



# NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM  
WEEK 7

## ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR VISION: GOOD GROUND GROWS WELL

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### UPDATE FROM MRS NETTLESHIP

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents' Evening this week, it was wonderful to have so many positive conversations about the children's learning and progress. We were also delighted to welcome The Orchard, our new catering company, who shared samples of their meals. It was great to hear such encouraging feedback from families about the new school lunches.

Our students have planted a new herb garden. They prepared the soil and planted basil, rosemary, parsley, and thyme. The activity gave them a chance to learn how to care for plants and understand what they need to grow. Everyone is looking forward to watching the herbs thrive over the next few weeks.

When we return after half term, we look forward to seeing many of you at our Grandparents' Coffee Morning on the first Tuesday back. It's always a lovely event, and we hope a lot of grandparents can join us.

Wishing you all a safe and restful half term break — see you soon!

Warm regards,

God bless,  
Mrs Nettleship



Planting our Herb Garden



You are invited to Grandparents' Coffee Morning on 4<sup>th</sup> November!

### NOTICES

- **School Trips-DBS Forms:** If you would like to join us on school trips, please request a DBS form from the office or contact us at [office@stmarysschoolng.org](mailto:office@stmarysschoolng.org)
- **Healthy Snacks:** We encourage children to bring healthy snacks for break time to support their well-being and concentration.
- **Parking:** Please park responsibly outside the school during pick-up and drop-off times to ensure everyone's safety.

Attendance Champions	
	Beech 98.75%
	Damson 97.08%
	Sapling 94.03%



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# How we have grown this week!



## Saplings

What a lovely week! Saplings were excited about the parents meeting and open morning. We explored Five Little Ducks, learned the song 'I Like Being Me', and discussed our wider community.

## Ash

This week, Ash Class completed Level 2 Phonics! The children are proud of their blending skills and growing confidence. In maths, we explored numbers 1-3, learning to find and represent them.

## Beech

In Beech Class this week we have been learning our number bonds within ten and looking for patterns to help us remember them. We all became weather reporters and presented weather reports to the class.

## Chestnut

Chestnut Class can name and explain different computer parts and understand that technology follows instructions. We also learned why manners are important and how to process emotions related to grief.

## Damson

This week in RE, we learned what a gospel is and why it is important for sharing stories and messages. In English, we planned and designed a holiday brochure, developing our writing and creative skills.

## Elm Class

This week, we continued celebrating Black History Month by reading poems and completing our booklets. In English, we explored balanced argument texts, and in maths, we practised estimating answers to questions.

## Field Maple/Grey Willow

This week, we have been writing our own story in the style of Rose Blanche. We also researched important people in modern day Black history. In maths, we developed our multiplication and division skills.

## Thought for the week



**"You are all children of God through faith."  
Galatians 3:26**

Belonging is one of the most powerful feelings we can experience. We all want to know that we are accepted, valued, and loved for who we are. In Galatians 3:26, we are reminded that "You are all children of God through faith." This means that no matter where we come from, what we look like, or what our differences may be, we are all part of God's family. Faith connects us and gives us a shared identity - one rooted in love, compassion, and unity.

When we treat each other as God's children, we help everyone feel that same sense of belonging that God offers to us.

### Something to pray

Dear God,

Thank You for reminding us that we are all Your children and that we belong to You. Help us to make everyone we meet feel welcome and valued. May our words and actions show kindness, acceptance, and love, so that our school and community reflect Your family here on earth.

# Have You Booked Your School Meals ?

We are delighted to be serving school meals at St Mary's Church of England Primary School.

We believe that a school dinner is not just an essential part of a child's development but also a vital part of their wider schooling experience.

All school meals must be pre-booked using our online meal ordering portal.

**1** Check your emails for a welcome email containing your login details.

To order, simply visit our website  
[www.theorchardcontractcatering.co.uk](http://www.theorchardcontractcatering.co.uk)  
Please visit the "Meal Ordering Portal" tab

**2**

**3** Log in to your account using the login details provided via email.

Begin placing your orders!  
Please ensure meals are booked by 9:00am on the day the meal is being served.

**4**



If you are experiencing any issues with your account, Please contact us using the contact details.



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***DID YOU KNOW?***

At Present, all children from Reception - Year 6 receive a free school meal every lunch time!

# After School Club



- Tech Club – Monday  
(Photography  
Kahoot)
- Pizza Party - Tuesday
- Cooking Club - Wednesday
- Team Sports - Thursday
- Movie Night - Friday  
3:10 – 5:00 = £8.00  
3:10 – 6:00 = £12.00

Homework and Reading everyday

All bookings to be made on school money