

# Newsletter

Summer 1 Week 3 (Edition 30)

Good day everyone.

Welcome to this weeks' newsletter. We hope you find it an enjoyable read and useful.

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	94.2%
Nursery PM	80.8%
0Poppy	92.5%
0Bluebell	97.1%
0Daffodil	94.2%
1Damson	94.8%
1Cherry	96.7%
1Apple	95.8%
2Pear	95.8%
2Plum	95.5%
2Peach	93.8%
3Ash	98.3%
3Sycamore	94.9%
3Juniper	91.3%
4Larch	99.1%
4Beech	96.6%
4Oak	94.4%
5Hazel	94.4%
5Alder	97.8%
5Elm	95.8%
6Willow	90.9%
6Maple	97.1%
6Rowan	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>95.2%</b>

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

However **Huge CONGRATULATIONS** to Rowan class with 100% for two weeks in a row!



## 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.

### PARENT WORKSHOP

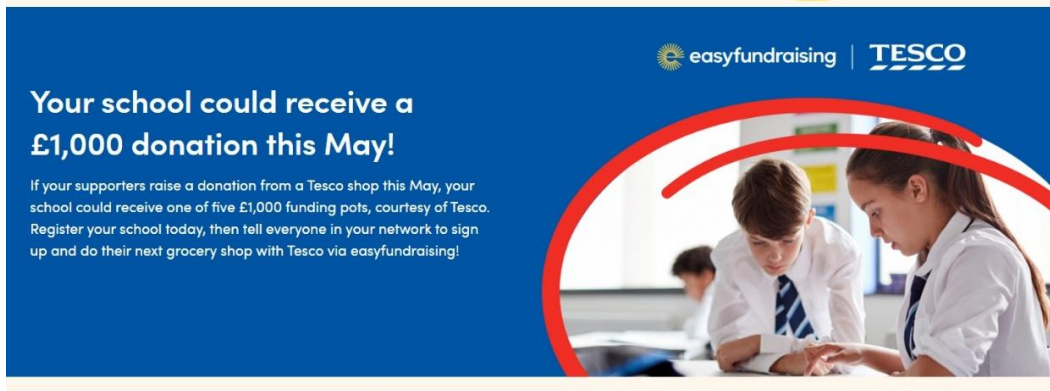
To those who attended the parent workshop on Friday regarding online behaviours and how to keep children safe online.

Thank you to Mr Ali and Mr Plumley for hosting.

Thank you to Mrs F. Khan for hosting the maths workshop for parents. It was well received.

### 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.



### COOKERY CLUB

This week, the children worked with Miss Cresto and Miss Martins to make delicious French bread pizzas-a perfect snack after a busy day at school!



## LEADING PARENT PARTNERSHIP AWARD

### LPPA Update:

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 of the support and parental engagement that helps us to ensure we create an environment that enables our pupils to learn, grow, achieve and flourish.

## GREAT NEWS

We wish to celebrate with our parents that we **have passed the accreditation and achieved the Healthy Smiles award**. Well done to the Reception team for all their hard work in supporting young children to look after their teeth and gums.



## Reception Year



In Reception this week our focus book was **Queen Aneena's Feast**. We noticed lots of **rhyming words** – Queen **Nelly** enjoyed eating **jelly**! Can you spot any **rhyming words** in your reading books?

We made the most of the nice weather being on the **lookout** from our outdoor classroom 'castle', creating artwork with chalk on the tarmac, including a very long railway line.

We were very grateful to Mr Bradley who is helping spruce up our outdoor area and making it safer for us to explore and learn in.

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



NELI groups have been learning about **Growing**. We have been learning about flowers, fruits and vegetables. We took our cress seeds home and hope they will grow. We also heard and retold the story The Enormous Turnip. 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 3

This week in PE year 3 have been focusing on their rolling, jumping and travelling skills as part of their gymnastics learning. We practise travelling: under, over, through, in between and around a variety of equipment pieces. The children loved creating their own obstacle courses in teams!



Last Saturday (03/05/25) was Sarah's grading in Gymnastics.

We are thrilled to say she has passed and now working towards her next level in Gymnastics.

**Well done Sarah!**





# Slough At War Exhibition

1945

COMMEMORATING THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY

2025

## St Laurence Church, Upton, Slough

*Upton Court Road / Datchet roundabout SL3 7LS*

[www.saint-laurence.com](http://www.saint-laurence.com)

Thursday May 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am – 4.00pm
Friday May 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am – 4.00pm
Saturday May 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am – 4.00pm
Sunday May 11 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Monday May 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am – 4.00pm

### EXHIBITS AND POSTER DISPLAY ON:

Bombing and Blackouts;  
Slough's Evacuees; Coupons;  
Utility & Make-do-&-Mend;  
Food and Fashion on the Ration;  
Women's Land Army;  
Ditton Park and the Story of Radar;  
Langley and the Hurricane Story;  
The Slough Bomb Mystery;  
Crime & Punishment in War;  
Memories of a Langley War Baby & much more . . .

**Free  
entry!**

**PARKING**

Herschel Park, Datchet Road, Slough SL3 7LR (Mon - Fri only)

Upton Court Car Park, Upton Court Road, Slough, SL3 7LU  
(Mon – Sun)

## Tests and Tasks for 2025

# The best of luck to all our year 6 and year 2 children as they embark on their SATS.

Year 6 SATS (official) to commence 12 May 2025 and last for 1 week.

Year 2 SATS (voluntary) to commence 12 May 2025 and last for 2 weeks.

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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

09.05.25 Boys Football ¼ final vs Langley Heritage, 3:30 at Langley

16.05.25 Girls Netball league fixture vs Godolphin, Hosting at St Mary's 2pm

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

12.05.2025	Year 6 SATS week
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)