

# NEWSLETTER

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March 2025

Summer Term Dates:

Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 23rd May  
(Bank Holiday - Monday 5th May)

Tuesday 3rd June to Tuesday 22nd July

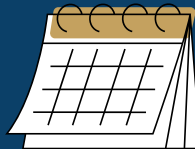


## Upcoming Dates:

7th April to 21st April - Easter Holidays

22nd April - Back to School

24th April - Year 4 Trip to Suffolk Schools Farms & Country Park



## After School Clubs:

Monday - Football - Early Years to Year 3

Monday - Quiet Crafts - All Years

Tuesday - Netball - Year 4 to Year 6

Tuesday - Crafts and Cooking - All Years

Wednesday - KATS - All Years

Thursday - Cricket - Year 4 to Year 6

Thursday - Balance Bikes - Year 1 & Year 2

Thursday - Crafts and Cooking - All Years

Friday - Athletics - Year 4 to Year 6

Friday - Fun Fitness - Year 3 to Year 6



## After School Clubs | Summer Term

Please see below our Summer Term After School Clubs that are now available to book via Arbor. All clubs finish at 4.20pm unless stated below:

### Craft Clubs:

**All Years** Monday Quiet Crafts £18

**All Years** Tuesday Craft & Cooking £22

**All Years** Thursday Craft & Cooking £22

### Sports Clubs:

**Early Years to Year 3** Monday Football £13.50

**Year 4 to Year 6** Tuesday Netball £13.50

**Year 4 to Year 6** Thursday Cricket £15

**Year 4 to Year 6** Athletics £16.50

### Free Sports Clubs - Finishing at 4pm:

**Year 1 to Year 2** Thursday Balance Bikes

**Year 3 to Year 6** Fun Fitness

The following club needs to be booked direct to **KATS** by phone 07743 494899 or [info@katsdance.com](mailto:info@katsdance.com):

**All Years** KATS Dance £40



## Letter From Mrs Rutter | End of Spring Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of the Spring Term we are sure you will join us in celebrating so many joyous events in school this term.

The children have been swimming in year 4, riding their bikes in year 5, studying hard and knuckling down in year 6. Our younger children continue to dazzle us with their excellent behaviour on trips out in the community particularly the walk to church on Thursday. The whole school out together is such a joy and we were full of **JOY** as the children sang their Easter worship.

We were so pleased to see so many of you at parent consultations. These meetings are a great opportunity to see how your child is progressing and what you can do to help them achieve age expectations. Teachers will have shared your child's progress report and their attendance summary. Attendance goes hand in hand with progress. We are striving to drive our whole school attendance up to national and local standards. With this in mind, we now have a reporting tool to support your child's attendance. **Study Bugs** is an app that allows you to report illness, monitor attendance percentage and avoid the many phone calls we have to make to homes each day.

Take a look at the flyer below and sign yourself up. If you would like further information take a look at the parent information page found [here](#).

We are looking forward to our 3rd annual Big Build Day on Saturday 5th April. We would love to see children and parents joining us to create more amazing play spaces for the children. Please come and join us for an hour or two. We have sheds to paint and pallets to build with.

The summer term is always a busy one in primary school as we begin to think about transitioning into new year groups and to new schools. We have sports day, performances, summer trips and visits and our end of year assessments. We look forward to welcoming parents in for various events. Working together with parents and carers is crucial in raising children and fostering community.



### Download the Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence.

A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.



### Studybugs





## Important Reminders:

- If you allow your child to walk to school, please ensure that your child knows basic road safety and how to manage their behaviour without an adult watching them. We have had several parents raise concerns over how some children are behaving when walking to school. These children are alone and hanging around the streets well before school starts. Please speak with your child about your expectations when coming to school independently.
- We have ongoing traffic issues on the road outside our school. We are very limited in our powers to police the roads but we are acutely aware of the risk some drivers are posing to our children. We urge you to record details of vehicles that you see either driving dangerously, parking on the zig-zags or parking on pavements. If we have details we can report these incidents to the police. We have had a visit from Councillor Stanbury who is lobbying for us to have increased signage, speed humps and a speed check. However the best weapon we have against dangerous driving and antisocial behaviour is each other. We all want our children to be safe, please do not put the life of a child at risk by your dangerous parking.
- Please remember that we have a **no mobile phone policy** on school grounds. Please can we ask you to keep phonies out of sight while on site. If you need to make an urgent call, please take yourself off grounds or you can ask to use your phone in the office. This rule keeps all children safe and parents assured.
- Please can we take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers that we are proud to foster a welcoming and respectful school where children, parents and staff work together to create a positive learning environment. Regrettably, we have had instances where staff have been spoken to in a manner that is neither appropriate or respectful. While we understand that issues may arise from time to time, it is essential that all communication remains courteous and constructive. We kindly remind all parents and carers that abusive language, aggression or inappropriate behaviour towards staff - whether in person, over the phone or via email, will not be tolerated. Repeated cases will result in parents or carers being banned from the site. We truly value the strong relationships that we have with our families and appreciate your ongoing support.

Kind regards

**Mrs Rutter** | Principal





## World Book Day | 6th March



Celebrating with

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY



All the children and the teachers looked amazing in their World Book Day outfits.

During the day, each class was buddied up with another class so they could read together. It was so lovely to see the children enjoying the stories together.



