor bikes, helicopters an ambulance and even a hospital out of a new construction set we have.

As part of Science Week we thoroughly enjoyed a visit from some birds of prey. The lady said we were the best behaved group of Reception pupils she'd ever met – well done Team Reception! 😊

You can see other photos on our website

<https://st-marys-church-of-england.secure-primariesite.net/neli-nuffield-early-language-intervention/>



NELI groups have started a topic about **time** we are learning about different times of the day **morning afternoon, evening** and **night**. Now it's **holiday time** – enjoy everyone!

Please see the link below for the NELI Newsletters including the vocabulary we have learnt.

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Mrs R. Ballard Reception Intervention Teacher

YEAR 1

Y1 had so much fun this week during science week! We had an exciting visit from a company that showed us different birds of prey! We also made our own bug hotels put around the school to help minibeasts- please see below!



Miss J Brindley (Year 1 lead teacher)

YEAR 2



Year 2 have enjoyed Science week this week. We have been learning all about animal habitats and the life cycle. We really enjoyed learning all about some special feathered visitors in our Science Week Assembly, especially when they showed us their wings!

This week in RE we have learnt about the Creation story. We found out how people of different religions have a rest day just like God did in the story of Creation. In Christianity people rest on a Sunday but in Judaism they rest on a Saturday and are not allowed to do any work.



We created pictures based on creation using natural materials.

Miss J Hunter (Year 2 lead teacher)

YEAR 3



On Wednesday, year 3 invited some parent helpers in to help with our experiment. We were investigating what would happen to our water supply if we were to remove trees and plants from the ground. We discovered that water filters out far better from a bottle of turf because the many roots are holding the soil in place. This added yet another reason as to why trees are so important to our already long list! A huge thank you to the parents for supporting and learning!

Miss M Cresto (Year 3 teacher)



Year 3 became Kew Garden plant scientists this Tuesday as they learned all about seed dispersal and the importance of pollinators for our environment. It was an extremely fun trip with lots to see such as the Pagoda, and the Palm House.

"It was so cool to see the banana tree in the palm house!"- Hajra

"The trip was wonderful because it had lots of pretty flowers. My favourite bit was the workshop"-
Mayssane.

Miss M De Luz Martins (Year 3 class teacher)

YEAR 4

Year 4 have been using their PE lessons to learn and practice skills linked to gymnastics. The children have spent time understanding how to use the indoor climbing frames safely. During the lesson, some of Mr Ali's helpful student coaches gave feedback and advice to their peers on their posture, teamwork and communication and respectful listening.



Maths Timestable Checker tests

Mrs Sarkar, Mr Ali and Miss Holder would like to remind ALL year 4 children in Beech, Larch and Oak class to **practice for 10 minutes each day** their multiplication facts on the TTRS website. It is really important for every child in year to know their timetables facts so that they are ready for the year 5 and year 6 curriculum. Year 4 will be having their MTC check during the second week of the Summer term 2.

Check out the link below:

[Times Tables Rock Stars: Play](#)



https://www.youtube.com/@tt_rockstars

Thank You to all the visitors who can share their science linked careers as part of St Mary's Science Week. The children enjoyed learning about both the work of the falconry and that of a biochemist.



Mr M. Ali (Year 4 Lead teacher)

Year 5

In writing lessons, pupils described the legendary hero Beowulf using expanded noun phrases, figurative language, and relative clauses. For our Topic on Victorians, our enthusiastic Year 5 children had a book feast where they explored the wide range of Victorian fiction and non-fiction texts, styles and presentations.



Mrs N Deans (Year 5 teacher)

For homework, Year 5 made some traditional milk bread from the Victorian era. Thank you, parents, for your support, they did a fantastic job. Below is a montage of their hard work!



Miss G Robinson (Phase Lead and Assistant Headteacher)

Year 6



This has been a roller-coaster term for year 6, commencing with their SATs, followed by a sumptuous picnic finally culminating in an exciting Science week. A presentation by Nicola from the Fur Falconry Centre based in Moss End Garden Centre was a HOOT and the year 6 children as well as members of staff were enthralled by these regal birds of prey which ranged from the Peregrine Falcon, the fastest animals on Earth- diving at speeds exceeding 200 mph- to the European Eagle Owl with its majestic wingspan of 188cm.

We learned interesting facts about their habitats which are under threat, their diets and how these raptors hunt using their exceptional hearing, razor-sharp talons and majestic speed.

What a fantastic end to this very busy term!

Mrs S Parbhoo (Year 6 teacher)

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rhythms*



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Thursday 26th June 2025
10am – 1pm**

**Venue:
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Slough
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to 3pm



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Tests and Tasks for 2025

Year 4 Maths Timetable Checker (official) to commence 9 June 2025 and last for 2 weeks.

Year 1 and Year 2 Phonic screening (official) to commence 9th June 2025 and last for 2 weeks.

Please can you make sure the following is in place to support your child to achieve their best:

- A healthy breakfast each day
- Attend school everyday and arrive on time
- Any activities and homework to complete
- Positive comments to inspire and encourage your child
- Check out the school website year group pages

Thank you for your support on this matter.

Sports Update of Events

Here are some photos from the sporting events this term.



- Football quarter finals vs Langley Heritage
- Netball fixture vs Godolphin
- Inclusive Judo

Mr Bignell (PE and sports coach)

Diary Dates

Have a wonderful Half Term EVERYONE!

26.05.2025	Half term week
02.06.2025	Inset Day-no school
03.06.2025	School opens at 8.20am (full return)
03.06.2025	Year 4: Maths timetable checker tests commence
04.06.2025	Year 6: Trip to the Mosque
04.06.2025	New to Reception year parents' Welcome induction meeting 2pm
05.06.2025	New to Reception year parents' Welcome induction meeting 10am
05.06.2025	Year 4: Oak Class swimming
09.06.2025	Year 1 and Year 2: Phonics screening tests commence
09.06.2025	New to Nursery year parents' Welcome induction meeting 10am
10.06.2025	Year 6: WW2 workshop in school
11.06.2025	Year 6: Trip to the Mosque
12.06.2025	Year 4: Oak Class swimming
13.06.2025	Reception: Poppy Class Assembly @ 1pm start, Yew Hall (Parents welcome)
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
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)