



The School Bell



"Walking together in the fruit of the Spirit"

Dates for your diary...

May

Monday 4th Bank Holiday Monday
Tuesday 5th Tempest Photography -
Class and leavers photos

Monday 11th-14th SATS Week
Thursday 21st KS2 trip to Hay Festival
Friday 22nd INSET Day - School Closed

June

Monday 1st Start of Summer Term 2nd Half
Thursday 4th Induction Meeting - new intake Sept 2026
Wednesday 10th Meeting for parents 3.30pm - PGL trip
Thursday 18th Sports Day
Wednesday 24th EYFS and KS1 Trip
Thursday 25th Leavers' Service Hereford Cathedral

Monday 29th-1st July Oak Class residential trip

July

Thursday 2nd Year 6 Transition Day
Wednesday 8th Y5 Languages Day at Bishop's School
Wednesday 8th Y5/Y6 Production for Y5 parents 6pm
Thursday 9th Y5/Y6 Production for Y6 parents 6pm
Monday 13th Drop-in Parents Evening 3.30-5pm
Friday 17th Leavers' Service in Church
End of Term

All information can be found on our school website.

Please click link below

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We also communicate to parents via
Class Dojo. Download the app to keep
up with all of the happenings at
St Mary's!



Term Dates 2026/2027

Summer Term 2026

Term begins: Monday 13th April
Half-Term Friday 22nd -29th May
(INSET Day Friday 22nd May)
Term ends: Friday 17th July
May bank holiday Monday 4th May

Autumn Term 2026

Term begins: Wednesday 2nd September
Term ends: Friday 18th December
Half term: Friday 23rd-30th October

Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary's, Fruit of the Spirit for April: Faithfulness

Our fruit of the Spirit for April is 'Faithfulness'. We have started talking about faithfulness in our assemblies and teaching it in classes. Please have a chat with your children about what faithfulness is.

I am delighted to share our new school prayer with you. It was written by the children in Oak Class and they have done a fantastic job. We will be using the new school prayer in our collective worship, including Good News Assemblies on a Friday and our church services throughout the year.

Dear God,

Thank you for making our school a wonderful and loving place.

Your peace is kind and true.

Help us to show your love and faithfulness to
St. Mary's School and Fownhope village.

Let goodness shine through us each day.

Guide us through the world and its challenges,
with kindness running through our words.

Give us patience in all we say and do,
and joy at the beginning of every day.

Help us to have gentleness and self-control to follow the rules.

Keep us growing and walking in the fruit of the Spirit.

Amen



Have a lovely weekend.

Mr. Milne



Follow us on social media

The next School Bell will be issued on Friday 1st May, 2026

The Fruit of the Spirit for April is Faithfulness "God, who has called you into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful." 1 Corinthians 1:9



What's happening this half-term..



Swimming

Seedling Class (Reception Class pupils)
and
Birch Class
on Tuesdays



Sports Day

Thursday 18th June



Summer Uniform



All children should now be in summer uniform



The school shirt is replaced with a pale blue polo shirt

Instead of trousers, grey shorts may be worn

The grey skirt/trousers is replaced with a light blue gingham dress

Children may wear sandals with secure straps in black, navy, white or dark grey

Slip-on styles (e.g. flip flops) are not allowed

New school uniform supplier

Following the closure of Monkhouse Schoolwear St. Mary's school uniform is now available to buy online or from Clubsport in Hereford (Bewell St. Hereford. HR40BA)

<https://club-sports.shop/collections/st-marys-fownhope>

Hay Festival Trip
KS2 Willow and Oak Class

Thursday 21st May



REMINDER



Please ensure your child has a refillable water bottle with them everyday

Tempest Photography

Tuesday 5th May
Class and leavers photos





Breakfast and Afterschool Club



Thank you to everyone who completed the questionnaires regarding our wraparound care at St. Mary's School.

The results we gathered concluded that at the moment, the timings offered meet the needs of our families as does the booking system. Many parents said that they use the wraparound care on an ad hoc basis and being able to book on the day and book for one or both sessions for Afterschool Club is extremely useful with comments including, 'It's a brilliant and flexible system with good hours'.

We are pleased to report that fees for Breakfast and Afterschool Club will remain the same for the new school term in September.

We will be making one change to afterschool club sessions - from the second half of the summer term, Afterschool Club will run on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and will be closed on Fridays.

