

Dates for the Diary

- 14th Nov - Diabetes Day
- 15th Nov - Children in Need day
- 15th Nov - Disco
- 13th Dec - Christmas Soiree
- 20th Dec - Last day of Term
- 6th Jan 2025 - INSET day for staff
- 7th Jan - Back to School
- 17th - 21st Feb - half term
- 24th Feb - INSET day for staff
- 25th Feb - Back to School
- 11th April - Last day of term
- 28th April - Back to school
- 5th May - Bank Holiday Monday
- 26th May-30th May - Half term
- 18th July - Last day of term



Children in Need Friday 15th November



Children are welcome to wear Pudsey clothes, spotty tops or yellow tops. We just ask you to avoid onesies please, as they are hard work in school - too hot, and tricky to go the toilet! We have headbands (£2.50) and wristbands (£1.00) to sell, to help raise funds for this great charity. They will be available to buy on the playground on Wednesday 13th Nov.

Attendance in School



This week's attendance is **95.5%**
If all children arrived on time, our attendance would have been 96% - please try to get to school before 8.55am!

DISCO Friday 15th November

4.45 - 6.00pm
at the **Community Centre**
Children from EYFS - Y4 may be dropped off.

This time, we are offering a calm, quieter disco experience from 4.15-4.45pm for our children with autism and sensory needs and our Penguins, before the disco opens for everyone.

Parents will need to stay with their Penguins please.

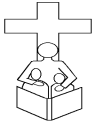
Parents who wish to stay and help will be **very** welcome.

Pay on the door - £3.00 and this will include drinks and snacks. Your child may bring 50p if they would like to have a tattoo.

School Safety Reminders

Please, to keep everyone safe.....
 • **please do not allow your child to ride scooters or bikes on the playground** at drop off and pick up times.
 Thank you for doing your bit to help to keep our/your children safe.

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Loving to learn

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Worship



This week, we have reminded ourselves about The Good Samaritan and how this story can impact on us every day. It costs nothing to be kind and helpful to others, and our children often do this without even thinking.

The Bible says: **"Love the Lord your God, with all your soul, with all your strength, with all your mind and love your neighbour as yourself"**
 Luke 10:27



Croft on the Heath

Here is the rota for the rest of this term. Don't forget wellies, old trousers and warm coats!

Mon	Tigers 11/11, 25/11, 9/12	Giraffes 18/11, 2/12, 16/12
Tues	Zebras 12/11, 26/11, 10/12	Crocs & Leopards 19/11, 3/12, 17/12
Weds	Y1 Bears 13/11, 27/11, 11/12	
	EYFS Ladybirds & Bears every week	
Thurs	Penguins every week in the morning	



Diabetes Awareness Day Thursday 14th November

This charity is very close to our hearts at St Mary's, as we support one of our children who has diabetes. To help raise awareness, children can wear a **little bit of blue** with their PE kit - t-shirt, socks, headband or even blue nail polish (just for the day!!) and if you can make a small donation, we will send it to Diabetes UK.
 Thank you



Smarties - Thank you so much for the returned smartie tubes full of coins - every little helps! Your generosity is amazing. If you are still collecting, please send your smartie tube in next week.

FOOD FESTIVAL
by Aspens

LUNCHTIME

TRADITIONAL

Week 2

Autumn Winter
2024-25:
9/9, 30/9, 21/10,
11/1, 2/12,
23/12, 13/1, 3/2

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY


FRIDAY

THE MAIN EVENT	MEAT-FREE MAGIC Veggie Dish	RAINBOW ALLEY Vegetables and Salads	BIG TOPPING Filled Jackets	DESSERT TROLLEY
Cheesy Tomato Pizza Muffins	BBQ and Sweetcorn Pizza Slice	Wholegrain Pasta Salad and Green salad	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Toffee Apple Sponge and Custard
Chicken Tikka Masala	Winter Vegetable Crumble	Wholegrain Rice and Carrots	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Chocolate Sprinkle Iced Cake
Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cauliflower Cheese, Crispy Onion Topping & Roast Potatoes (You don't have to have the onions!)	Mixed Greens	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Raspberry Coconut Jelly
Classic Cottage Pie	Roasted Sweet Potato Pastry Roll and Mash	Peas	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Fresh Fruit Salad
Battered Fish and Chips	Cheese and Tomato Toasted Wrap with Chips	Baked Beans	Beans, Cheese or Tuna Mayo	Anzac Biscuits

DAILY SALAD BOWL,
FRESHLY BAKED BREAD,
YOGURTS AND
CUT FRUIT
AVAILABLE DAILY

PASTA TWIRLER
AVAILABLE EVERY DAY
Topped Pasta
Hot Pasta topped with
Homemade Tomato Sauce & Cheese

Sad News


Jo Ratcliffe, who worked for a while in Ladybirds and Penguins last year, sadly lost her battle with cancer this week. She died peacefully with her family and friends around her, and our thoughts and prayers are with them at this sad time. 



Ladybirds & Bear Cubs

Maths Stay & Play for Reception children will take place on:

Tuesday 19th Nov - 2.20pm
for Ladybirds 

Wednesday 20th Nov 2.20pm
for Bear Cubs 

Family Learning (advanced notice!)

Come and see how your child learns maths, and join them in their maths lesson. One family member is welcome to join their child in their maths lesson, there will be a booking form sent out next week.

Monday 18th Nov 9-15am - Tigers

Tuesday 19th Nov 9-15am - Zebras & Y1Bears

Weds 20th Nov 9-10am - Crocodiles

Mon 25th Nov 9-10am - Giraffes

Tues 26th Nov 9-10am - Leopards

Penguin Parents Evenings

Penguin Parents Evenings will be held on Monday 11th November and Tuesday 12th November. Remember to check your appointment time - it's on the Penguin door!



Celebration Worship

Next week, it is Celebration Worship for Key Stage 2. If it is your child's birthday, you are welcome to attend (we celebrate birthdays during that week, up to Sunday!)

Friday 15th November - Families of Leopards/Crocodiles/Giraffes (KS2)

Please pop your phones away, and on silent, once you have signed in. This helps to safeguard all our children. Thank you.

