

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter for spring term. Happy Eid and also have a wonderful Easter break. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 22nd April 2025.

Values

St Mary's Christian Values for Spring Term: Wisdom, Honesty and Responsibility. Our school bible quote: '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. Saying your child is not well is not enough detailed information required for school and local authority records. 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. The school normally only authorises the morning or afternoon session but will be agreed upon individual circumstances.

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 with an opportunity to win a summer family day out for four to Legoland.

Good luck everyone!



Attendance for this week

Nursery AM	90%
Nursery PM	92.8%
0Poppy	94.3%
0Bluebell	86.7%
0Daffodil	97.3%
1Damson	98%
1Cherry	93.7%
1Apple	96%
2Pear	94%
2Plum	93.3%
2Peach	92.7%
3Ash	96.3%
3Sycamore	90.3%
3Juniper	93.3%
4Larch	94.7%
4Beech	94%
4Oak	83%
5Hazel	87.7%
5Alder	95.3%
5Elm	96.2%
6Willow	91.7%
6Maple	95.5%
6Rowan	99%

Total 93.4%

This is below national expectation. Well done Rowan class you are smashing it this term.

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 E.

Bags to School

We are changing the way trip communications are sent to parents. We are going paperless to help with the environment and solve missing paper incidents!

All trips will contain all the trip information and consents required on parent pay, please thoroughly read the information, and diarise your child's trip date.

CLUBS

FIRST AID CHAMPIONS CLUB

FIRST AID CHAMPIONS CLUB NEWS

This week saw the **final session** of our First Aid Champions club for this academic year. A vast range of skills have been covered - *following guidance from the Red Cross and St. John's Ambulance.*

- Asthma and Breathing difficulties
- Bleeds, Cuts and Grazes
- Burns and Scalds
- Fainting and Shock
- Fractures
- Head Trauma
- Unresponsive (but breathing)
- Calling the Emergency Services
- Primary and Secondary Surveys
- Recovery Positions (if responsive or unresponsive)
- CPR and AED (unresponsive and not breathing)
- Bandage Dressing Techniques
- Emotional Support and Keeping Calm
- Medical Acronyms and Terminology

The children have played detective in different scenarios: recognising various symptoms and causes for breathing difficulties; steps for treating injuries; and treatment of bites and stings – scrape not squeeze!

For the final assessment, the children completed quizzes and practised a variety of techniques learnt.

Who knows, we could be looking at future medics or some very believable acting skills for TV!



The group had the pleasure of meeting Manny and Annie – our CPR mannequins.

The children were presented with certificates and badges as well as their first aid training folders.

Well done everyone - a great way to end the term!



Mrs Fogarty (HLTA & PSHE Lead) and Ms Melvin (LSA & Lunchtime Leader)

SPORTS CLUB

New Age Kurling - 31.03.25.



On the 31st of March St Mary's sent a group of children to represent the school at an inclusive New Age Kurling event. After weeks of practice in after school club the children were ready to compete. The group played four league phase games where they won two games out of four. The team reached the semi-finals but were unfortunately pipped at the post by their opponents. They are looking forward to the next tournament. Well done everyone who took part, you represented the school very well.

Please refer to the school website, PE section for a full run down of this term's events.

Mr Bignell (PE and Sports Coordinator)

MATHS CORNER

Mrs. F. Khan would like to extend her sincere congratulations to Maria-Isabela (Elm), Abdulwaris (Beech), Uerda (Oak), and Mehtab (Ash) for achieving the prestigious Diamond Certificate in Mathletics. Mathletics offers eight levels of achievement, which pupils can earn by completing their assigned online homework. The Diamond Award represents the sixth level, with the Legend Award being the highest accolade attainable.



Reception Year



This week we talked about the different festivities people celebrate such as Eid for Muslims, Holi for Hindus and Vaisakhi for Sikhs we have also been learning about the Christian Festival of Easter.

We have been artists, scientists, chefs and milliners (hat makers)! Cute Easter cards were created with our thumb prints, we learnt about using heat to melt chocolate so we could make chocolate crispy cakes. Lots of fun was had hunting for Easter eggs and we paraded past Year 1 and 2 with our EGGcellent Easter Bonnets!

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



The NELI groups will start Part 2 after the Easter Holiday – do keep looking out for the new vocabulary we have learnt. You could have a go at retelling the Gingerbread Man or Cinderella stories we focused on during Part 1.

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/>

Year 2

Plum Class's Amazing Day at Whipsnade Zoo!

