

NEWSLETTER

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September 2025

Autumn Term Dates:

Wednesday 3rd September to Friday 24th October
Tuesday 4th November to Friday 19th December



Upcoming Dates:

- 1st October – Individual and Sibling Photos
- 2nd October – Harvest Festival
- 6th October – DKW Ceramics (book via PTA)
- 10th October – SEN Parent Forum
- 22nd & 23rd October – Year 6 Heights and Weights
- 24th October – PTA Monster Mash Disco (book via PTA)
 - 3.50pm to 4.50pm – Early Years
 - 5.15pm to 6.30pm – Year 1 to Year 3
 - 7pm to 8.15pm – Year 4 to Year 6
- 27th to 31st October – Half Term
- 3rd November – PD Day
- 4th November – Back to school



After School Clubs:

- Monday – Multi Sports – Early Years to Year 2
- Monday – Board Games – Year 3 to Year 6
- Tuesday – Boys Football – Year 4 to Year 6
- Wednesday – KATS – All Years
- Wednesday – DF Sports Mixed Football – Year 1 to Year 4
- Thursday – Girls Football – Year 4 to Year 6
- Thursday – Yoga – Year 1 to Year 4
- Friday – Table Tennis – Year 3 to Year 6



OPAL Platinum Award

As you may have seen, we have been awarded with **Platinum OPAL Play Award**, the very highest recognition for outdoor play and learning, which puts us in the **top 1%** of schools in the country.



This award celebrates the incredible play culture we have built together over the past two years: children leading the way with imagination and creativity, staff embracing the joy of play as part of learning, and our whole school community cheering them on. From dens and mud kitchens to quiet corners and big adventures, every child can find their own way to play – and that is something truly special.

We are so proud of our children, our staff and our community. This award belongs to us all, and we can't wait to keep playing, exploring and shining at **Platinum** level! We know that many of you share our vision and give us your encouragement and trust. We want to thank you wholeheartedly for this.



Children and staff celebrating our **Platinum OPAL** award!

Welcome Early Years

Welcome to our new Early Years cohort that have joined the St Mary's family this September.

We are so pleased with how well they have settled in to school and we look forward to seeing them grow during their time here at St Mary's.





Year 5 and Year 6 Cross Country Tournament | 30th September

Some children in Year 5 and Year 6 took part in the Cross Country Tournament, which was our first tournament of the school year.



Congratulations to Lewis Brigden who came 1st in the cross country event with over 150 boys in attendance.

The school was granted a gold award for the kit mark for the 4th consecutive year. We can now apply for platinum next year.



School of the Year Shortlist |

Through the Abbeycroft Move More Awards 2025, St Mary's has made the final shortlist in the **School of the Year** category.

We will find out if we have won this award on Friday 17th October.

Wrap Around Care |

Cheerful Champs now run the Wrap Around Care for both the morning and afternoon sessions.

Here's what you can expect:

Extended morning sessions: 7.30am to 8.30am

Afternoon sessions: 3.20pm to 5.30pm

Flexible drop off and pick up

Bookings can be booked via their website

www.cheerfulchamps.co.uk





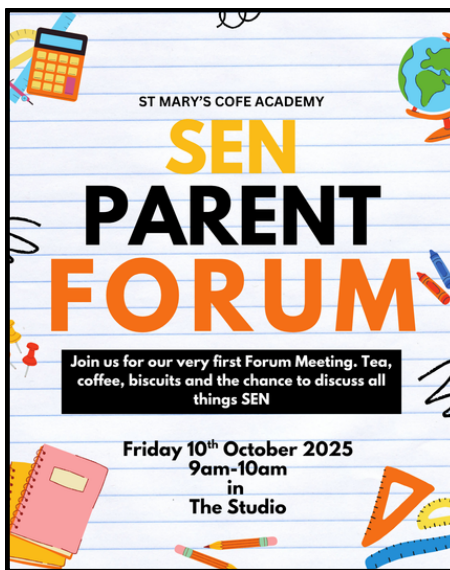
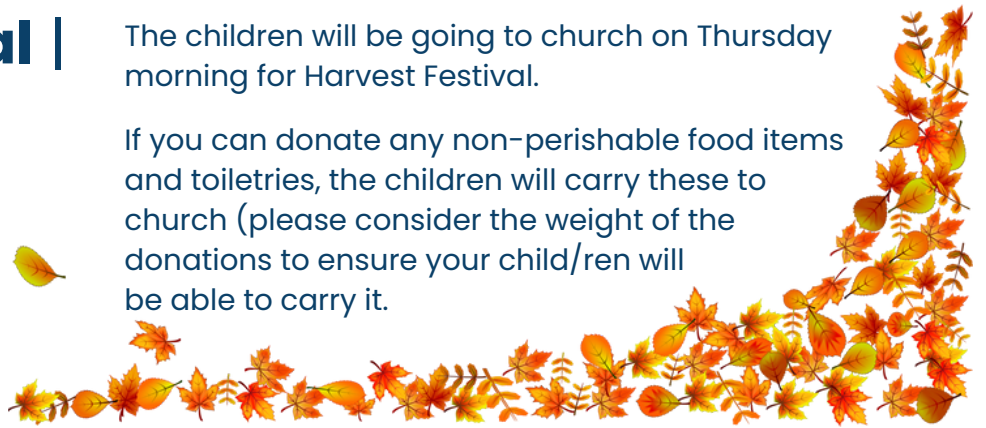
UPCOMING EVENTS

Harvest Festival | 2nd October



The children will be going to church on Thursday morning for Harvest Festival.

