



Our school is a friendly and vibrant community, where all of God's children flourish and gain the knowledge, wisdom and skills needed to care about themselves, their community and their world.

Friday 10th May 2024
Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a slightly shorter week, but a wonderful week of fine weather and lots more outdoor learning and playtimes. The children are adjusting to longer hours of sunshine and waking earlier in the mornings, and more and more summer uniforms are appearing across the school, with the joy of discovering discarded cardigans and jumpers in random places. The sunshine has brought a lot of smiles and laughter and once again, numerous visitors this week have commented on what a happy place this is.

Year 2 have been magnificent all week as they've sat some optional SATs in Reading, Writing and Maths, and their teachers have not only been so proud of their improved scores, but have also been blown away by their attitude to the tests and by their resilience. One boy told his teacher not to worry as he'd got all the questions right, which made her smile, but then discovered, once marking the test, that he actually had! Isn't it wonderful that a 7-year-old already has such an understanding of their own ability and also such a confidence in their ability!

Speaking of SATs our thoughts go out to our Year 6 children this weekend as they prepare themselves for their SATs, starting on Monday. I have already told them that SATs only assess a very few things, and that they are so much more than a SATs test result. If only we could celebrate how good they were at dancing or sportsmanship or simply being a good friend?

Speaking of dancing, I had the pleasure of dancing with our KS1 children this week. The Adventurers and Explorers have now joined us for Singing Assembly. This weekly event is a wonderful time of singing and fun. To get us in the mood, several children strut their funky stuff at the front of the hall as the children arrive to some Pharrell Williams or Justin Timberlake and then, after some fantastic singing, we end with a bit more crazy dancing too! It can quite humbling to find that 4, 5, 6 and 7-year-olds are better at dancing than you! But it starts the day with a feeling of joy and that's what we want.

So, enjoy your weekend in the glorious sunshine, maybe do some dancing of your own, and make the most of these wonderful May days.

Amanda



Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

Thank you for everyone who looks after us and how lucky we are to have good food and a warm bed for the night.

We pray your blessing over our school and pray you watch over us to keep us safe.

Amen

Josh and Teddy Sri Lanka

School Term Dates 2024/2025	
Term 1	
Staff Development Day	Monday 2 nd September 2024
Staff Development Day	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024
Start of Term 1	Wednesday 4 th September 2024
End of Term 1	Friday 25 th October 2024
Term 2	
Start of Term 2	Monday 4 th November 2024
End of Term 2	Friday 20 th December 2024
Term 3	
Start of Term 3	Monday 6 th January 2025
End of Term 3	Thursday 13 th February 2025
Staff Development Day	Friday 14 th February 2025
Term 4	
Start of Term 4	Monday 24 th February 2025
End of Term 4	Thursday 10 th April 2025
Staff Development Day	Friday 11 th April 2025
Term 5	
Start of Term 5	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May 2025
End of Term 5	Friday 23 rd May 2025
Term 6	
Start of Term 6	Monday 9 th June 2025
End of Term 6	Monday 21 st July 2025
Staff Development Day	Tuesday 22 nd July

Tag Day – Friday 24th May

Friday 24th May is a Tag Day at St Mary's. The children are invited to wear their own clothes to school. Please can we ask that clothing and footwear are suitable for a normal working day at school.

The Tag Day is in support of our upcoming Summer Fayre on Friday, 21st June. We would like the following donations if possible:

From KS1 - Sweets, Party bag toys for game prizes and lucky dip

From KS2 - Bottles, chocolates, toiletries for the tombola and raffle. Items for hampers.

Thank you as always for your continuing support.



ST MARY'S SUMMER FAYRE Preloved Toy Donations

Our Summer Fayre will take place on Friday, 21st June. We are looking for preloved, good condition toys and books that we can sell on the toy stall.

If you have any toys and books you would like to donate, please can we ask you to leave them at the school office.

As always, thank you for your support.