Plum Class embarked on a wild adventure to Whipsnade Zoo on Wednesday, and it was a day filled with excitement, learning, and unforgettable memories! The children were captivated by the diverse habitats, from the lush rainforests to the open savannahs, and the incredible animals that call them home.

The highlight of the day was undoubtedly the opportunity to see a wide array of animals. The children were mesmerized by the majestic elephants, giggled at the playful antics of the monkeys, and were in awe of the graceful giraffes. Each enclosure provided a new opportunity for discovery, sparking curiosity and wonder in every child.

In addition to exploring the zoo, year 2 participated in an engaging workshop. The workshop offered a hands-on learning experience, teaching the children fascinating facts about the animals and their habitats. It was a wonderful chance for the children to ask questions, share their knowledge, and deepen their understanding of the animal kingdom.

We extend a heartfelt thank you to the parent volunteers who joined us. We are so grateful for your help in making this adventure possible!



Plum Class recreates The Last Supper!

In celebration of RE week, Plum Class immersed themselves in a creative project, recreating Leonardo da Vinci's iconic masterpiece, "The Last Supper." The children enthusiastically took on the roles of the disciples, bringing the biblical scene to life through their artistic talents and collaborative spirit. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to learn about the story and express their creativity.



Mr N Reilly (Year 2 teacher)

Year 3

A huge well done to Year 3 who produced some truly amazing bingo projects. Your creativity and hard work shone through, and we couldn't be prouder. Enjoy a well-deserved break and have an egg-cellent Easter! We can't wait to see you back, ready for more fun and learning!



Mrs Williams, Miss Cresto and Miss Martins.

On Tuesday Year 3 took a trip back in time a few million years to the Stone Age! Our fantastic visitor taught us all about stone circles, ancient artefacts and how our distant ancestors lived. We made puzzles, completed a fact-filled quiz and experienced Celtic warrior training.

"I liked testing my brain to work out the mystery of the Otzi the stone age man just like a real archaeologist does!" – AZ "We looked at real bones from thousands of years ago and even a spear with a stone carved arrowhead!" – MJ



Miss M. Cresto (Year 3 teacher)

Year 4

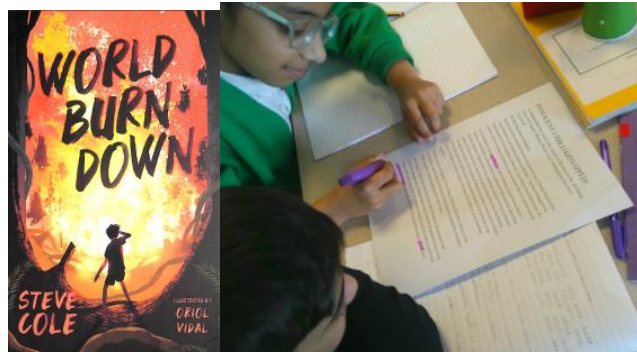
Val Sapin dance

Year 4 have continued to explore and develop their ideas in small groups. As part of the lesson, children have been working in small teams to explore the idea of depicting sparks and electricity through choreographed movements and jumps.



English vocabulary - news reports

Year 4 had a productive lesson unpicking tricky words linked to news report writing. The children spent time reading through our model newspaper report which is based on the first 2 chapters of the Steve Cole's *World Burn Down*. Some of the new words studied have included: verified/unverified, suspect, witness, annual, outskirts, rogue, mayor etc. Ask Larch class what these words mean.



Mr Ali (Year 4 Lead teacher)

Poetry and Origami

On Monday, children in Oak class enjoyed creating and performing rainforest inspired Kennings poems, as well as drawing symmetrical patterns on our origami butterflies!



Miss E. Holder (Year 4 teacher)

Year 6



Year 6 have been learning all about Stinger's netball, which is a variation of the traditional game. Warm ups have included learning how to shoot, pivot and mark. Once the children mastered these skills, they played mini-tournaments against each other. Seven of the year 6 girls represented St. Marys in a netball fixture at Lynch Hill on Thursday. And made it to the semi finals!



Year 6 Team and Mr N. Bignell

Diary Dates

07.04.2025	End of Spring Term- no school 2 weeks
21.04.2025	BANK HOLIDAY-no school
22.04.2025	School opens at 8.20am (full return)
23.04.2025	Year 4: Roman workshop in school
24.04.2025	Year 4: Beech Class swimming
29.04.2025	New to Nursery Tour @10am for prospective parents
29.04.2025	Bags to School
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
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)
05.06.2025	Year 4: Oak Class swimming
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 Little Hampton
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)