

Newsletter

Summer 1 Week 2 (Edition 29)

Good day everyone.

We hope you enjoy this week's newsletter. Have a wonderful bank holiday weekend and we will see you all on Tuesday 6th May.

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	96.9%
Nursery PM	91.5%
0Poppy	94.7%
0Bluebell	99.7%
0Daffodil	96.7%
1Damson	90.7%
1Cherry	97.3%
1Apple	98%
2Pear	97.3%
2Plum	97.1%
2Peach	93.3%
3Ash	92.7%
3Sycamore	92.2%
3Juniper	95.3%
4Larch	97.1%
4Beech	97.2%
4Oak	94.1%
5Hazel	98.1%
5Alder	95.9%
5Elm	88.3%
6Willow	95.5%
6Maple	99.7%
6Rowan	100%

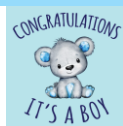
Total 95.7%

This is just below national expectation. Every class should be at 96%+ every week. However **Huge CONGRATULATIONS** to Rowan class with 100%.



PARENT NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS



Ms Galloway has given birth and we are thrilled to announce both mother and child are doing well. Huge congratulations to her and her husband.

THANKYOU

Thank you to all the staff and children in Bluebell class for a wonderful assembly and celebration. The hall was packed with parents – thank you for sorting the wonderful outfits and for coming along and supporting your child.

SCHOOL ABSENCE

It is important that you phone in everyday to confirm your child's absence.

Children should only be absent from school if they are too unwell to attend or if they have a medical appointment. Taking them on holiday and days out is a valuable experience but this should only happen in school holidays of which there are 13 weeks a year. Please refrain from giving your child time off unnecessary as this affects their continuity for learning.

SCHOOL TRIPS

School trips provide a valuable, practical and fun experience to a child's learning and development including the promotion of self-confidence, resilience, independence and wellbeing. Last year the school subsidised £26K towards trips and expert visitors because of rising costs and parents contributing less or not at all to these enrichment experiences. The school already subsidises to keep costs reduced but it cannot sustain the increased costs because parents who could or would pay do not. If we cannot raise the funds together, we may have to review the events we offer your child and/or cancel trips where not enough parents contribute. It is the children who then misses out. 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.

BAGS 2 SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who brought in their unwanted clothes and shoes. The school received a cheque for £52.20. Well done everyone. This will go towards the shortfall of cost for trips.

ADULT BEHAVIOUR

We want St Mary's to be a safe place for adults and children both on the playground and in the surrounding area. As adults, it is not acceptable nor wise to accost and confront other children and their parents because your child has reported they have had a bad day or blamed another child for their own behaviour. Approaching families in this manner only causes more conflict, and often leaving the parent feeling intimidated, disrespected and upset or angry.

If you have a concern regarding children's behaviour, please speak with a staff member so they can deal with any issues in private, amicably and restoratively. We are always happy to resolve issues between children and do not appreciate the added workload of having to deal with the aftermath of parents' abusive behaviour. Thank you for your support on this matter and we hope our community relationships are a positive experience for all children and adults.

PARENT WORKSHOP

Computers are here to stay! With the ever increasing risk of children being abused or groomed online, St Mary's is offering ways to educate yourself of the dangers and how to protect your family.

There will be an online safety and homework workshop taking place at St Mary's at 8:50am on Friday 9th May 2025.

This will be a useful opportunity to find out more about online safety and the school's homework expectations.

All parents are invited to attend.



Mr Ali and Mr Plumley

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.

A promotional poster for Tesco Rewards. The top right corner features the logos for 'easyfundraising' and 'TESCO'. The main text reads: 'Your school could receive a £1,000 donation this May!'. Below this, it says: '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!'. The bottom right of the poster shows a photograph of two young boys in school uniforms sitting at a desk, looking at a book together. A large red curved line is drawn over the photograph.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Badyal (Nursery Lead teacher)

Reception Year



In Reception we are enjoying learning about the **past**. Our book **The Knight Who Wouldn't Fight** inspired us to **read** more and continue to **draw** castles, **write** about castles, **role play** and work as a team to **design** and **build** castles.

For assembly, Bluebell class took us around the world to all the countries that they or their family members come from. They made everyone proud with their speaking, singing and dancing during their assembly. Very well-done Bluebell Class! Thank you to everyone who came and for being a fabulous audience.

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



NELI groups have started Part 2. Our new topic is **Growing**. We have been learning about farms including the names of **young** animals, we all remembered a baby **chicken** is a **chick**! We have planted cress seeds and hope they will grow. 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/>

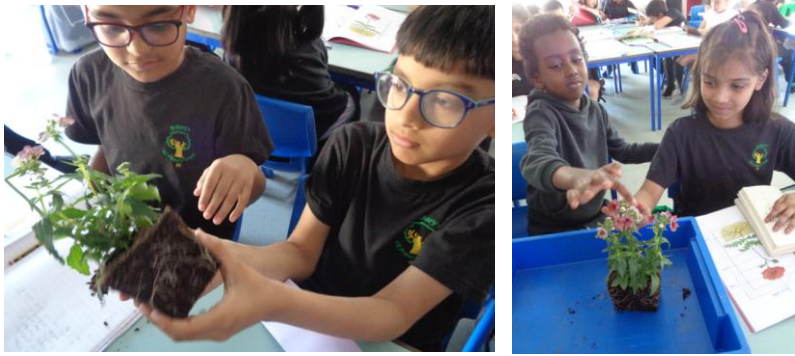
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Year 3

Year 3 have started a new 'Plants' topic in science. This week we looked at all the parts of a plant and what the different functions of these parts are.

