

Dates for the Diary

Fri 23rd Oct - INSET day for staff
 26th-30th Oct - Half Term
 2nd November - Back to school
 Fri 18th December - Last day of Term
 Christmas Holiday
 Mon 4th Jan 2027 - INSET day
 5th January - Back to School
 15th-19th February - half term
 Mon 22nd February - INSET day
 Thurs 25th March - Last day of term
 Fri 26th Mar-9th April - Easter hols
 12th April - Back to school
 3rd May - Bank Holiday Monday
 31st May-4th June - Half term
 21st July - Last day of term



The school office have recently moved to a new Database system for pupil information. We are conducting an audit of the system soon. Please email the office directly to confirm any medical, dietary needs and/or allergies that we need to be aware of please.



A warm welcome...

....to our new families who have joined St Mary's this week. We hope you enjoy your time with us.

Attendance in School

This week's attendance is

98.3%

No lates this week - a good start to the new term!



Staff Car Park

Just a polite reminder to not allow your children to play, run or scoot around the staff cars please, and please don't use the car park for drop-off and pick-up. Thank you so much.

Enrichment After School Clubs: Places for After School clubs (3.30-4.30pm) will need to be booked and paid for on Parentpay by the parent on a first come, first served basis. Each session is £3.50.

An email will be sent out when the Club bookings are available:

Tuesdays - Choir with Mrs Fotheringham - Year 1,2,3,4
 Wednesdays - Multi-Sports with Mr Richardson - Year 3&4
 Wednesdays - Wild Club on the Croft with Mrs Hobbs - Year 3&4
 Thursdays - Multi-Sports with Mr Cox - Year 1&2
 Fridays - Conquerors Club with Jordan - Year 1,2,3,4

The playground will be locked after school, which is part of our enhanced security, the gates will open at 4.25pm - ready to collect from the clubs!



Newsletter 1



Learning to love
Loving to learn

4th September 2026

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PE and ear-rings

There is new guidance on safety in PE - ear-rings can no longer be covered by plasters - so children will need to be able to remove their earrings before the PE lesson, or not come to school in their ear-rings that day. If children still have their ear-rings in, then they will not be able to take part - please practice taking out and putting back in at home!!

Meet your Teacher!

We would like to invite you to meet your child's teacher and find out some information about year group expectations, learning, and what happens in your child's new class. Please attend, it is really valuable to know what is going on, and what to expect.

Each session will be from 2.55pm - 3.25pm

Mon 14th Sept - Giraffes/Crocodiles

Tues 15th Sept - Tigers/Zebras

Weds 16th Sept - Leopards/Bears

Thurs 17th Sept - Ladybirds (in the Hall)

The meeting will be held in your child's classroom - please meet at the red gates and we will take you through the playground!

Butterflies - your teacher will arrange to meet you over the next couple of weeks - look out for an invite!



Swimming



In September, Giraffes class will be swimming. Their first lesson is on **Tuesday 15th**

September - PE kit to be worn every Tuesday (makes it easier to get changed!) and if there is no swimming, then it will be PE.

After School Club

- will now be in the Hall every day, please ring the bell and pick up at the back door of the Hall. Occasionally, the Hall is in use, so the club will move to Giraffes class - but we will still hear the bell and come to you!

FOOD FESTIVAL by Aspens WEEK 1 Spring/Summer 2026 13/04/26, 04/05/26, 25/05/26, 15/06/26, 06/07/26, 27/07/26, 17/08/26, 07/09/26, 28/09/26, 19/10/26		LUNCHTIME					PRIMARY WORLD
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	
 THE MAIN EVENT MEAT-FREE MAGIC Veggie Dish RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads BIG TOPPING Filled Jackets DESSERT TROLLEY		Macaroni Cheese	Sticky Chicken Noodles	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Skin on Roasties and Gravy	Beef Wholegrain Bolognese	Golden Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips	
		Cheese and Tomato Pizza Slice with Wedges	Hoisin Sticky Vegetable Noodles	Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese Bake, Skin on Roasties and Gravy	Veggie Wholegrain Bolognese	Cheesy Bean Wrap with Chips	
		Vegetable Sticks	Broccoli and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Peas	Mixed Greens	Baked Beans and Peas	
		Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	
		Orange Squash Cupcakes	Strawberry Jelly	Peach Upside Down Cake and Custard	Chocolate Cinnamon Cake	Banana Cookies	
What impact has your meal had on planet Earth today? 		AVAILABLE DAILY DAILY SALAD BOWL, FRESHLY BAKED BREAD, YOGHURT AND CUT FRUIT					PASTA TWIRLER AVAILABLE EVERY DAY HOT PASTA TOPPED WITH HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE & CHEESE

PE Days for next term

All children are expected to wear their smart school PE kit on PE days (Black shorts/joggers, white or red t-shirt, black hoodie or red school sweatshirt, white or black trainers) Other colours and/or designer wear with logos are not acceptable and school will provide the appropriate kit for children to change into, if their own kit is not part of the school uniform.

Ladybirds: Thursday
 Bears: Tuesday/Thursday
 Zebras: Thursday/Friday
 Tigers: Thursday/Friday
 Giraffes: Tuesday/Thursday
 Leopards: Wednesday/Thursday
 Crocodiles: Wednesday/Thursday



Nursery Penguins



Our Nursery sessions begin at 9.00am, so if you are here earlier, that is fine, but our doors cannot open before the session time. Thanks for understanding.

Croft on the Heath



Mon 7 th Sept	Tigers/Zebra/Bears
Tues 8 th Sept	
Wed 9 th Sept	Ladybirds/Penguins
Thur 10 th Sept	
Fri 11 th Sept	

Please make sure your child has their wellies, coat and a pair of old tracksuit bottoms in a named bag for their Croft Day. It will often be muddy and/or wet and the children will struggle to access outdoor learning, if they haven't got their wellies/old trousers/waterproof.



Make the most of our opening hours!!

Doors open at **8.45am** every day. Children who come in at that time have the opportunity to read with their teacher, practise spellings and KIRFS and have monitor jobs - they have a full 15 minutes with their teacher before lessons begin. That is 75 minutes of additional learning time every week, about 50 hours a year!!

Doors will close at 8.55am, after this you will need to drop off your child at the office and they will be marked on the register as 'late', please don't be late!

Water Bottles

Children have access to their water bottles, provided by school, all day. They have drinks provided at lunchtime with their school dinner. A bottle of juice can accompany their lunchbox. Please don't send juice bottles into school if they don't have a lunchbox. Thank you

Toast

Please remember to send toast money in an envelope on a Monday (£1.20 per week) We don't do IOUs (!), so if it is easier, please pay for the half term, which is now £8.40. If you wish to pay for the year, it is £45.00!

