



NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM
WEEK 1

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR VISION: GOOD GROUND GROWS WELL

[Click here for upcoming dates or check your Class Dojo events](#)

UPDATE FROM MRS HALE

It has been a brilliant first week of term, and we have all loved welcoming our pupils back from their summer holidays and getting to know our new children in Reception and Nursery.

We have a jam-packed term ahead with lots of exciting activities and events planned. Forest School has already started with our new teachers, Mrs Jones and Mrs Whitfield, and the children were busy on Thursday gathering dried summer lavender to make posies. We also have lots of new clubs starting next week, including a new "Cool Cooks" club led by Mrs Dhani which will teach children nutrition and kitchen skills for cold food preparation. Our Sunshine Club will be starting up again with Mrs Vodila, focussing on happy habits for mind and body, and Mrs Evans will be leading the School Choir in preparation for the Young Voices performance at Wembley Stadium in March. For a list of all the clubs available this half-term, and booking information, please see the poster at the end of this newsletter.

Children in Years 3 - 6 will be starting their reading curriculum next week. We have enough books for one between two, but we encourage you to buy your child their own copy so they can take the book home and enjoy reading it in their own time too. The books are:

Year 3: Planet Omar by Zainab Mian

Year 4: How to Train Your Dragon by Cressida Cowell

Year 5: Cosmic by Frank Cottrell-Boyce

Year 6: Goodnight Mr Tom by Michelle Magorian

Finally, starting from this term, children will be able to celebrate their birthdays by coming into school wearing their own clothes. Teachers will also be happy to share whole class birthday invitations on Class Dojo.

God Bless,
Mrs Hale



Year 3 enjoying story
time outdoors.

Thank you so much for giving to
our school community

amazon
wishlist

Preloved uniform

If your child has outgrown their uniform over the summer (and it's still in good condition!) please consider donating it to our preloved collection. We especially need school jumpers in smaller sizes. We would also be grateful for donations of new packs of underwear and socks for 3 to 6 year olds. Thank you

Attendance Champions



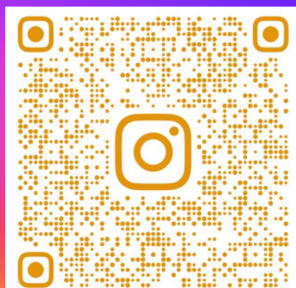
Ash Class 97%



Chestnut 94%



Field Maple 93%



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How we have grown this week!

Sapling

This week has gone very quickly, as our new children get settled and make lots of friends - all the children have had a lovely time together! They have been enjoying playing, learning and getting used to our daily routines.

Ash

We started practising our mark-making skills and learning all about ladder letters. In RE, we enjoyed a special Show and Tell, sharing who and what is precious to us. We also introduced our families and proudly added them to our class family tree.

Beech

The children have made a fantastic start to Year 1. We have started reading *The Bear and the Piano* and have written sentences describing the forest. In Phonics, we introduced Level 5 sounds, and in Maths we started sorting objects through lots of fun practical activities.

Chestnut

Chestnut class has started to read the book 'The Lion in Paris.' The children have written descriptions about his travels in and around Paris. This week in Science we have been exploring 'Mammals' and what they need to survive.

Damson

The children have made a confident and enthusiastic start to Year 3. They are exploring the Stone Age through our class text *The Stone Age Boy*, deepening their understanding of early human life, prehistoric tools, and how people lived and survived during this fascinating period in history.

Elm Class

We have been using adverbial phrases, alliteration when writing sentences based on the short film 'Feast'. We had a challenging time grouping the platypus as it has fur, a beak, webbed feet, lays eggs and feeds its young milk!

Field Maple

The whole class has settled in well and confidently. This week, we started exploring the characters and setting in 'Macbeth' for English. In maths, we built upon our knowledge of place value and looked at numbers to 1,000,000.

Grey Willow

Year 6 were excited to start school as role models for the younger children. We have completed our baseline assessments and begun developing our comprehension skills. In maths we have started with place value, learning about numbers up to 10 000 000.