## KS2 Mad About Science | 7th March

7-16 March



BRITISH  
SCIENCE  
WEEK 2025



Key Stage 2 had a visit from Mad Science. Dr DNA shared some fun science experiments, which was a great way to start Science Week.

## Rise Gymnastics | 12th March

St Mary's was represented in the Rise Gymnastics tournament that took place earlier this month.

We were so proud of all the children who took part, and St Mary's came 3rd overall out of 10 participating teams.

Thank you to all the parents who helped take the children to the tournament as well.





## Online Safety | 13th and 14th March

PC Lee came into school on 13th March to talk to the Year 5 and Year 6 students about Online Safety. The children really engaged with PC Lee asking questions throughout. After speaking to the students, PC Lee then met with parents to discuss Online Safety.

Below is some useful links about Internet Safety:

[Keep Children Safe Online: Information, advice, support – Internet Matters Homepage](#) – [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Mrs Rutter and Miss Hennessy held a Parent Forum for Early Years to Year 4 parents and carers regarding Online Safety which was well attended and provided some great pointers and interesting statistics regarding about how early children are engaging with online content.



## 3x3 Basketball Tournament | 20th March

Some of the children in Key Stage 2 were invited to a Basketball Tournament earlier this month, where they enjoyed a fun session working with other schools. St Mary's was partnered with West Row and the children showed great partnership and friendship, making new friends during the day.

## Down Syndrome Awareness | 17th – 21st March

There were some amazing odd socks worn during this week which put a smile on so many faces.





## Red Nose Day | 21st March

Red Nose Day started on a huge high as the children lined up in the playground once the gates opened to join in with a dance routine put on by a few of our students.



## Bikeability | 24th – 27th March

Children in Year 5 got the exciting opportunity to join Bikeability for 4 days where they were split into 4 groups and learnt how to ride safely on the road, starting off in our playground on the first day.

Everyone had a lovely time and thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.



## Early Years Mothers Day Church Service | 28th March

Mums from our Early Years classes were invited to walk the children to church where they sang and celebrated Mother's Day.

It was lovely to see so many mums join us on this Church trip.





## Easter Bonnet Parade | 28th March

Thank you to everyone who came in with an Easter Bonnet. There were so many fabulous designs, we loved everyone's creativity.

Miss Shanida and Miss Stacey had the difficult task of choosing the winners. Well done to you all.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Parent Forums | 24th April

We have booked a few dates for March and April for Parent Forums:

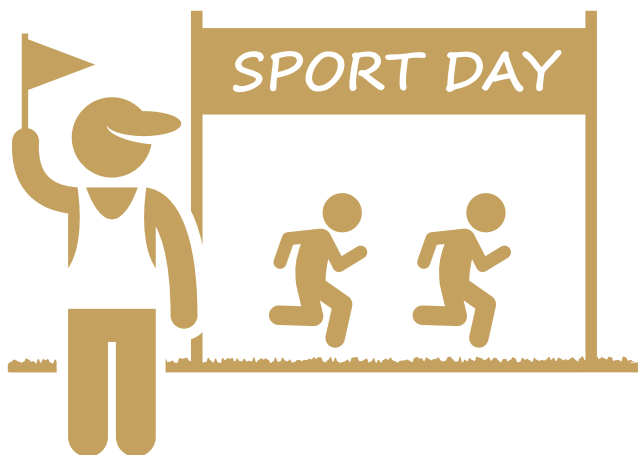
#### 24th April - "Have Your Say"

All sessions will be held in the Nest at 9am unless advertised.

**PARENT FORUM ANNOUNCEMENT**  
Parent forum EVENTS

- 21st January - SEND
- 4th February - Parent Mental Health
- 13th / 14th March - Online Safety  
PC Lee (KS2) 13th / Miss Hennessey (KS1) 14th
- 24th April - "Have Your Say"

All sessions run in the Nest @ 9:00 unless advertised



## Sports Day | 25th June and 26<sup>th</sup> June

Our Sports Day will be taking place Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

On Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, it will be for 9.15am to 11.15am for Early Years, Year 1 and Year 2.

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June, it will be 9.15am to 11am for Year 3 and Year 4.

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June, it will be 1.15pm to 2.45pm for Year 5 and Year 6.



## May Half Term Holiday Club | 28th and 29th May

Mr Farnham's Easter Holiday Club was fully booked, so don't miss out on his May Half Term Holiday Club which will be running Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 9.30am to 3pm. Cost for one session is £17.50, or for two sessions is £30.

To book please e-mail  
[dfsports1988@gmail.com](mailto:dfsports1988@gmail.com)

**MAY HOLIDAY  
CLUB**

**SPORTS, ARTS AND CRAFTS  
PRIZES & MORE**

**WEDNESDAY 28TH MAY  
THURSDAY 29TH MAY**

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD BRINGS A PACKED LUNCH AND A WATER BOTTLE  
ALL STAFF ARE DBS CHECKED AND FIRST AID TRAINED

£17.50 for One day  
£30 Both days

9:30 UNTIL 3:00  
TO BOOK ON PLEASE CONTACT  
DFSPTS1988@GMAIL.COM  
OR CONTACT DFARNHAM 07818025654

## 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.





## 2025 – 2026 Term Dates |

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.

### 2025-2026



### St Mary's Academic Year

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