



St Mary's C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Go, shine in
the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are so pleased to have been open all week and see the children in school. The precautions we've put in place have been working and the school is cooler than most homes are. We are fortunate to have all classrooms with air conditioning so children and staff have not noticed the heat in school! Working parents have told us how appreciative they are of continuing as usual. For many years, there has been temperatures of early to mid-30 degrees like this week and we expect this to happen every year. We've been pleased to share the joy of hot summer days with the children who have had ice lollies and played under the water sprinkler to cool down. Next week, returns to more typical British summer temperatures.

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

Keeping cool at St Mary's

This week, we have experienced unusually warm weather. Yet, despite this, our children came to school every day demonstrating **Determination** and **Excellence** to continue their learning in air-conditioned classrooms which enabled them to complete their learning. They also were treated to ice lolly's throughout the week, and being splashed by the water hose.



St Mary's Family BBQ

We are excited to be planning our Summer Family BBQ on **Friday 10th July** in the school playground from **6pm to 8pm**.



Children's tickets cost **£3.00** (cash only), including admittance, entertainment, one portion of BBQ food, a portion of salad and a soft drink.

Adult tickets cost **£5.00** (cash only), including admittance, entertainment, one portion of BBQ food, a portion of salad and a glass of wine or soft drink.

Please make sure you buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment. No refunds can be given if the BBQ is cancelled due to heavy rain or extreme heat. This is because the food, drink and activities have already been paid for.

Tickets are now available to buy from the school office.

I have received and read the St Mary's C of E Primary School newsletter of 26.6.26

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Important dates for your diary...

Monday 29th June- Friday 10th July- Year 5

Swimming

Monday 29th July- Year 6 Trip to Kew Gardens

Tuesday 30th June- Year 1 Canal Boat trip

Friday 26th June- Coffee morning: On Line Safety

Friday 3rd July- Sports Day at Kilburn Grange (AM Y3-6, PM Rec- Y2, parents welcome)

Wednesday 8th July- Year 6 Production for parents at 10 am (change of date)

Friday 10th July- Academic Review Day (children not in school, only for their appointment)

Friday 10th July- St Mary's Summer BBQ 6-8pm

Tuesday 14th July- End of year church service at 2.45pm parents welcome

Wednesday 15th July- Year 6 Leavers assembly at 2.00pm parents welcome

Friday 17th July- End of term Staggered end to the day: (Year 6, and siblings, finish at 1pm)



Person of the Week!

Reception– Gulay

Year 1 - Kaleb

Year 2– Mia

Year 3- Ellis

Year 4– David

Year 5 – Yannis

Year 6 – Mostafa

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 **Reception** who had **96%**
Year 1 who had **96%**

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 Tyrone in Year 5.



As part of their English learning, Year 5 have been focusing on writing poetry using repetition, figurative language and descriptive language effectively.

Tyrone produced a detailed and engaging poem using figurative language to bring the forest to life. His poem was thoughtfully crafted, showing both creativity and understanding of engagement.

Well done, Tyrone!



Our Prayer of the week...

Dear God,

As I open my eyes to your wonderful world every morning.

Help me to see what you would like me to do today.

Thank you for a new 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.

We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.



Swimming safety

Know your limits

- **Never enter the water while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.**
- Choose safe places to swim like public pools and beaches with lifeguards.
- Always follow the venue rules, adhere to instructions given by lifeguards on duty, and know who to contact in an emergency.
- **Be cautious about peer pressure.** Just because friends suggest something doesn't mean it's safe.
- **Don't over-estimate your swimming abilities. Even if you're a strong swimmer, unexpected situations can arise.**



Stay safe in water, including open water (such as sea, rivers, lakes, swimming ponds)

- **Avoid taking risks.** Swim in areas you are sure are safe for you and be aware of the dangers of swimming in open water or the sea: e.g. strong currents, deep and cold water, tides, rip tides, things under the surface that you cannot see, cold water shock, poor quality water. Always check the weather and tides.
- On beaches, **swim between the red and yellow flags** in areas patrolled by lifeguards. A completely red flag means it is not safe to swim.
- **Never swim alone in open water.**
- **Do not use inflatables** as they can be swept out to sea.
- Make sure you **know where you can enter and exit the water safely.**
- **Do not swim in canals**, they are often shallow, with unseen hazards and poor water quality.
- **Most reservoirs are not safe to swim in**, with many safety hazards.
- **Never jump or dive into open water.** It may be shallower than you think and entering the water this quickly can cause cold water shock.



Open water swimming

If you plan to swim in open water, read this advice from the RNLI first: rnli.org/safety/choose-your-activity/open-water-swimming



Cold water shock

Even in high summer, the sea and rivers in the UK are cold enough to induce cold water shock, which can be a precursor to drowning. Cold water can shock your system and cause your body to react by drawing blood away from muscles, making it hard to move.

When swimming in open water, it's very important to enter the water slowly and allow time for your body to get used to the cold.

Alcohol increases the risk of cold water shock. Never enter the water after consuming alcohol.



If you fall into cold water, follow the 5 steps to float to live:

1. **Float on your back, tilt your head back with ears submerged**
2. **Try to relax and breathe normally**
3. **Move your hands to help you stay afloat**
4. **It's ok if your legs sink, we all float differently**
5. **Spread your arms and legs to improve stability**

This helps keep your airways clear and allows the shock to pass. Then call for help or swim to safety.

Treat water with respect and visit rnli.org/safety/float for more information about water safety and cold water shock.

Water quality



Open water swimming can expose swimmers to poor quality water. The government has issued guidance on reducing the risk of illness from poor quality water when open water swimming, available at: www.gov.uk/government/publications/swim-healthy-leaflet/swim-healthy

In case of an emergency, alert the lifeguard or call 999 if the area is not patrolled.