## Dates for the Diary

10th Oct - Harvest in Church 27th-31st Oct - Half Term 3rd November - Back to school 12th December - Christmas in Church 19th December - Last day of Term 5th Jan 2026 - INSET day for staff 6th January - Back to School 6th February - Church Service 13th February - INSET day for staff 16th-20th February - half term

23rd February - Back to School

27th March - Easter in Church

27th March - Last day of term

13th April - Back to school

4th May - Bank Holiday Monday

22<sup>nd</sup> May - Church Service

25th May-29th May - Half term

17th July - Leaver Service in Church

17th July - Last day of term

20th July - INSET day for staff

## Important Information about Breakfast & After School Club

Thank you everyone for using the new booking system on Parent Pay. All places for breakfast club and after school club will need to be made in advance, and paid for on Parentpay when booking.

Places will **not** be able to be made through the office.

Enrichment After School Clubs: Places for After School clubs will need to be booked and paid for on Parentpay by the parent on a first come, first served basis. An email will be sent to parents when the Club bookings are available, and this will also be put on the newsletter, so parents know which clubs are available for that half term.

# **Newsletter 1**



Learning to love

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5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

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## Stay & Play sessions:

(more info nearer the time)

## Reception Ladybirds:

Tuesday 23rd Sept 2.30pm

## Reception Bears Cubs:

Wednesday 24th Sept 2.30pm

## Nursery Penguins:

Tuesday 30th Sept 2.30pm

### **Butterflies:**

Wednesday 1st October 2.30pm



Meet

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

## 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.

## School Communication

event. Thank you.

We will contact parents via email, and Class Dojo (which has replaced Showbie) We will not be using the text messaging service to contact parents any longer. You will have more information about Class Dojo from your teacher at the Meet the Teacher



## 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 3.40pm - 4.15pm

Mon 8th Sept - Giraffes/Crocodiles Tues 9th Sept - Leopards/Ladybirds Wed 10th Sept - Zebras/Bears Thurs 11th Sept - Tigers

The meeting will be held in your child's classroom.

## Attendance in School This week's attendance is

97 5%

Our attendance would have been 98.1% without holidays and lates.





## PE Days for next term

All children are expected to wear their smart school PE kit on PE days (Black shorts/joggers, white t-shirt, black hoodie or red school sweatshirt, white or black trainers) Other colours and/or designer wear is 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.

EYFS Ladybirds: Thursday EYFS Bear Cubs: Thursday Y1 Bears: Weds/Thursday Zebras: Monday/Thursday Tigers: Thursday/Friday Giraffes: Tuesday/Thursday Leopards: Monday/Thursday

Crocodiles: Thursday/Friday



Giraffes will be swimming on Tuesday 16th Sept Giraffes wear PE kit on a swimming day!

## 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 vear!!

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.

## Parent Pay

EYFS Parents... vou will have received a letter about Parent Pay - please activate your account, following the instructions and codes on your letter. If you have any difficulties. please let the office know.

## 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

## Croft on the Heath





Mon 8th Sept Bears am Tigers pm Tues 9th Sept Zebras pm Crocs am Wed 10th Sept Ladybirds pm Thur 11th Sept Penguins pm Fri 12th 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 won't be able to access outdoor learning, if they haven't got their wellies/old trousers/waterproof.