

Newsletter

Summer 1 Week 1 (Edition 28)

Welcome back everyone.

We have organised a lot of fun learning experiences and events for the summer term and we hope your child enjoys what we have to offer. Please refer to the diary dates at the end of this 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	95.2%
Nursery PM	87.5%
0Poppy	88.3%
0Bluebell	94.2%
0Daffodil	95.4%
1Damson	89.6%
1Cherry	97.9%
1Apple	93.3%
2Pear	95.8%
2Plum	85.8%
2Peach	96.7%
3Ash	94.2%
3Sycamore	90.5%
3Juniper	95.3%
4Larch	95.5%
4Beech	90.8%
4Oak	91.8%
5Hazel	87.9%
5Alder	93.1%
5Elm	86.7%
6Willow	97.4%
6Maple	90.9%
6Rowan	95%
Total	92.6%

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

PARENT NEWS

Clubs next Term

New Summer Term - 1- 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 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**

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

Tuesday - Forest School - Year 1 & 2 - 3:30 - 4:05 - 22 Apr, 29 Apr **final session**

Tuesday Forest School - Year 1 & 2 - 3:30 - 4:05 - 6 May - 15 Jul (New Group)

Thursday - Cookery Club - Year 4 - 3:45 - 4:15 - 3 Apr, 1 May, 8 May **final session**

Thursday - Board Games - Year 3 to 6 - 3:45 - 4:15 - 3 Apr, 24 Apr, 1 May **final session**

Thursday - Choir Club - Year 3 to 6 - 3:30 - 4:15 - 24 Apr - 22 May

FAREWELL

We say farewell to Mr Reilly who has taught in year 2 for 3 years and to Mrs McEyeson who is retiring after a 25-year service to St Mary's as the librarian and as a teaching assistant. We also wish Ms Galloway the best of luck during her maternity leave and look forward to her return next year. Our senior teachers are taking the classes until we can recruit more teaching staff.

SCHOOL TRIPS

Please use ParentPay to book your child on a school trip, give payment and offer your consent for them to attend.

ABSENCES AND ATTENDANCE

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.

BAG 2 SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



St Mary's C E Primary School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



PLEASE USE YOUR OWN BAGS (THERE IS NO LIMIT).

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit

Please return your Bag2School on:

Tuesday 29 April 2025 by 9:00am



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Reception Year

In Reception we are learning all about the past, exploring Kings, Queens and castles. We have been thinking out how things have changed from the **past to the present** (now).

Our book **The Castle the King Built** inspired us to have a go at **drawing** castles, **writing** about castles and **building** castles, lots of teamwork has been happening to construct castles with different equipment.

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



Do you recognise these feathered friends? No we didn't either ! They are 4 of our chicks that hatched out in Poppy Class. They are growing up fast and look very different to the fluffy yellow chicks. They have certainly changed from the **past to the present!**



No new NELI news this week but 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

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.

Diary Dates

29.04.2025	New to Nursery Tour @10am for prospective parents
29.04.2025	Bags to School collection 9am
29.04.2025	Year 5: Millstone Museum Trip
01.05.2025	Year 4: Oak Class swimming
01.05.2025	Year 5: Hazel Class Assembly @ 3pm start, Yew Hall (Parents welcome)
02.05.2025	Reception: Bluebell Class Assembly @ 08.50am start, Yew Hall (Parents welcome)
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	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
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)