St Mary's C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th November 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,
A reminder that our Autumn Term Music Concerts will take place on Tuesday 24th November, with all children performing songs with their class as well as a variety of children taking part in solo acts. Take a look at the '*Important dates for your diary*' overleaf for more information. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

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

Equality Studies Curriculum…

Last week, the children had a fantastic time learning about British Values and Equality in our society, including many of the important issues surrounding Racial and Gender Equality and Social Justice (e.g. votes for women and the Suffragette movement).

Recently, it has been Black History Month. As part of the school's equality curriculum, the children learned about inspirational figures from Black History, including Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks and the Bristol Bus Boycott.



Everyone should be treated fairly.



Anyone, can be a doctor!





Purple unicorns are mu favourite!

Toys on Bookbags

Recently we have noticed that lots of children are adding hanging toys from their school bags. These toys are causing difficulties between children when they are lost or removed. Please can we ask that toys remain at home and do not come into school, including on bags. Thank you for your help with this.



Remembrance Day

Over the last two weeks, the School Council have been selling **Remembrance poppies** on the school gate to raise money for the Royal British Legion in support of injured, sick or wounded service men and women and their families. As a school, we observed the two minutes silence together.



I have received and read the St Mary's C of E Primary School newsletter of 13.11.26

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 17th November- Y6 Predators and Prey workshop- in school

Tuesday 17th November- Year 3 Poetry Workshop with Valerie Bloom (at St Luke's)

Thursday 19th November- Year 4 Trip to the Wallace Collection

Thursday 19th November- Caterlink taster session for parents at 3pm

Friday 20th November- Coffee morning- Helping support your child's SEND needs at home

Tuesday 24th November- 10am Nursery- Year 2 Music Concert- parents welcome

Tuesday 24th November- 2pm Year 3- Year 6 Music Concert- parents welcome

Friday 27th November- Non-Uniform day

Friday 4th December- Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas party (to wear their own clothes)

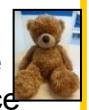
Monday 7th December- Christmas Carol Service in church- parents welcome.



Person of the Week!

Reception- Siara
Year 1 – Asslehan
Year 2– Even
Year 3- Manessa
Year 4– Angelos
Year 5 – Dagmawi
Year 6 – Amelia

Attendance…



Congratulations to **Year 1** who have been awarded Barney, our Attendance Bear, for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** last week.

Year 1 had a class attendance of **98%**
Well done, to other year groups who had above 96%!

Year 2 97%
Year 6 97%
Reception 96%

Please make sure your child is in school <u>every single day</u> 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 Ahsan in Year 4.



Last week, Year 4 were learning all about Martin Luther King Jr. Year 4 analysed Martin's 'I have a dream,' speech. From this, Ashan wrote his own speech inspired by Martin Luther King. He thought carefully and sensitively about the future world he wants to live in. He showed excellence, inspiration and compassion for our world, for those around him and all human kind.

Well done, Ahsan!

Our Prayer of the week…

Dear God,
For those who are lonely or sad at this joyful time of year.
For those who are hungry and have no home of their own.
For all in our family,
in our parish and in our school,
Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.
Give us hope in our hearts.
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.

Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38ºC or more)?

YES Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in

A cough, cold or sore throat

Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.

Threadworms

Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Should go in (let the school know)

Cold sores

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice & nits

You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.

Hand, foot & mouth disease

If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Slapped cheek syndrome

Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Seek treatment before returning to school

Impetigo

They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

Ringworm

See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Chickenpox

Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Keep them off (at first)

Ear infection

If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Measles

They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.

Vomiting & diarrhoea

Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'