If you can donate any non-perishable food items and toiletries, the children will carry these to church (please consider the weight of the donations to ensure your child/ren will be able to carry it).



SEN Parent Forum | 10th October

On Friday 10th October, we will be hosting our SEN Parent Forum from 9am to 10am.

Even if you do not have a SEND child, you are more than welcome to attend.

2026/2027 Early Years Open Day | 4th to 7th November

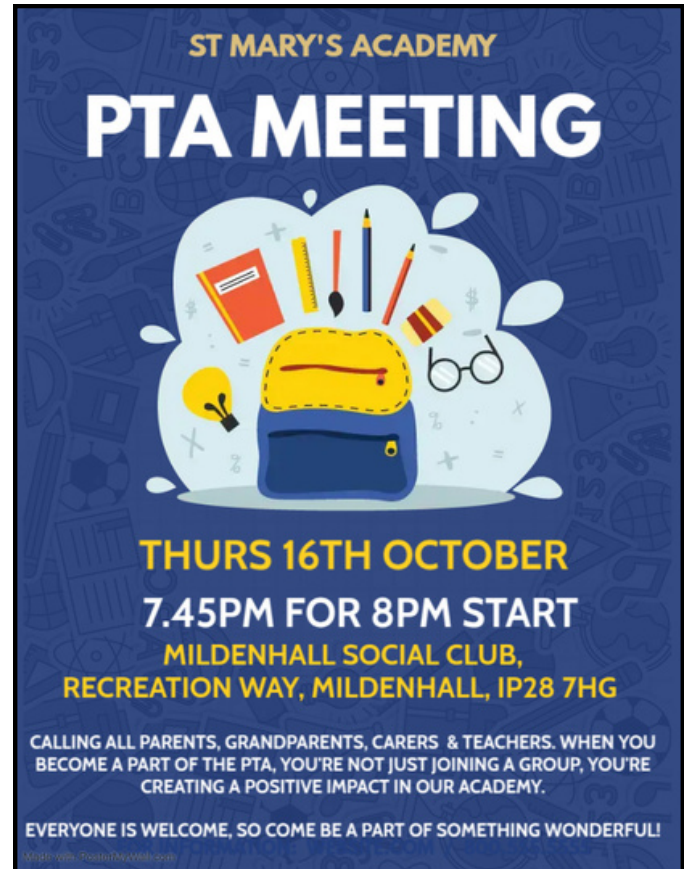
Spaces for the tour are filling up fast but we still have limited spaces available for our 2026/2027 Early Years Open Day, on Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th, and Friday 7th November. All tours start at 10am.

If you have a child, or know anyone who has a child due to start Early Years in September next year, please contact office@smpsac.org to book your place on our Open Days tour.





Upcoming PTA Dates |



If you would like to attend the DKW's Ceramics or the Monster Mash disco please book via the PTA booking page by clicking [here](#).

The PTA are also looking for volunteers for the Monster Mash Disco. Please click [here](#) if you can volunteer for 1 or more of the disco times.





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Half Term Clubs |

DF Sports: Monday 27th to Wednesday 29th October 9am to 3.30pm at Mildenhall Social Club



DF SPORTS AND HOLIDAY CLUB

MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER
TUESDAY 28TH OCTOBER
WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER
TIME: 9:00 - 3:30

ACTIVITIES

- Football /World Cup
- Golf
- Tennis
- Arts & Craft
- Disco/Dancing
- Board Games
- Prizes/Certificate
- Much More

MILDENHALL SOCIAL CLUB
RECREATION WAY,
MILDENHALL,
IP28 7HG
SUFFOLK

JOIN US FOR OUR FUN ACTIVITIES

Register your child at:
dfsports1988@gmail.com

BOOKING PRICES
£20 FOR ONE DAY
£35 FOR TWO DAYS
£50 FOR THREE DAY



October holiday
key information

We're back – now with longer hours
and extra days!

Payment can be made in full or over
time when discussed with organiser

- All children will receive a medal and a Certificate
- All our staff are DBS and First Aid Trained
- Children will need to bring their own packed lunch
- Open to all primary age children aged 4 to 11



Who's ready
for another
awesome
week at
camp?

**Cheerful
CHAMPS**

Cheerful Champs:

Monday 27th to Friday 31st October 9am to 3.30pm (with wrap around care available 8.30am to 4.30pm) at St Mary's Academy

It will be a jam-packed week of fun, including:

- Slim Lab
- Messy Science
- Crafts and Cooking
- Outdoor Play and Sports
- A Special Halloween Fun Day on Friday

Places are limited so early booking is recommended:

www.cheerfulchamps.co.uk



2025 – 2026 Term Dates |

Our term dates for the 2025 – 2026 school year are below. Please remember children are not required to attend on PD Days.

A copy of these term dates can also be found on the St Mary's website.

2025-2026



St Mary's Academic Year

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