

NEWSLETTER

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November 2025

Autumn Term Dates:

Wednesday 3rd September to Friday 24th October

Tuesday 4th November to Friday 19th December



Upcoming Dates:

5th December – PTA Christmas Fair

9th December – Early Years Nativity 9.30am and 2pm

9th December – 3KW, Year 4 to Year 6 Theatre Trip PM

10th December – Early Years to Year 2 and 3JN Theatre Trip PM

11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

16th December – Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance 9.30am and 2pm

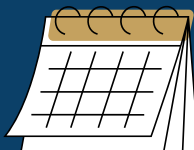
18th December – Christmas Church Service

18th December – Drum Concert

19th December – Christmas Jumper Day

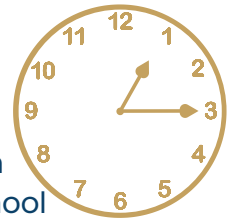
19th December – Christmas Lunch

19th December – School Closes at 1.15pm



Last Day of Term Closing Time

As per the letter from Mrs Rutter earlier this month, on the last day of term the school will close at 1.15pm with all children to be collected then.



To confirm the last days of term are:

Friday 19th December 2025

Friday 27th March 2026

Friday 17th July 2026

Reporting Sickness

If your child will be absent from school, please ensure you use the Studybugs app to let us know for everyday your child is not in school.

Please remember, if your child has sickness and / or diarrhea, they can not return to school until 48 hours after the last bout.



Early Years Tour for 2026/2027 | 4th to 7th November



During our first week back after the half term break, we welcomed families who have children starting Early Years in September 2026 to view our school. It was lovely to see new faces as well as families who already have children here.

We received some lovely comments "...I wanted to email to thank you for your time this morning at the Open Morning. My husband and I both left very impressed with the school and your values, and the provision for students at St Mary's. Please do pass on our thanks to the Early Years team who answered our additional questions and has a clear passion for what they do. It really put us at ease that our son would be in great care..."

We have since added a new date of **Thursday 8th January at 1.30pm**, for any Early Years Tour for children starting in September 2026.

Year 3 Trip to Exploring Science 7th November



The Year 3 children enjoyed an interactive trip to Exploring Science Amusement Lab in Norwich this month. The children had the opportunity to look at various activities including how the body is made, looking through microscopes and using VR.





Remembrance Sunday | 9th November

On Sunday 9th November, St Mary's were represented by Poppy, Lily, Rosie, Millie, Daniel and Link at the Remembrance Sunday Memorial Service in Mildenhall Town Centre where they paraded through town and laid a wreath at the monument.

It was wonderful to see so many other St Mary's children representing their clubs during this service as well.



Remembrance Service | 11th November

On Armistice Day, Year 6 walked down to pay their respects and represent St Mary's at the Service Memorial.

Each class to commemorate Armistice Day made their own Poppy Wreaths which they shared at a special assembly and put on a display board.





Odd Sock Day | 10th November

It was lovely to see all the children and staff wearing odd socks to raise awareness for anti bullying week.



Flu Immunisations | 13th November

We saw a huge number of children take up the flu immunisations at school. All the children were so calm and brave.

If your child missed the flu immunisations, there will be another catch up session in December. Further details will follow.

Children In Need | 14th November

We hope the children enjoyed wearing non-uniform day for Children In Need. There were lots of amazing outfits, as well as lots of Children in Need tops and bear ears!

Despite the weather, the children had great fun throwing wet sponges at Mr Farnham.

Thank you to everyone who donated, we raised £90!



Shoebox Appeal | 20th November

A huge thank you to everyone who brought in a present for the Shoebox Appeal. We were amazed at the generosity of so many of you.

These gifts will make a huge difference to children.



Panathlon Multi Skills Challenge | 13th November

Six children in Key Stage 2, attended the Panathlon Multi Skills Challenge at Mildenhall Hub this month.

It was an amazing event and the children showed great team spirit with St Mary's winning the whole challenge. A huge congratulations to Tallulah, Albert, Billy, Christopher, Toby and Brya-Willow.

