

# NEWSLETTER

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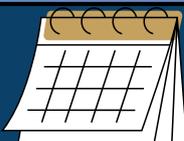
January 2026

Spring Term Dates:

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March



## Upcoming Dates:



4<sup>th</sup> February – Photos at Desk

9<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 SATS Information Meeting

9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> February – Place2Be 'This Is My Place'

Children's Mental Health Week

12<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 Bletchley Park Trip

13<sup>th</sup> February – Non Uniform Day for Place2Be 'This Is My Place'

**16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term**

23<sup>rd</sup> February – Back to School

27<sup>th</sup> February – PTA Disco: EY: 3.50pm to 4.50pm

Year 1 to Year 3: 5.15pm to 6.30pm

Year 4 to Year 6: 7pm to 8.15pm

## After School Clubs:

Monday – Gymnastics – Year 1 to Year 4

Monday – Board Games – Year 3 to Year 6

Tuesday – DF Sports Multi Sports – All Years

Tuesday – Hockey – Year 4 to Year 6

Wednesday – KATS – All Years

Thursday – Multi Sports – Year 5 to Year 6

Friday – Table Tennis – All Years



## Spare Clothes

Especially during these wet winter months, we recommend that a change of clothes and shoes are left on your child's peg at school.

Unless the rain is torrential, the children will still go out to play at break time and lunch time as well as at PE.

Please ensure the spare clothes and shoes are named and are put into a named bag.





## Viking Day | 20<sup>th</sup> January



This month, Year 5 had the chance to experience life as a Viking!

There were plenty of hands on activities for the children to take part in and experience what life as a Viking was really like.

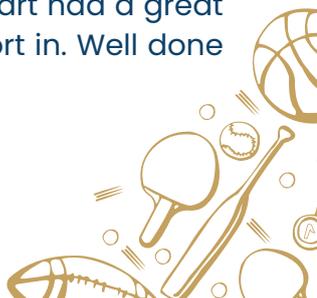
The children had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed learning the history of the Vikings.



## Sportshall Athletics | 26<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> January

Over a couple of days some students in Year 4 and Year 6 represented the school at a Sportshall Athletics tournament.

All the children who took part had a great time and put amazing effort in. Well done to everyone!

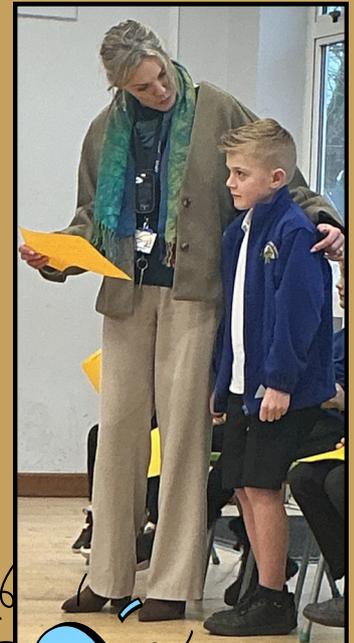


## 100 Races for Junior Park Run

Huge congratulations to Arthur who has now completed 100 races with Junior Park Run.

He is only the second runner in Junior Park Run history who has hit three digits!

The whole school celebrated Arthur's success in our Celebration assembly.



## Year 4 Norwich Castle Trip | 28<sup>th</sup> January

On Wednesday, Year 4 went to Norwich Castle for an Anglo Saxon day.

They met Hrothgar (a lord), his servant Tostig and their Viking visitor Egil, a Norseman. We had to find out more about Egil by examining her belongings, explore Hrothgar's treasure store, listen to the epic tale of Beowulf and look at Anglo Saxon landmarks from the castle rooftop.

The children had a great time and were lucky enough to each be given a voucher for a free ticket so they can go back and explore more of the castle.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Upcoming PTA Dates|

#### Next PTA Meeting - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February

The next PTA meeting will be held upstairs at Barleycorn (30 Market Place, Mildenhall) on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 6pm.

All parents, grandparents, carers and teachers are welcome to come along.



#### Quiz Night - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April

Location - The Riverside Hotel, Mildenhall

Doors open at 6.45pm

Max 8 players per team

Tickets cost £10 per person and includes a bacon, sausage or veggie bap.

Tickets can be purchased through the PTA event page by clicking [here](#).



#### Glow Disco - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February

Tickets for the Glow Disco are now available on the PTA event page by clicking [here](#).

Tickets cost £5.

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





## February Half Term Clubs |

### DF Sports:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
9am to 3.30pm

With Christmas behind us and the New Year underway, we're excited to announce our Holiday Club this February!

All your favourite local staff will be there – including your favourite, Mr B!

Come and join the fun and games, with plenty of activities on offer at your local social club.

**FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CLUB**  
MILDENHALL SOCIAL CLUB

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February  
9:00 until 15:30

Come and join the fun and games at DF Sports and Holiday Club! Your child will have a fantastic time enjoying a wide range of activities, from sports and games to arts and crafts. All staff are DBS checked and first-aid trained. This includes our very own Mr B at our Camps. Children will need to bring their own packed lunch.