Thought for the week



Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. Romans 13:8

This week, St Paul reminds us of something that sounds very simple, but can sometimes be quite difficult: we should love one another.

When the Bible talks about love, it doesn't just mean saying, "I love you." Love is something that we show through the choices we make every day. We show love when we include someone who is on their own. We show love when we share, help someone who is struggling or say something kind. We show love when we forgive someone who has upset us. And sometimes, we show love by stopping and thinking about how our words or actions might make someone else feel.

St Paul tells us, "Love your neighbour as yourself." Our neighbour isn't just the person who lives next door. Our neighbour is everyone around us: our friends, our classmates, our teachers, our families and even the people we sometimes find difficult to get along with.

Imagine what our school would be like if, before everything we said or did, we asked ourselves one simple question: "How would I want someone to treat me?" This week, as we continue to become rooted in God's love, grow together and flourish, let's challenge ourselves to make love something that people can see in our actions.

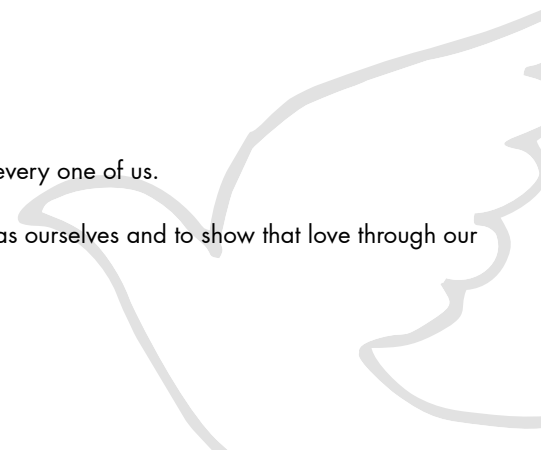
Something to pray

Dear God,

Thank you for loving each and every one of us.

Help us to love our neighbours as ourselves and to show that love through our words and actions.

Amen.



WHAT'S ON AT ST MARY'S?

For more details, please contact the School Office!

September and October 2026

YOUNG VOICES CHOIR

Mondays 3.15 - 4.15, Years 2 - 6
Join our amazing choir and get ready
to perform at Wembley Stadium!

[Click here to book!](#)



KEYBOARD



Mondays during the school day, Years 1 - 6
Individual and small group music lessons.

[Click here to book!](#)

SPORTY STARTS

Tuesdays during the school day, Nursery

[Click here to book!](#)



COOL COOKS

Mondays 3.15 - 4.15, Years 3 - 6
Learn kitchen skills and nutrition!

[Click here to book!](#)

KAYAKING

Thursdays 3.10 - 4.30, Years 3 - 6

Phone: 07951770241 or

[Click here to book!](#)



DRUMS

Wednesdays during the school day, Years 1 - 6
Individual and small group music lessons.

[Click here to book!](#)



FOOTBALL

Fridays 3.15 - 4.15, Years 1 - 6

[Click here to book!](#)

KICKBOXING

Thursdays: 5.30pm - 6.15pm, 6yo+; 7pm - 8pm, adults
Saturdays: 1.30pm - 2pm, 3yo- 6yo; 2pm-2.45pm, 6yo+

Phone: 07758 742462 or

[Click here to book!](#)



LEARNING LABS TUITION

Weekends, all ages. Focussed sessions to reinforce key skills and get
ready for upcoming challenges, including 11+ preparation.

[Click here to book!](#)



FREE

Parenting in the Digital Age

phones

gaming

screen
time

mental
health

algorithms



social
media

THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER, 7PM

at St John's School Stanmore

Presentation by Yael Shahar

Digital Parenting Specialist

and Certified Family

Wellbeing Coach

All
Welcome

Please note this presentation
is not suitable for children



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.

2

To order, simply visit our website
www.theorchardcontractcatering.co.uk
Please visit the "Meal Ordering Portal" tab

3

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

4

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

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!