Thank you to all our staff and volunteers on the day.



Little City Visit Early Years | 20th November

This month, Little City visited our Early Years classes, where the children had chance to experience imaginative play and dress up at their own little city!

There was a post office, supermarket, building site, doctors, fire station and much more.

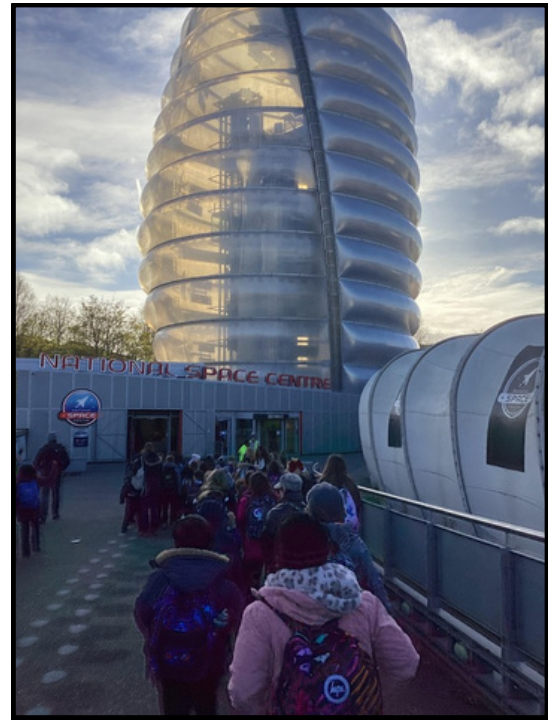
The children had an amazing time exploring the different areas.





Year 5 Trip to Space Centre | 20th November

Year 5 had an amazing time that Space Centre this month, where they spent the day exploring the various exhibits explaining about our planet and how we can look after it, look at spacesuits, learning about the solar system, and the universe beyond



Year 5 and Year 6 Swimming Festival | 24th November

St Mary's were represented with two teams in the Year 5 and Year 6 Swimming Festival at Mildenhall Hub this month.

Everyone put in a superb effort against tough competition, with one team finishing 2nd and the other team finishing 6th. Well done to Jack, Lewis, Eomer, Holly, Hollie, Logan, Olivia C, Poppy, Millie, Ella, Alex, Olivia S, Demi, Zac and Joshua.





Parent Consultations | 25th and 26th November

Thank you to everyone who came and met their child's class teacher in the Parent Consultations last week. It was lovely to see so many of you.

If you didn't hand back your Data Collection Sheets, please sign these and return to the office.

7v7 Football Final | 27th November

Following the success at the 7v7 Football Tournament at Great Heath in October, St Mary's was represented at the Finals at Needham Market.



Eight teams competed from all around the county, and we were immensely proud to get to this stage. St Mary's finished 5th overall. Well done to Blu, Claydon, Elliott, Jacob, James, Lewis, Tommy and Zac for a great team effort. A huge thank you to all the parents who helped get the team to the finals.

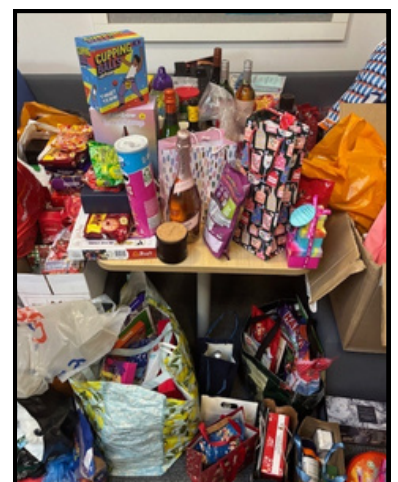
Parent Coffee Morning for Anxious Children | 28th November

We had a great turn out today for our Parent Coffee Morning for Anxious Children, thank you to everyone who turned up.

We have booked in a Anxiety Workshop for Parents on Tuesday 27th January at 9.15am. More details will follow nearer the time.

PTA Non Uniform Day | 28th November

It was lovely seeing the children in Non Uniform and we were delighted with all the prizes that were donated for the PTA Christmas Fair and Raffle. Thank you to everyone who brought something in.