"I was surprised at how many roots were hiding under the soil!" -ZK



Miss M. Cresto (Year 3 class teacher)

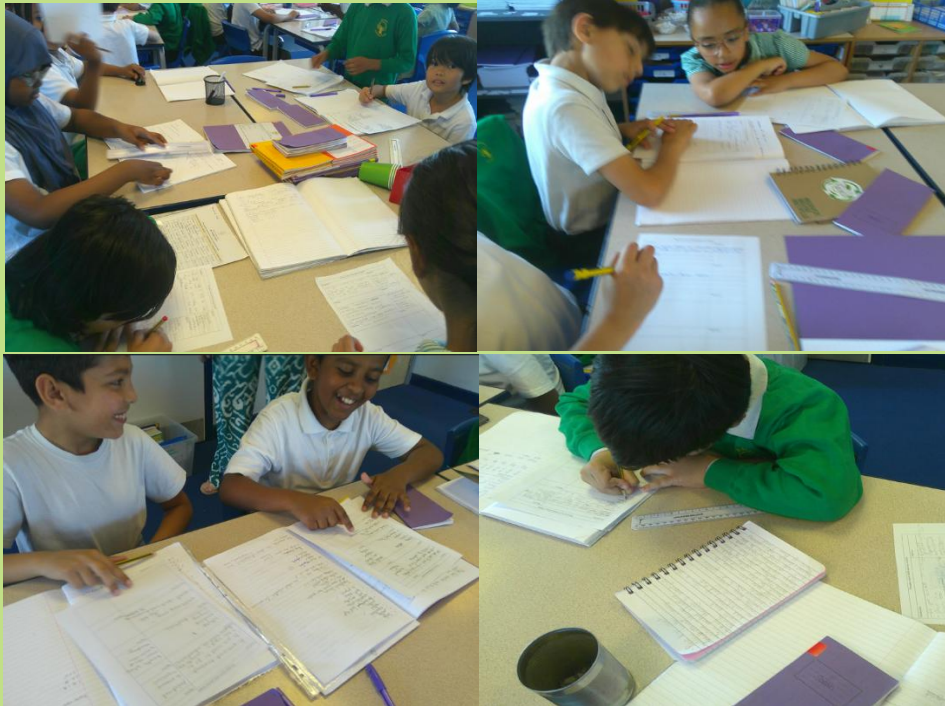


Well done to Adam for being nominated player of the season by Slough Rugby Under 8s team and managers. A fantastic achievement!

Year 4

Persuasive writing - collaborative planning

Year 4 have been working collaboratively to collect ideas for their persuasive tourist leaflet. The children have been developing their vocabulary - looking for synonyms for beautiful and amazing, incorporating rhetorical questions and imperative verbs.



Year 4- Romans Workshop

Year 4 has an amazing Romans history workshop which was delivered by the 'Portals Of the Past' organisation. The workshop was a fantastic opportunity for children to consolidate their understanding of timelines, Roman artefacts and general knowledge of the Roman period of British history.

During the day, children had the chance to handle replica artefacts and ask questions to develop their enquiry skills. For more information on Roman Britain, check out the link:

Britain, check out the link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z4tdp9q/articles/z7hhtrd#znx2m39>

Photographs of the Roman workshop.



Year 6

We have been investigating what happens to our pulse rates when we do vigorous exercise. Firstly, we planned what activities we would do and for how long. We needed to make sure that it was a fair test so each person did the same exercise for the same amount of time. We took the opportunity to enjoy the lovely sunshine using the track and the field to do our investigation. After we had done the practical, we returned to the classroom to write up our findings.



I predict that power-walking will raise ~~my~~ the heart-rate more because it utilises cardio-vascular exercises and is an aerobic exercise.

I think this because aerobic exercises frequently utilise body and muscle movement, including the heart, which will increase the heart-rate vastly.

Child's name	BPM resting	BPM(jogging)	Pulse
Mahaanth	99 BPM	172 BPM	153
Jai	77 BPM	107 BPM	92

Conclusion:

My prediction is incorrect. Jogging was the exercise that raised the heart-rate. This must be because jogging involves a longer period of exercise and it is at constant speed. ✓✓

First, my partner (Jusuf) and I will go out or stay in classroom. We will set a timer at first check our heart rate do a warm up and start. After, we will do 15 situps and measure our heart rate again and see if it raise. Once we had a short break, we will do 15 push ups (each) and again measure the heart rate. Finally we will do a small cool down and see if heart rate is the same as we had it in the start.

Equipment needed:

Fair test:

We will do:
15 situps (each)
15 pushups (each)

Ms J. Rockett (Year 6 Lead teacher)



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

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

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 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.

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

05.05.2025	BANK HOLIDAY-no school
08.05.2025	Year 4: Oak Class swimming
09.05.2025	Online safety and homework workshop for parents (8.50am Yew Hall)
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 tour and presentation 2pm
05.06.2025	New to Reception year parents tour and presentation 10am
05.06.2025	Year 4: Oak Class swimming
09.06.2025	Year 1 and Year 2: Phonics screening tests commence
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
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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)