



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 21st June 2024

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and wonderful week at St Mary's, with slightly better weather, resulting in some special days in Forest School, where the children have been planting tomatoes and marigolds and harvesting radishes and onions. This is in addition to the peas, carrots and sweet peas that are growing nicely and helping the children to see the wonder of growth.

The Year 6 children have been practicing for their play and have also had the fantastic opportunity of meeting children from some other Folkestone Schools that will be going to the same Secondary School in September. This really helps with the Transition as it enables them to make one or two new friends and provides some familiar faces for that slightly daunting first day.

Then on Wednesday, 29 children joined with 11 other local schools to sing at the Summer Sing at the Leas Cliff Hall. Again, a really brilliant day of rehearsing and then performing in the evening to hundreds of family members. The singing was incredible and to pull something together in such a short time was really impressive. Thank you to Parents and Staff for helping to make this happen.

This week has also been the start of some cycling proficiency training; this is such an important life skill for so many of our children, as it increases their confidence as cyclists and really helps them to identify risks they may come across on the roads.

I just wanted to draw your attention to our new website. We are really proud of it and are so grateful to Mr Smith and Mrs Mills for all the work they've done to make this happen. If you're missing the daily updates, just click on the 'Latest News' section and it's all there, continuing to be linked to our Facebook page.

<https://www.stmarysfolkestone.com/>

So, another busy week has flown by but with so much to celebrate – and now, it's the Summer Fayre. Thank you to everyone who supports our school in so many ways, especially the PTFA, and have a wonderful weekend.

Amanda



Prayer of the Week

Dear God,
Thank you for all the equipment we have provided for us, by the Government and by all of you parents. May God bless you. Thank you for football tournaments and the Euros. Please give the England players the confidence to bring it home.
Amen

Reggie S and Reggie H



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

