

NEWSLETTER

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February 2026

Spring Term Dates:

Monday 23rd February to Friday 27th March

Summer Term Dates:

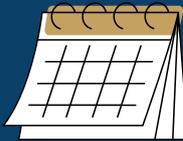
Monday 13th April to Friday 22nd May

Monday 1st June to Friday 17th July



Upcoming Dates:

- 5th March - World Book Day
- 5th March - Year 2 VR Headset Day
- 9th March - Early Years Book Launch
- 10th March - KS1 Book Launch
- 11th March - KS2 Book Launch
- 13th March - Early Years Mothers Day Church Service
- 20th March - Red Nose Day
- 23rd March - Odd Socks for Down Syndrome Day
- 26th March - Easter Church Service
- 26th March - PTA Easter Fayre at 3.30pm
- 27th March - School closes at 1.15pm
- 30th March to 10th April - Easter Holidays**
- 13th April - Back to School



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



Little Bird Book Launch |

Monday 9th to
Wednesday 11th March



Every child has contributed to our school book and it beautifully reflects our shared values of love, joy, wisdom and hope. We can not wait to share this with you and for you to see the art work produced by the children and to be part of a piece of St Mary's history.

The launch will be split over separate days to give you a chance to see how it all came together, choose your **free** copy of the book and to purchase some of the original art work ranging from £1 to £10 - **just in time for Mothers Day!**

Early Years: Monday 9th March 3.30pm
Key Stage 1: Tuesday 10th March 3.30pm
Key Stage 2: Wednesday 11th March 3.30pm



Year 5 Visit Mildenhall Lodge | 4th February

Year 5 spent the morning with the elderly at the Mildenhall Lodge care home, where the children shared some of their favourite stories by reading to the residents. It was lovely to see everyone with smiles on their faces as they shared books.



Year 1 to Year 4 Cheerleading and Dance Festival | 10th February

Huge congratulations to the girls that took part in the Cheerleading and Dance Festival earlier this month at the Jubilee Centre.

The girls won bronze and we are all so proud!

Thank you to KATS, Miss Bryan and our volunteers who helped make this happen.

Well done again to Matilda, Ella, Emily, Julia, Piper, Amelia, Eden, Oceane, Cosette, Isabella, Charlotte and Verity.

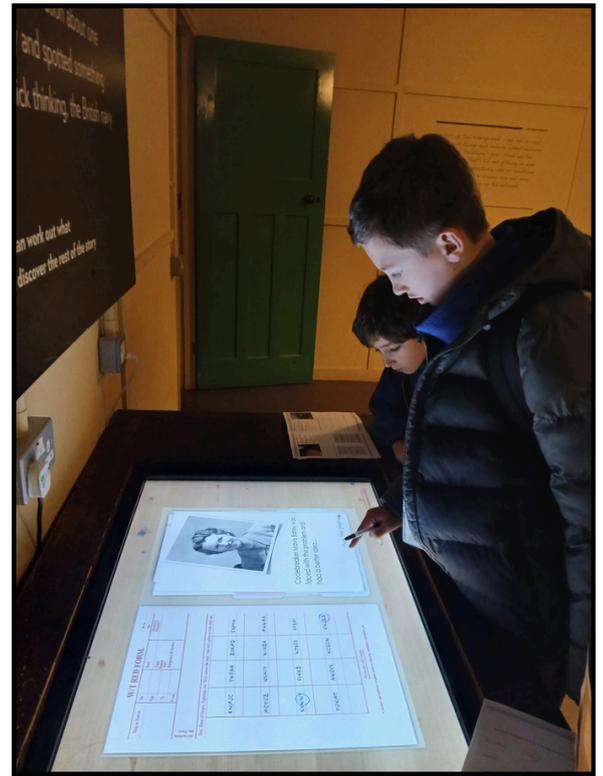
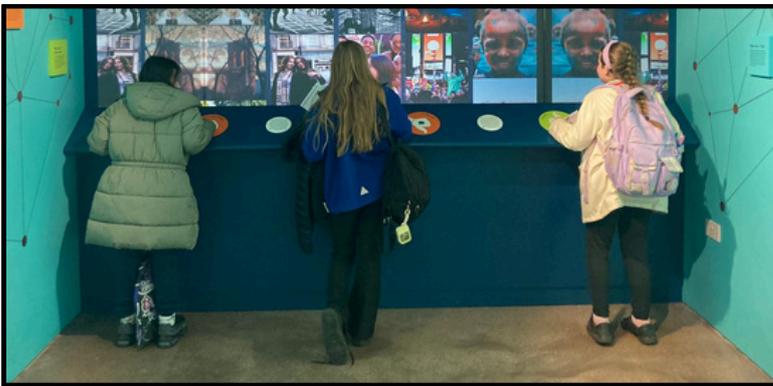




