



St Mary's C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 18th September 2026

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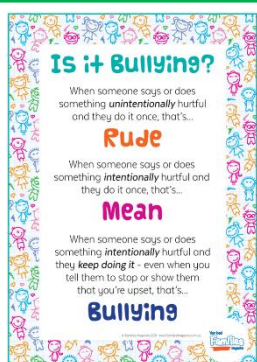
Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to welcome parents into school for our 'Parents Working Alongside Children in Class' session in Year 6 this week. We will be offering these sessions for parents of children in other year groups throughout the Autumn Term. Please look at the 'Important dates for your diary' section overleaf and look out for the invitation letter, if you would like to join in a class session alongside your child.

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

Is it Bullying?

This week in assemblies, Teachers used the attached poster to talk about what bullying is and what to do if you are worried about it. We regularly share this poster with the children and use these ideas when talking to your child about bullying.



Our key message is always to tell an adult if you have a worry, or if you feel you are being bullied. Please use the language on the poster when talking about bullying with your child.

St Mary's Local Advisory Board

St Mary's is part of the 'Go Shine Church of England Federation' of schools. The governing body of the Federation are the governors of St Mary's. We also have a stakeholder voice group that is individual to our school. This is the St Mary's Local Advisory Board (LAB).



We have a position available for a parent member. If this is something that interests you, please make an appointment to meet Ms Marsham to discuss the role.



Homework Changes...

Many parents have said recently that they would prefer paper homework in order to support less screen time for their children, and so we have taken the decision to move to mainly paper based homework this term. We will still be using *Timetables Rock stars* in KS2 and *Numbots* in KS1 to support children's number fluency, but we are pleased to support families by moving to a more paper-based way of recording weekly practice this year. Look, at some of our amazing holiday homework.



I have received and read the St Mary's C of E Primary School newsletter of 18.9.26

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 21st September- Parents working alongside Children Year 4

Friday 25th September- Healthy Heart Day

Monday 28th September- Parents working alongside Children Year 2

Thursday 1st October- 9.10 Friends of St Mary's meeting

Friday 2nd October- Non uniform day

Monday 5th October- Parents working alongside Children Year 1

Monday 5th October- Harvest assembly at 3pm- parents welcome

Wednesday 7th October- Year 6 trip to the Imperial War Museum

Monday 12th October - Parents working alongside Children Year 5

Monday 12th – Wednesday 14th October- Year 6 Residential PGL



Attendance...



Congratulations to **Year 6** who have been awarded Barney, our Attendance Bear, for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** last week.

Year 6 had a class attendance of **99%**

All year groups had above 96% Well done!

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 **Janet- Joy in Year 5.**



This term, Year 5 have been reading, '*There's a Boy in the girl's bathroom,*' by Louis Sachar.



Janet- Joy carefully constructing a diary entry from the perspective of one of the main characters, Bradley Chalkers. She thought about the audience, purpose and form of the task. She wrote an extensive diary entry, detailing the thoughts of this character in the beginning of the book. Her writing contained humours and emotive language which entertained her audience.

Well done, Janet- Joy!

Our Prayer of the week...



Dear God,

We thank you for all the gifts that you have given us,

We praise you for giving us life,
We thank you for each new day
and each new opportunity
as we face fresh challenges.

Amen



Person of the Week!

Year 1 - Ibrahim
Year 2– Even
Year 3- Kaylah- Grace
Year 4– Arad
Year 5 – Janet- Joy
Year 6 – Mahdi



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.