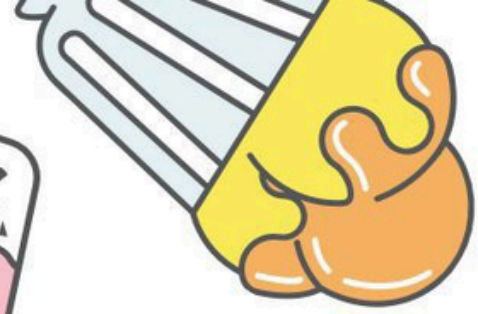
We have been monitoring the bookings for some time; there are very low numbers at Friday Afterschool Club and sometimes no bookings at all. This decision will enable us to focus finances on some extra resources, equipment etc., to enhance what is already on offer throughout the other sessions.

Afterschool Club have just ordered some binoculars and bug viewers - watch this space for details of their 'bird spotting' activities and wildlife exploration!

We continue to offer a wide variety of indoor activities including the opportunities for children to keep active whilst having fun. This term, with the weather improving we will also spend more time outdoors, enabling free play on the school field.

Bookings for both Breakfast and Afterschool Club are available on School Money.

Club	Cost	Staffing
Breakfast Club	£3.50 per session including breakfast	Monday and Friday run by Activate Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday run by Sophie Knight
Afterschool Club	£4.50 first session until 4.15pm includes a snack £9.00 both sessions until 5.30pm	Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday run by Mrs. Harwood and Mrs. Layton Thursday club run by Activate



ICE CREAM FRIDAYS

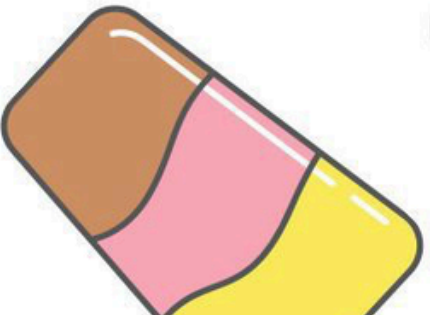


ARE BACK!!!!!!

EVERY FRIDAY

ALL ICE CREAMS
£1 EACH

**BRING YOUR
CHANGE!!**



JUNIOR TENNIS

COACHING

— AT —
WOOLHOPE
TENNIS CLUB



WEDNESDAYS
5-6PM



AGES 5-8



FUN, FRIENDS
& SKILLS FOR LIFE!



FIRST SESSION
FREE!

ACTIVATE
SPORTS EDUCATION



In memory of Neil Jones

NEIL'S DIGGER & TRACTOR RUN

9TH MAY 2026

£20 entry per vehicle

Entry includes x1 bacon roll & tea

- Short comfort stop at Westons Cider en route
- Raffle before leaving

Leaving Sufton Court, HR1 4LU
at 10:30am

APPROX 21 MILES

What3Words:

[///videos.irritate.grow](https://www.what3words.com/videos.irritate.grow)

**ANYTHING  & TRACTORS
WELCOME**

RAISING FUNDS FOR :



**St Michael's
Hospice**



Payment in cash on the day

Please let Martin know you will be attending on
07974 224764

Charity Walk for Hereford Community Foundation

136 MILES • WYE VALLEY WALK • APRIL 2026



In April, I'll be walking 136 miles down the Wye Valley, in memory of George: a beautiful boy who enjoyed the great outdoors, and meant so much to so many.

From the rugged mountains of mid Wales, through Hereford & down to Chepstow. This walk is known for its beauty and tranquility making it the perfect setting to remember George.

I hope to help other families facing devastating diagnoses & to keep George's legacy alive.

See George's story at the links below.

Thank you for reading.



Visit Sarah's JustGiving Page
[https://www.justgiving.com/page/walkforgeorge2026?
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ST MARYS SCHOOL PTA

CAR BOOT SALE

**SUNDAY
10TH MAY,
10.30-1PM**



**£5.00 PER CAR/TABLE.
NO NEED TO PRE-BOOK,
JUST TURN UP ON THE DAY!**

**LOCATED ON THE BOTTOM
PLAYGROUND AND STALLS
AVAILABLE IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

REFRESHMENTS:

**BACON ROLLS,
TUCK SHOP,
ICE CREAMS.**



DONATIONS WELCOME!

Whether you're joining us on the day or can't make the date, we would love your quality donations for our PTA Stall.
All proceeds go directly to supporting our school.