Year 6 Bletchley Park Trip | 12th February

Earlier this month, our Year 6 students went on a school trip to Bletchley Park, which is the home of the World War II Code Breakers.

During their visit, the children learnt about the Code Breakers through films, interactive displays, museum collections and recreated World War 2 rooms.



Congratulations to Mrs Birch |



A huge congratulations to Mrs Birch and her husband, Mr Birch, who are expecting a baby later this year.

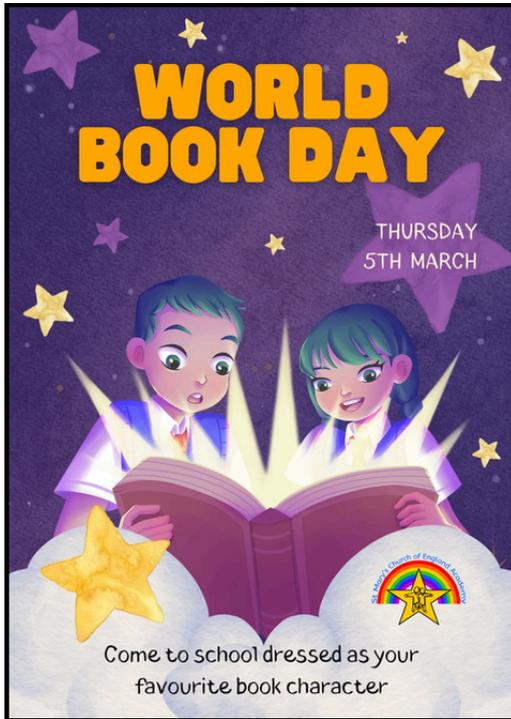
We are all so excited to have a new addition to the St Mary's family.



UPCOMING EVENTS

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

Come to school dressed as your favourite book character!



Below are some easy and affordable ideas:

- Matilda: A blue dress, red hair ribbon, and a stack of books.
- Charlie Bucket: Regular clothes with a homemade Golden Ticket and a chocolate bar.
- Paddington Bear: A blue coat, red hat, and a luggage tag.
- Harry Potter: School uniform or jeans, top, glasses, and a drawn-on scar.
- Superworm: Yellow or pink clothing with a homemade, paper-stuck antenna.
- George's Marvellous Medicine: Regular clothes with a saucepan and spoon.
- Where's Wally: Red and white striped top, jeans, and glasses.
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid: White t-shirt and black shorts.
- Mr Bump: Blue clothes wrapped in toilet roll or bandages.
- Witch (Room on the Broom): A repurposed Halloween outfit.

Red Nose Day – Friday 20th March

The chance for the pupils to come to school dressed as teachers and the teachers come to school dressed as pupils.

If you are able to make a donation to Comic Relief, please [click here](#).



Odd Sock Day – Monday 23rd March

To help celebrate and raise awareness for Down Syndrome Day (which is Saturday 21st March), children can come to school wearing odd socks celebrating and embracing their uniqueness.



Upcoming PTA Dates|

PTA Easter Fair – Thursday 26th March at 3.30pm

The PTA Easter Fayre will be taking place after school on Thursday 26th March at 3.30pm, where there will be an Easter trail, tombola, cake stall, tattoos and games.

If you can donate any Easter Eggs for the chocolate tombola or raffle, this would be greatly appreciated.



Quiz Night – Friday 17th 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](#).



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

Reduced rate available for both afternoon sessions

The children will participate in a range of activities during their sessions including:

- STEM
- Art / Craft
- Outdoor
- Cooking
- Games

Bookings can be booked via their website 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



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School Holidays



National Holidays



Non-Pupil Days

