



St Mary's C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th February 2026
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Dear Parents and Carers,

At St Mary's children lead worship in their class every week. This term, we are looking forward to sharing this worship with parents of Year 1 to Year 6 children. Please look at the '**important dates for your diary**' section overleaf for more information.

With best wishes, Ms Marsham (Head of School) and Mr Webb (Executive Headteacher)

History and English: Year 5 visit the Charles Dickens Museum

This week, Year 5 visited the Charles Dickens Museum as part of their history lessons on life in Victorian London. The museum is at the Victorian author Charles Dicken's house and is set up to show what typical life was like at the time.



The importance of reading...

Children love reading good books. We prioritise teaching reading at school and practising reading at home because this is the most important subject to prepare them for success at secondary school.

Each week your child will bring home 2 books, 1 which is aimed at their currently reading level and one sharing book which they can share with you and you can read to them. Please do listen to your child read and support them to sound out their words if they get stuck. Ask them questions to check that they have understood what they have read. To make this as effective as possible this should be done daily for at least 10 minutes. Here is what some of our children said about reading:



'I really like reading, it takes me to a different place' Ariana (Year 5)

'Reading helps me learn, there is so much information out there.' Christian (Year 6)

'Reading makes me laugh. The stories are really funny.' Noem (Reception)



I have received and read the St Mary's C of E Primary School newsletter of 6.2.26

Name of child _____ Class _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND YOUR CHILD MIGHT WIN A PRIZE :)

Important dates for your diary...



Tuesday 10th February– Reception Visit to the London Aquarium

Tuesday 24th February– Year 6 Class Prayers for parents at 3.00

Wednesday 25th February– Year 1 Class Prayers for parents at 3.00

Friday 27th February– Academic Review day
Nursery– Year 6

Monday 2nd March– Judaism for schools workshop

Tuesday 3rd March– Year 3 Class Prayer for parents at 3.00

Tuesday 3rd March– Reception trip to Hampstead Heat

Wednesday 4th March– Year 2 Class Prayer for parents at 3.00

Thursday 5th March– Word Aware Day

Tuesday 10th March– Year 4 Class Prayer for parents at 3.00

Wednesday 11th March– Year 5 Class Prayer for parents at 3.00



Person of the Week!

Reception– Ellie
Year 1 - Sham
Year 2– Hiabel
Year 3— Celine
Year 4– Davie
Year 5 - Yasmine
Year 6 - Lilia

★ Attendance...

Congratulations to **Year 4** who have been awarded Barney, our Attendance Bear, for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** last week.



Year 4 had a class attendance of **98%**.

A special mention to

Year 1– 97%

Year R– 95%

Please make sure your child is in school every single day unless they are too unwell to come to school.

A reminder that gates open at 8.45am and children should be in school by 9am ready to start their learning.

Work of the Week!

This week's brilliant piece of work displayed in the school lobby is by Fis in Reception.



This term, Reception have been learning about water and the creatures that live in the sea. Inspired by these, Fis has written in a range of styles: a poem, a setting description, a fact file about animals that live in the sea.

Fis has learned to use capital letters, finger spaces, full stops and describing words when writing his sentences.

Well done, Fis!



Our Prayer of the week...

Dear God,

Help me navigate whatever challenges I encounter this day.

Be my comfort and my rock.

Guide me to do Your will

And be an instrument of your peace today and each day.

Amen.



Don't let a little worry turn into a big one...

If you or your child are worried about something or have any questions, please phone the school office and book an appointment to see their class teacher, Ms Marsham or Ms Jackson.





Try An Instrument Day

Saturday 21st February 2026

10 am to 3:30 pm

For all pupils in Key Stage 2 aged 7 to 11

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HOLIDAY SHORT COURSES



SWISS COTTAGE SPORTS CENTRE
FEBRUARY HALF TERM
MONDAY 16TH FEB – FRIDAY 20TH FEB

Whether your children are beginners or you're wanting to build their confidence, we cater for all levels of ability and will help them progress in the world of water.

FOUNDATION:

For children aged 4 years and over who are non-swimmers and beginners. Teaching pupils the essential swimming skills to ensure they learn to be safe in and around water. Learning the basic techniques for all 4 strokes, achieving 10 metres on Front Crawl and Backstroke by the end of their Green milestones.

FOUNDATION
09:00 – 09:30
09:30 – 10:00
10:00 – 10:30

DEVELOPMENT
10:30 - 11:00

DEVELOPMENT:

Children aged 5-12 years who are able to swim 15m Plus Teaching pupils advanced swimming skills, developing their techniques on all 4 strokes to create efficient and effective swimmers. Lessons focus on a wide range of skills across all aquatic sports. Pupils will learn basic water survival and rescue skills as part of the milestone awards. Here we will also work with other partner clubs to assess each pupil's ability to progress in talent pathways.

For more information email Kylie.bland@gll.org

Book your child's lesson online betterlessons.org.uk or alternatively speak to a member of our team at the centre who will be able to support you.

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