UPCOMING EVENTS

Theatre Royal Trips | 9th and 10th December

Tuesday 9th December 12noon to 4.30pm –
3KW, 4LK, 4VB, 5CR, 5EW, 6ES and 6JB

Wednesday 10th December 12noon to 4.30pm –
Rainbows, Star, 1MN, 1MT, 2HA, 2VB and 3JN

The school have secured tickets for all the children to go to the Theatre Royal in Bury St Edmunds to see the pantomime, Rapunzel.

We are hoping that we can keep this secret from the children until the day.

To give your consent, please book your child's free place under Trips on Arbor.

If you do not want your child to attend, please let the office know as soon as possible so supervision arrangements can be made.



The Early Years Nativity will be taking place on Tuesday 9th December at 9.30am and 2pm. If you have a child in Early Years and would like to book a ticket for this performance, please contact the office.

Christmas Jumper Day | 11th December

The children can come to school in their Christmas Jumpers on Thursday 11th December in aid of Save the Children.

We can't wait to see everyone's fabulous jumpers.





Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Performance | 16th December

The Year 1 and Year 2 children will be taking part in a Christmas Performance on Tuesday 16th December at 9.30am and 2pm.



If you have a child in these Year Groups and have not yet booked a ticket, please contact the office.

Please note tickets are limited to 2 per child (not per performance). Also due to the limited number of spaces available, if you have more than one child in these year groups, we are only able to accommodate 2 tickets between them.



Drum Concert | 18th December

If your child has drum lessons with Jeff, he has organised a drum concert for parents on Thursday 18th December at 2pm.

For more details please contact Jeff at jeffsdrumlessons@gmail.com

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day | 19th December

On the last day, the children will have the option of to book a Christmas lunch and they can wear their Christmas Jumpers all day.

Details on how to book your child's Christmas lunch will follow.

Don't forget, school finishes at 1.15pm!





Upcoming PTA Dates |

Christmas Fayre and Santa's Grotto – Friday 5th December

The PTA will be holding a Christmas Fair after school in the hall on Friday 5th December.

There will be multiple stalls as well as the chance for your child to meet Santa.

To book tickets for your child to see Santa please click [here](#).





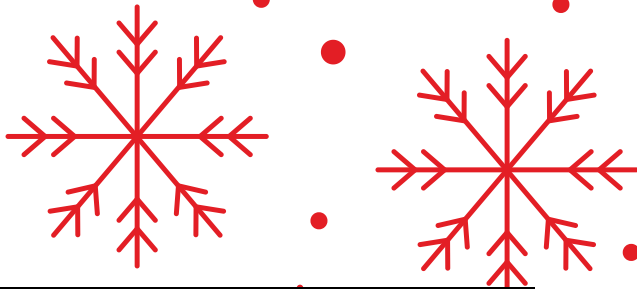
Christmas Clubs |

DF Sports:

Monday 22nd to Tuesday 23rd December
9am to 3.30pm
Mildenhall Social Club

Activities include:

- A variety of sports
- Christmas decorations
- Arts and crafts
- Christmas discos
- Certificates and prizes to be awarded



DF SPORTS AND HOLIDAY CLUB
Monday 22nd / Tuesday 23rd December
9am to 3:30pm

DF SPORTS AND HOLIDAY CLUB
Christmas Holiday club

This Christmas, we're hosting an exciting Holiday Camp packed with every activity your child will love - sports, games, crafts, and plenty of holiday cheer. Don't miss out on the perfect way to keep your child active and happy this festive season!

£17.50 one day / £30 both days
Every child receives a certificate and selection box
Prizes to be won on the day
Contact dfsports1988@gmail.com / Text : 07818025654

*DBS checked, insured and qualified staff

Monday 22nd Tuesday 23rd December
9am-3:30 pm
Wrap around available

*OFSTED registered
*Tax Free and Childcare vouchers accepted

Cheerful CHAMPS
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLUB

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Cheerful Champs:

Monday 22nd to Tuesday 23rd
December 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



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



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

September '25

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August '26

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