

Newsletter

Summer 1 Week 4 (Edition 31)

Good day to all.

We hope you have enjoyed the sunshine this week as much as the children. Next week is science week where there are lots of visitors, activities and fun happening. In the meantime, 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 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	90.8%
Nursery PM	85.4%
0Poppy	90.3%
0Bluebell	95.3%
0Daffodil	97%
1Damson	96.7%
1Cherry	96.3%
1Apple	93%
2Pear	96%
2Plum	95.4%
2Peach	96.6%
3Ash	98.7%
3Sycamore	95.5%
3Juniper	90.7%
4Larch	94.5%
4Beech	94.7%
4Oak	95.7%
5Hazel	95.5%
5Alder	97.9%
5Elm	96.6%
6Willow	96.2%
6Maple	99.7%
6Rowan	100%

School Total this week 95.5%

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

Huge CONGRATULATIONS to Rowan class
with 100% for three weeks in a row!



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.



The poster features a blue background with the 'easyfundraising' and 'TESCO' logos at the top right. On the left, white text reads: 'Your school could receive a £1,000 donation this May!' followed by smaller text: 'If your supporters raise a donation from a Tesco shop this May, your school could receive one of five £1,000 funding pots, courtesy of Tesco. Register your school today, then tell everyone in your network to sign up and do their next grocery shop with Tesco via easyfundraising!'. On the right, a circular inset shows a photograph of two school children in white uniforms looking at a tablet together.

SLOUGH JOB FAIR

SUPPORTING PEOPLE INTO JOBS



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

Venue:
The Curve
William Street
Slough
SL1 1XY



LEADING PARENT PARTNERSHIP AWARD

As you will be aware St Mary's is working towards achieving the 'Leading Parent Partnership Award'.

By attending the parent workshops, participating in our parent surveys, joining in with school events and attending class assemblies have helped us to celebrate your children's amazing achievements.

A few of the events we have held for parents this year include:

Parents workshops for:

- The Phonics Screening Check
- Year 2 & Year 6 SATS
- Maths
- Dental hygiene
- Year 4 MTC tests
- Online Safety
- Homework at St Mary's
- Healthy Eating

The feedback we have had from our parent surveys have been very positive and informative. This helps us to identify ways to support parents and families further. We want to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for all the support and parental engagement that helps us to ensure we create an environment that enables our pupils to learn, grow, achieve and flourish.

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.

COOKERY CLUB



This week, we had fabulous flapjacks on the menu! They were quick to make and tasted delicious. Goopy and sticky, they were the perfect treat for everyone.

Mrs N. Williams (Year 3 Lead Teacher)

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

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

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

RECEPTION YEAR



In Reception we learnt about people who help us - our '**Helpful Heroes**' such as health professionals (doctors, nurses, paramedics), police officers, firefighters, dentists and teachers.

Our focus non-fiction book is called **Doctors**. We discussed the importance of Health professionals and the different jobs they do. We enjoyed roleplaying doctor roles and patient behaviours and writing out prescriptions. The word **stethoscope** was tricky to say – can you pronounce it properly? Do you know what one is?

One of our Reception pupils has been a 'Helpful Hero' nurturing the bean seed he planted in school. He brought the bean plant in to show us. He has been looking after it very well making sure it has enough water and sunlight. He was proudly wearing a medal he was awarded at Dodge Ball Club, run by Mr Bignell. A double 'Well Done!' to his commitment and enthusiasm for school life.

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



NELI groups have been learning about **Journeys** including how to keep **safe** when we are walking to school or travelling by car because it can be **dangerous**. We pretended to buy a **train ticket** to go to London or Windsor.

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/>

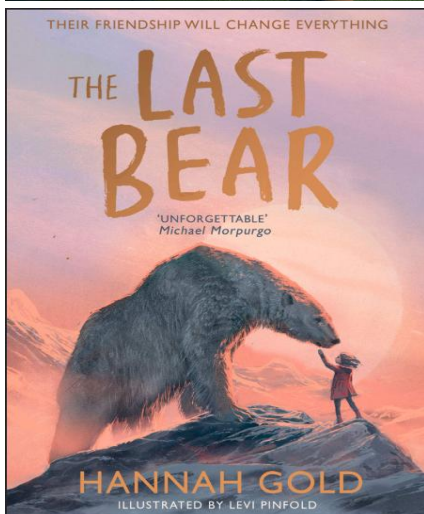
Mrs R. Ballard Reception Intervention Teacher

YEAR 4

English - Oracy

As part of persuasive writing, Mr Ali's English group have been practicing recalling key facts on what meteorologist is, what the job description requires them to do and what skills/qualifications are needed to do the role. The children spent time collating notes in their books and then went outside to practice doing group presentations. Next week, our budding writers will be writing their own persuasive job adverts to encourage scientists to apply for the role. The work is lined to our core text: *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold. For more information on what a meteorologist is, check out the youtube link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OVzyn-fsGLM>



'What is it?' she asked him.

