

NEWSLETTER

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January 2025

Spring Term Dates:

Tuesday 6th January to Friday 14th February

Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April



Upcoming Dates:

4th February – Parent Forum with Mrs Rutter

5th February – In Class Photos

6th February – Year 6 Bletchley Park Trip

7th February – Non Uniform Day

17th to 21st February – Half Term

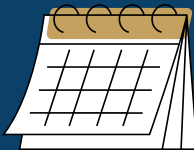
24th February – Back to School

28th February – PTA Glow Disco

Early Years: 3.50pm to 4.50pm

Years 1 to 3: 5.15pm to 6.30pm

Years 4 to 6: 7pm to 8.15pm



After School Clubs:

Monday – Gymnastics – Years 1 to 4

Monday – Quiet Crafts – All Years

Tuesday – Hockey – Year 4 to 6

Tuesday – Craft and Cooking – Early Years to Year 2

Wednesday – KATS Dance – All Years

Thursday – Basketball – Year 3 to 6

Thursday – Craft and Cooking – Year 3 to 6

Friday – Table Tennis – All Years



Attendance:



Our gates open from **8.30am to 8.45am**. If you arrive after this time, the main gate will be shut and you will have to use the buzzer at the pedestrian gate where someone will come to collect your child at the soonest convenience.

If your child will be absent, please phone reception on 01638 713317, leave a message or send an e-mail to office@smpsac.org

A reminder that if your child has sickness and diarrhea, they can not return to school until 48 hours after their last bout.

Please note our reception phone is manned between the hours of 9am and 3.30pm. If you need to contact the school outside of these times please either leave a voice message or send an e-mail to office@smpsac.org



Year 4: West Stow Trip | 17th January

Our Year 4 children had a great trip to West Stow exploring the reconstructed Anglo-Saxon Village, despite the cold temperatures.

During their trip, they also went to the museum where they could get hands on with the artefacts.



OPAL |



At St Mary's we encourage the children to be outside wherever possible. Therefore especially during the Winter months, the children will be outside in mud so we ask that a change of footwear are left at school.

For Early Years to Year 2 they can keep welly boots in their class areas to change into when they go outside.

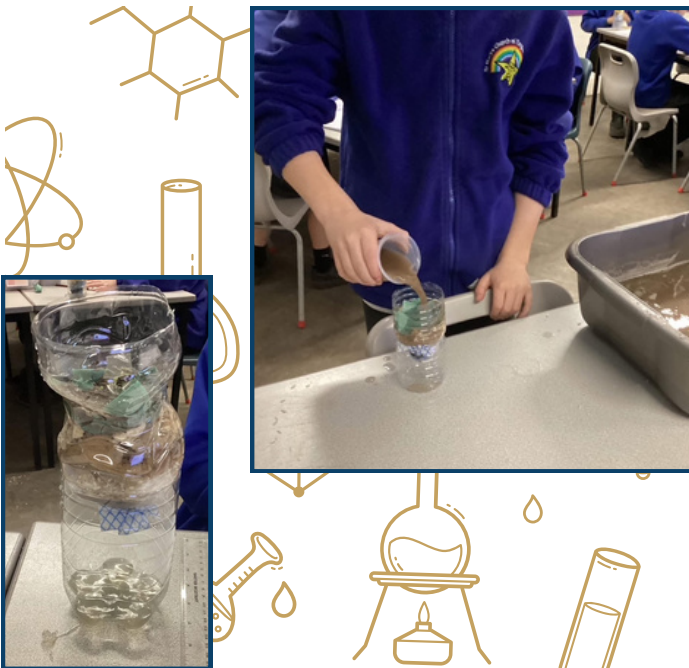
Years 3 to 6 can either bring in a change of plimsolls for the classroom or boots / trainers for outside.

Year 5: Science | January

This month during science, the children in Year 5 have been learning about separating mixtures.

During one of their lessons, they made water filters to discuss the idea of filtration. Using a combination of sand, pasta, rice, pebbles and paper towels, the children created layers through which they attempted to separate mud from water.

They achieved some very successful filters with the water being made almost clear again in some cases.





Sports Athletics Festival | 23rd January

The children in Year 4 attended Mildenhall Hub where they competed with 350 other children across 16 schools.

St Mary's finished in 3rd place narrowly missing out on 2nd spot. Well done to all the children who took part, we are all so proud of your achievement.



Parent Forums | January

Following the end of funding for EPIC Dads, Mrs Rutter and Miss Hennessy have been running Parent Forums every Tuesday morning after school drop off.

It was lovely to see so many of you during our first session which focused on SEN and gave Miss White a chance to introduce herself as our temporary SENCO Support Officer.



Our second session will be running next week

Tuesday 4th February, with a Parent Forum with Mrs Rutter, starting after drop off. Tea and coffee will be available as well as the welfare items and food bank.

