



Dear Parents and Carers,

Eid ul Fitr is approaching and we will have staff absent as well as children. Please note classes may need to be mixed for Monday and Tuesday for this week. Remember to let the front office know if your child is going to be absent on one of the celebration Eid days days.

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

Thank you

A huge thank you to the families of Apple class who turned out to see their child's class assembly this week. This is very much appreciated by staff and children. Well done to the staff and children for their efforts.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to all who turned up to the parent consultation meetings this week. I hope it was productive and you are clear of where your child is working and how to support them at home. If you have not managed to see the class teacher, please book an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

Safety Concerns

Thank you to parents who are helping to keep the school community safe at collection and drop-off time by not parking on the footpath or blocking the path when chatting with other parents.

We ask that all parents work with us to keep the school community safe in this way. Yew Tree Road is a busy road and parents walking with children on the road to get to their destination because of a blocked footpath is highly unsafe and a risk to life. We would not want anyone to be hit by a moving vehicle because they were unable to get past a parked car or a group of chatting parents. Thankyou.

Trip Payments

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

COOKERY CLUB

FIRST AID CHAMPIONS CLUB

Our budding First aiders have been learning how to assess the severity of cuts, bleeds and burns. They also learnt ways in which to treat various types of injuries:

- Type of bleed - capillary, venous or arterial
- Applying pressure and elevation to control major bleeds
- Correct treatment for nosebleeds
- Treatment of first-, second- and third-degree burns

With practise and perseverance, they applied a variety of dressing techniques (bandaging).



Mrs Fogarty and Ms Melvin

SPORTS CLUB

Year 5&6 Boys League Football (Lynch Hill and Western House)

On the 21st of March our Year 5&6 Boys Football team travelled to Lynch Hill primary school for a couple of football league fixtures.

We started our afternoon playing against Western House. It was a very close game but got pipped at the post with a 1-0 defeat. Our second game was against Lynch Hill. Although we lost the game 3-0 the game did not reflect the final score as we showed great fight.

The staff of both school teams commended us on our professionalism and respectful attitude.

Well done St Mary's for representing the school values so well. On to the next fixtures soon against Penn Wood and Khalsa.



Mr Bignell (PE and Sports Coordinator)

Reception Year



This week we have been scientists - learning more about Special Spring and Growing. Our focus book is 'Jaspers Bean Stalk'; we learnt about the life cycle of a bean and planted our own beans. The beans have been taken home to be looked after and helped to grow, the chicks are now back at the farm or in their new homes to be looked after too. We have been enjoying our outside area in the sunshine including being farmers in our mud kitchen.

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 – well done to all the pupils who have learnt many new words and the structure of storytelling 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 3

Year 3 went on a fieldtrip to Slough High Street on Monday to see how the land in our local area was being used. They used tally charts to mark down how many buildings were used for retail, professional business, takeaways, fresh food etc. They then came back to analyse their findings! What an exciting day!

"On the walk I saw lots of restaurants and takeaways"- Hadwin

"There were quite a few buildings that were unused!" Eleen



Year 4

Val Sapin dance

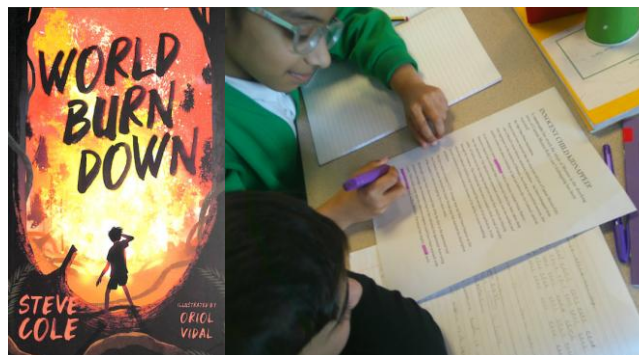
Year 4 have continued to explore and develop their ideas in small groups. As part of the lesson, children have been working in small teams to explore the idea of depicting sparks and electricity through choreographed movements and jumps.



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.



Diary Dates

01.04.2025	Year 3: Stone Age workshop in school
02.04.2025	Year 2: Trip to Whipsnade Zoo
03.04.2025	Netball round robin x5 mini matches away
03.04.2025	Year 3 and Year 4: St Mary's Church visit for Easter (Parents welcome)
03.04.2025	Year 4: Beech Class swimming (Last session)
04.04.2025	New to Nursery Tour @10am for prospective parents
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)