'We're going to the Arctic Circle,' he said, reading the letter and blinking fast. 'I got the job. I didn't think I would, to be honest – I thought they would choose someone local. But apparently my research paper on the scientific study of the earth's atmosphere swayed them. It's a weather station on a small island about a day's boat journey away from the coast of Norway.'

April hopped up and down before answering. 'What kind of island? How many people live there?'

'Ah.' He looked down sheepishly. 'It's not that kind of island. In fact . . . there won't be anyone there but us.'

'Just us two?' Something fizzy rushed through her. 'On an island all alone?'

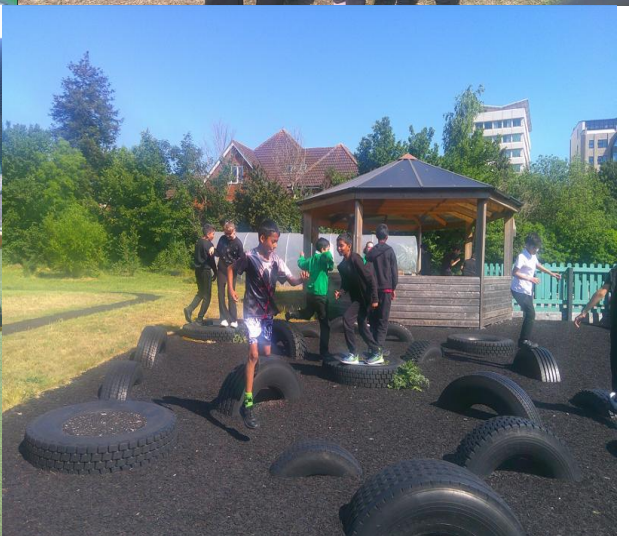
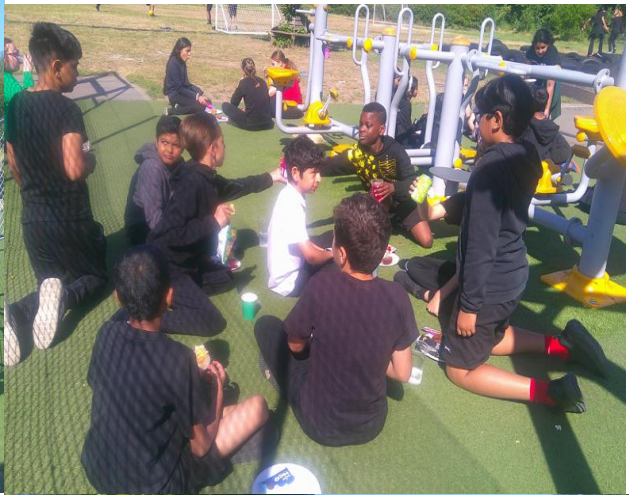
He leaned forward in his chair. 'Think of the adventures we will have. We'll be like Scott of the Antarctic. The island is nothing like here – it's got inland lakes, mountains, streams. Imagine it, April. It's the last great unknown. There'll be no cars, trains,



Mr M. Ali (Year 4 Lead teacher)

Year 6

Year 6 celebrated the end of a challenging week of KS2 SATS. We are extremely proud of how they conducted themselves, their resilience and their tenacity. As a reward, the children enjoyed a picnic brunch which consisted of an array of delicious fruits, cakes and savouries. In the beautiful sunshine, they participated in a range of summer sports. True team spirit!



Science Week Competition

- Create a diorama illustrating how habitats worldwide are under threat.
- Carry out your own research and include this as part of your model.
- Add your full name and class.
- Use your imagination!
- Winners will be announced after half term.
- Amazing prizes up for grabs!
- Open to all year groups.



Deadline: Friday 23rd May

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

update on upcoming sporting events/fixtures this term.

21.05.25 Judo festival for SEND at Singh Sabha Sports Centre, special invite from the network

20.05.25 Footgolf year 6 at Wexham School

Diary Dates

19.05.2025	Science week
20.05.2025	Year 3: Kew Gardens Trip
22.05.2025	Year 6: Ascension Day at St Mary's church (Parents welcome)
22.05.2025	Year 4: Oak Class swimming
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)