SENCO Changes |



At the end of this term, Ms Osborne will be leaving St Mary's turning towards new opportunities. Ms Osborne has been SENCO at St. Mary's for over ten years and in that time she has made SEN work her passion. We wish her well as she explores new adventures and we are sure many of you will share our best wishes for her. We will let you know more details about her last day as it approaches. This term we have the support of Kate White who will be SENCO with us during this transition period for two days a week. Kate joins us from Exning Primary School and has already shown a real passion and expertise with all things SEN.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Non Uniform Day | 7th February

To raise awareness for Children's Mental Health Week, we are encouraging the children to come to school in Non Uniform Day on **Friday 7th February** wearing something that makes them feel happy.

Donations can be made through the Suffolk Mind page by clicking [here](#).



PTA Glow Disco | 28th February

The PTA have arranged the PTA Glow Disco for **Friday 28th February**. The tickets will cost £5.

Tickets can be booked via the [PTA Events page](#)

Times are as follows:

Early Years: 3.50pm to 4.50pm
Year 1 to Year 3: 5.15pm to 6.30pm
Year 4 to Year 6: 7pm to 8.15pm

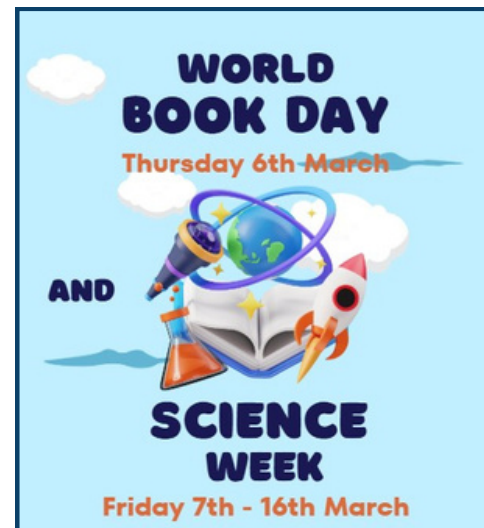


The PTA are also looking for volunteers, so if you are able to help with serving drinks, selling sweets or novelty items please click [here](#).

World Book Day | Science Week | 6th March and 7th - 16th March

To celebrate World Book Day and Science Week, on **Thursday 6th March** your child can come to school dressed as either their

- favourite book character
- favourite author
- favourite story teller
- scientist





PE Days | Spring Term 1

Some of the PE Days for the Year Groups have changed this term.

Please remember, that children in Year 1 to Year 6 can come into school in their PE Kits on the day they will be doing PE.



Early Years: Wednesday

Year 1: Tuesday and Friday

Year 2: Wednesday and Thursday

Year 3: Thursday and Friday

Year 4: Tuesday (Swimming) and Friday

Year 5: Monday and Tuesday

Year 6: Monday and Tuesday

St. Mary's Church Mildenhall
Invites you to take part in a

Spring Sale

Saturday March 22nd
2.00-4.00pm.

A time to sell a variety of pre-owned items- clothes, books, unwanted presents, toys, things you no longer need. Also crafts, homemade food, plants, games or activities.

£5 to book and then any proceeds you make are yours.
Open to individuals, families, groups, schools, organisations etc.

If you would like to book a table, rail, or spot in the church please contact officestmm@gmail.com or leave a message on [st.mary's church Mildenhall facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/stmaryschurchmildenhall) by February 14th
Or for more information contact Sue 01638 711930

Spring Sale at St Mary's Church | 22nd March

St Mary's Church in Mildenhall is holding a Spring Sale on **Saturday 22nd March** between 2pm and 4pm.

A variety of pre-owned clothes, books, toys etc will be on sale, as well as crafts homemade food and plants.

It costs £5 to book a table to sell your pre-owned items, which can be booked by contacting officestmm@gmail.com by 14th February.

Wrap Around Care |



We offer Wrap Around Care in the mornings and afternoons. Please see below information on the session times and cost:

Early Birds - 7.45am to 8.30am - £5

Rockin' Robins Session 1 - 3.20pm to 4.20pm - £5.50

Rockin' Robins Session 2 - 4.20pm to 5.30pm - £3.50

If you require more information on Wrap Around Care, please contact the office.



Half Term Holiday Clubs | Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th February

Mr Farnham will be running two days of holiday club during the February half term on **Monday 17th** and **Tuesday 18th February**, being assisted by Mr Barker.

9.30am to 3pm
£17.50 per day
£30 for both days

To Book:

E-mail: dfsports1988@gmail.com

Call: 07818 025654



2025 – 2026 Term Dates |

2025-2026



St Mary's Academic Year

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School Holidays National Holidays Non-Pupil Days

Our term dates for the 2025 – 2026 school year have now been released.

Please remember children are not required to attend on PD Days.

A copy of these term dates and the 2024 – 2025 term dates can be found on the St Mary's website.