

14th March 2025

Newsletter

Spring 2 Week 3 (Edition 24)

St Mary's Church of England Primary School



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely week. The diary dates have been added to including Easter holiday and bank holidays. Please enjoy reading this week's newsletter.

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	99.2%
Nursery PM	88.5%
0Poppy	91.7%
0Bluebell	97%
0Daffodil	87.3%
1Damson	98%
1Cherry	90%
1Apple	96.7%
2Pear	95.3%
2Plum	98.6%
2Peach	99.7%
3Ash	97.7%
3Sycamore	97.7%
3Juniper	99.3%
4Larch	95.3%
4Beech	96.7%
4Oak	98%
5Hazel	95.5%
5Alder	94.3%
5Elm	98.6%
6Willow	95.3%
6Maple	96.6%
6Rowan	94.3%

Whole School Total 95.5%
(Below expected)

Well done to the classes highlighted in green this week.



Thank you

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

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the school book fair. We raised a fantastic total

SALES - £3546.85

COMMISSION- £709.37

Thank you to Ms Galloway who arranged everything!

Parent Consultations

The booking window has closed. If you wish to see your child's class teacher, please email the class and they will get back to you.

Nursery Places

We offer 3 hours per day for all children aged 3 years. We have a few places remaining in our afternoon session. Please contact our office or refer to our website for further information. When we are full, we are full!

Breakfast Club

We have spaces in our breakfast club from September 2024. For £20 per week (£4 per session) we will mind your child from 7.30am to 8.30am and provide a healthy breakfast. You will find that our breakfast club is one of the cheapest around offering food, games and homework support. Please check out the school website or contact the school office leaving contact details, your child's name and class. Payments can be generated through parent pay. Please note we cannot take nursery children at this time.

Clubs

Cookery club



Cookery club is back, and we can't wait to share our Easter-themed treats with you in the coming weeks.

Watch this space!



FIRST AID CHAMPIONS CLUB NEWS

Members of our First Aid Champions Club learnt how to follow the rule of DRS ABC, if they were to come across a casualty lying on the floor needing first aid assistance:

- how to conduct a primary survey.
- checking if the casualty is responsive.
- calling the emergency services.
- knowing if it is safe to move the casualty or not.

In the scenarios, our 'casualties' were responsive, and were placed into the recovery position. They had previously practiced the correct recovery positions to use when someone has fainted, gone into shock or after a convulsion.

There was fun, laughter and a few giggling patients, but also a lot of learning covered. A great start towards becoming First Aid Champions!



DID YOU KNOW? There are different recovery positions, depending on the circumstance.

Mrs Fogarty and Miss Melvin

Reception Year



In Reception we were lucky enough to have a visit from a local **dentist** and **dental nurse**. Our visitors were impressed how keen the children were to give answers and ask questions.

Dental Hygiene is extremely important for all of us. We learnt that eating fruit is ok but drinks like Fruit Shoots and natural fruit juices are not good for our teeth. We can drink them in moderation but try to have water afterwards to rinse off the juices that can damage our teeth. Remember to brush your teeth twice a day and don't rinse off the toothpaste.

We have chicks!

You may have heard we have had great egg excitement with eggs hatching in Reception – look out for photos in the newsletter next week!



Those in NELI groups have continued learning about People Who Help Us. We listened to a **siren** and matched emergency vehicles with the people who use them. We also talked about being **ill** and how we can keep **healthy**. The children were very good at sorting healthy and unhealthy foods and activities.

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



Sycamore Class put on a fantastic assembly, showcasing all their hard work and enthusiasm. They dedicated themselves to learning songs and dance moves, performing with confidence and energy. Their clear and expressive speaking helped share an important message about healthy eating- something they've been learning about in science.

Miss De Luz Martins (Year 3 class teacher)



This week, Year 3 have been getting to grips with the names of bones in the human body. They're gearing up for next week's investigation to see if longer femurs help people jump further.

Mrs Williams (Year 3 Lead teacher)

Year 6



Yesterday (Thursday 13th March), the Year 6 classes travelled into London to visit The Imperial War Museum as part of their history topic on World War II. The children really enjoyed the day discovering more about life during the war. They especially liked having the opportunity to create mini documentaries and highlight important stories that they learned about during their visit. Who knows, we may have found the next Newsround presenter.

Luke Plumley (Year 6 Class Teacher)

Diary Dates

18.03.2025	Year 6: Mental health and SATs workshop
19.03.2025	New to Nursery Tour @ 10am for prospective parents
19.03.2025	KS2 visitor Railway safety talk
19.03.2025	Year 6: Easter cracked workshop
20.03.2025	Year 4: Beech Class swimming
20.03.2025	KS1 visitor Railway safety talk
20.03.2025	Year 2: Peach Class Assembly @ 3pm start, Yew Hall (Parents welcome)
21.03.2025	Year 4: Beech Class Assembly @ 08.50am start, Yew Hall (Parents welcome)
21.03.2025	Double Football fixture away
24.03.2025	Father Scott KS2 Assembly
24.03.2025	Parent consultation evening (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)
25.03.2025	Year 6: Mental Health Support Team visitors
25.03.2025	Parent consultation evening (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)
26.03.2025	Parent consultation evening (Nursery, Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Hazel class)
27.03.2025	Parent consultation evening (Year 3, 4, 5 and 6)
27.03.2025	Year 4: Beech Class swimming
28.03.2025	Year 1: Apple Class Assembly @ 08.50am start, Yew Hall (Parents welcome)
01.04.2025	Year 3: Stone Age workshop in school
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)
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: Oak 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
13.06.2025	Reception: Poppy Class Assembly @ 1pm start, Yew Hall (Parents welcome)
26.06.2025	Reception: Daffodil Class Assembly @ 3 pm start, Yew Hall (Parents welcome)
27.06.2025	Year 3: Juniper Class Assembly @ 8.50am start, Yew Hall (Parents welcome)