Prices:  
• One day: £17.50  
• Two days: £30  
We look forward to hearing from you!

**INFORMATION**

☎ 07818025654  
📍 Recreation Way, Mildenhall, Bury Saint Edmunds IP28 7HG  
✉ dfsports1988@gmail.com

\*DBS checked, insured and qualified staff

\*OFSTED registered  
Tax Free and Childcare vouchers accepted

Cheerful CHAMPS  
FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CLUB

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
9am-3.30pm  
Wrap around available

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### Cheerful Champs:

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February  
9am to 3.30pm  
(with wrap around care available)

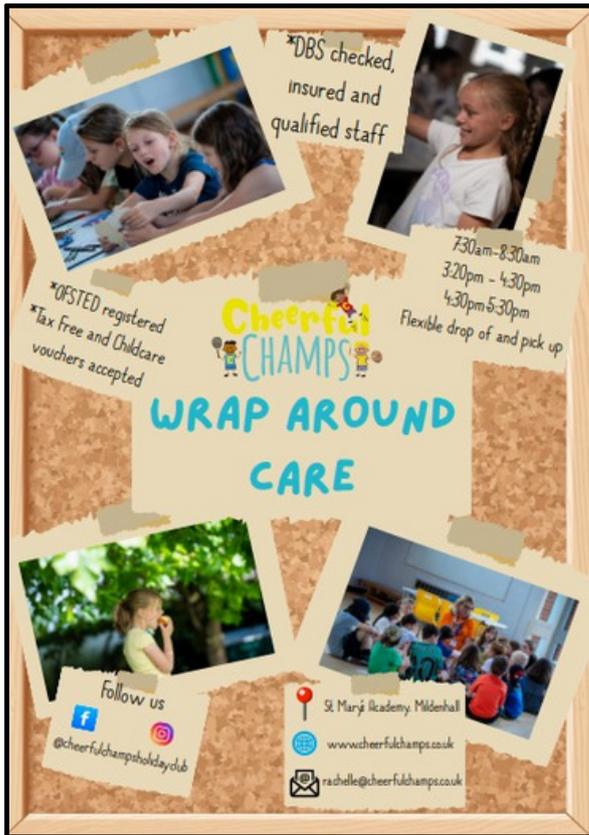
Our February Holiday Club is Ofsted registered and fully compliant, giving you peace of mind while your child enjoys a fun, safe and enriching half-term.

Children can expect much more than just colouring in! Each day is carefully planned and led by a qualified teacher, offering a screen-free programme packed with engaging activities, including:

- Cooking
- Creative crafts
- Science experiments
- STEM challenges
- Sports and active games
- Outdoor play and exploration

Our sessions are designed to keep children active, curious and excited, while building confidence, creativity and teamwork in a supportive environment.

Booking is now open, and places do fill quickly, so we recommend securing your child's space soon.



## 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](http://www.cheerfulchamps.co.uk)

## Food Donations |

At St Mary's we are always looking for food donations so we can help the families in our community.

We have found some cheap, easy to cook recipes and would be very grateful if you are able to donate any of the ingredients.

### Rice with Curry Sauce and Vegetables:

- Rice
- 1x jar of curry sauce
- 1x tin of peas
- 1x tin of sweetcorn
- 1x tin of carrots

### Tuna Pasta Salad:

- 1x can of tuna
- Pasta
- 1x tin of peas
- 1x tin of carrots
- 1x tin of chopped tomatoes

### Lentil and Vegetable Soup:

- 1x tin of lentils
- 1x tin of mixed vegetables
- Vegetable stock cube

### Creamy Mushroom Pasta:

- Pasta
- 1x tin of chickpeas
- 1x tin of peas
- 1x tin of mushroom soup

### Speedy Sausage Casserole:

- 1x tin of baked beans and sausages
- 1x tin of boiled potatoes
- 1x tin of carrots
- 1x tin of chopped tomatoes

### Vegetable Packed Curry:

- 2x tins of chickpeas
- 1x tin of chopped tomatoes
- 1x tin of chicken curry
- 1x tin of mixed vegetables

### Tuna Sweetcorn Pasta:

- Pasta
- 1x can of tuna
- 1x tin of sweetcorn

### Tomato Pasta:

- Pasta
- 1x can of meatballs
- 1x jar of pasta sauce
- 1x tin of mixed vegetables



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## Term Dates |

Our term dates for the 2025 - 2026 and 2026 - 2027 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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| October '25 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| November '25 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| December '25 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
1.15pm finish**

| January '26 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| February '26 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| March '26 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| April '26 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March  
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| May '26 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| June '26 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| July '26 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| August '26 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
1.15pm finish**

### 2026-2027



#### St Mary's Academic Year

| September '26 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| October '26 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| November '26 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| December '26 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
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| January '27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| February '27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| March '27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| April '27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
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| May '27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| June '27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| July '27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| August '27 |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July  
1.15pm finish**

School Holidays



National Holidays



Non-Pupil Days

