

# NEWSLETTER

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**March 2026**

**Summer Term Dates:**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

(Bank Holiday: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May)

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July



## Upcoming Dates:

**30<sup>th</sup> March to 10<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holidays**

13<sup>th</sup> April - Back to School

17<sup>th</sup> April - PTA Quiz Night and Disco

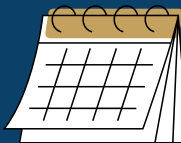
**4<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday**

11<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATs

15<sup>th</sup> May - Year 4 Virtual Mayan Workshop

21<sup>st</sup> May - Pentecost Service (at School)

**25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> May - Half Term**



## After School Clubs:

Monday - Football - Early Years to Year 3

Tuesday - Cricket - Year 4 to Year 6

Wednesday - KATS - All Years

Thursday - Cricket - Year 1 to Year 3

Friday - Darts - Year 4 to Year 6



## Parent Consultation Feedback |



Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate in our recent consultation regarding the proposal to extend the school day by an additional 10 minutes.

After carefully reviewing the responses received, it is clear that there is support for extending the school day, with respondents expressing the benefits of having additional days for term time holidays.

However, it is apparent that a number of families would struggle to find additional childcare in order for this proposal to go ahead.

We have therefore decided that we will **not** be extending the school day at this time.

We value the views shared by our school community and appreciate the thoughtful responses that helped inform this decision.



## World Book Day | 5th March

Children and teachers celebrated World Book Day this year by dressing up as their favourite book character, author or story teller. There were so many fabulous outfits and we loved seeing all the different home made outfits, and children that had matching outfits! A superb effort by all!



## Year 2 VR Headset Day | 5th March

The children in Year 2 had the chance to experience VR headsets, learning all about mini beasts, talking about the different types, what they eat, their different life cycles and other interesting facts.

## Thank You |

We have very kindly been donated two cuddly toys made by Driftin n Stitchin who used unwanted St Mary's school uniform.

They are currently sitting in our reception area and have been a huge hit with visitors and the children. Thank you for the generous donation!





## Little Bird Book Launch | 9th – 11th March

Our Little Bird Book Launch was a huge success and we are grateful for all the parents and families who came along and purchased additional artwork, as well as our invited guests who generously purchased books and artwork.

Every child has contributed to our school book and it beautifully reflects our shared values of love, joy, wisdom and hope.



## Year 4 Care Home Visit | 11th March

Some of our Year 4 children visited Mildenhall Care Home, where they met the residents and shared their Superhero stories that they had written during English lessons.

The children did a fantastic job!



## Early Years Mothers Day Service | 12th March



To celebrate Mothers Day, Early Years walked to the church where their mums were waiting to enjoy a church service together, and the children showed off their drawings of their mums.



## Red Nose Day | 20th March



The children were very excited to come to school dressed as teachers and to see all their teachers dressed up as students.

Well done to everyone who looked amazing, a huge effort made by everyone.



## Odd Socks for Down Syndrome Day | 23rd March

Thank you to everyone who came to school wearing odd socks for Down Syndrome Day, there were lots of vibrant and multi coloured socks!



## Year 5 Big Sing | 23rd March

Year 5 went to Bury St Edmunds Cathedral to take part in the Big Spring Sing with other schools for Christian Aid.

The children enjoyed a fantastic sing a long and sung exceptionally!



## Sporting Festivals and Competitions |



During March, some of the children took part numerous sporting festivals and competitions. The first tournament was for Gymnastics. Children from Year 2, 3 and 4 took part in a Gymnastics Festival in Newmarket where two teams participated in level two. Out of 10 teams competing, our Year 2 team came 7<sup>th</sup> and our Year 3 & 4 team finished 4<sup>th</sup>. Well done to Amelia, Charlotte, Darcie, Emily, Florence B, Florence F, Halle, Isabella, Julia, Lachlan, Layla and Piper for all their effort and to all the parents who got them to the festival.

Our next tournament was Year 5 and Year 6 Girls Mini Football Festival at Great Heath Academy. The team worked really hard and managed to finish 10<sup>th</sup> out of a total of 20 teams. Well done to Amelia, Bethany, Florence, Jemima, Megan, Millie, Olivia and Poppy.

We are proud of all the children who took part in the festivals and tournaments this month. They all had fun and worked hard. Well done.

## Upcoming PTA Dates|



### 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](#).



## 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](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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**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
**1.15pm finish**

January '26						
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**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March**  
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May '26						
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**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July**  
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### 2026-2027



### St Mary's Academic Year

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**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**  
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**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March**  
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May '27						
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**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July**  
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School Holidays



National Holidays



Non-Pupil Days

