



The School Bell



"Walking together in the fruit of the Spirit"

Dates for your diary...

October

Thursday 22nd - Festival of Light

November

Tuesday 3rd - School Photographer

Thursday 5th - Parents' Evening 5pm - 7pm

Tuesday 10th - Flu vaccinations

Thursday 12th - Open Day

Friday 13th - Children in Need

- Into Film

Monday 16th - Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 6pm

Thursday 26th - Parents Evening for Willow and Oak Class 3.30pm - 6pm

December

Friday 4th - Christmas Fair

Friday 11th - Everyman Theatre, Cheltenham - Cinderella

Friday 18th - Christmas Service in Church 2pm

Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary's,
Fruit of the Spirit for October: Patience

Many thanks to everybody who attended our harvest service and lunch today; it was lovely to see so many parents, carers and grandparents in church and school. Thank you also for your generation donations for Hereford Food Bank; these donations are so important and much needed in the current climate.

We are really looking forward to our Festival of Light on Thursday 22nd October. Please see later in this newsletter to see how you can get involved and help us celebrate a range of different religions and festivals.

Don't forget that our parents' evenings for this term will take place on Thursday 5th and Monday 16th November, with an extra evening for parents and carers of children in Oak and Willow Classes on Thursday 26th November. Look out next week for details of how to book an appointment to meet with your child's teacher.

Have a great weekend.
Best wishes,

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!



Mr. Milne

VACANCY

Have you thought about working in school or know someone who might be interested? We have an opening that might suit someone who is curious about trying it out...

Lunchtime Supervisor position on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays 12.15 - 1.15pm

If you are interested or would like to know more, please call into the office.

Term Dates 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

Term begins: Wednesday 2nd September

Term ends: Friday 18th December

Half term: Friday 23rd-30th October

school closed to pupils on Friday 23rd October

Spring Term 2027

Term begins: Tuesday 5th January

Term ends: Thursday 25th March

Half Term: Monday 15th-19th February

Summer Term 2027

Term begins: Monday 12th April

Term ends: Tuesday 20th July

Half Term: Friday 28th May-4th June



We've got some new members in the St. Mary's team... See page 5 for a special message!



Follow us on social media

The next School Bell will be issued on Friday 16th October, 2026

**The Fruit of the Spirit for the month of October is Patience. Romans 12:12
Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.**

NEWS

This week in school ...

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Creative Club

Monday after school with Miss Scrivens for children from Willow and Oak Class



In Creative Club the children have been exploring textile design by personalising tote bags using a range of different media.



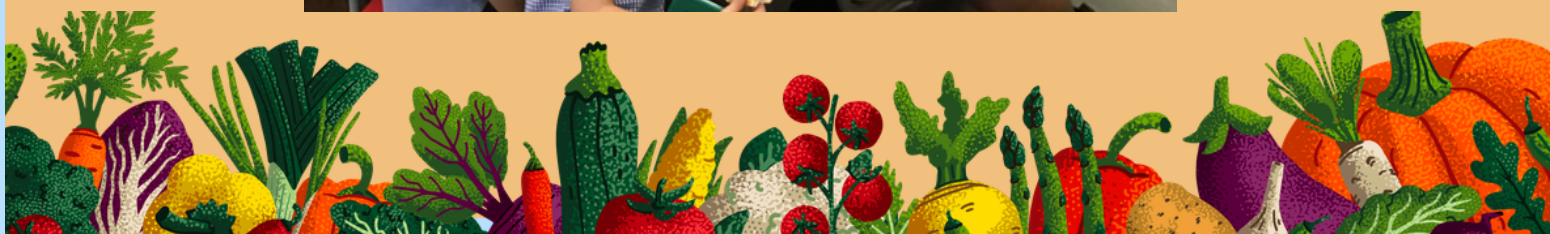
Harvest Festival



It was lovely to be able to come together as a school community to celebrate the harvest this week. We are pleased to say that as well as all your generous food donations, an additional £110 has been raised from parents and grandparents joining us for lunch today.

Thank you to everyone.







Ohh, hello there, my lovelies!
I'd be proper pleased if you'd all come on down and join me for a bit
of pumpkin pickin' fun at my Pumpkin Patch!

Have a wander round and find yourself the perfect pumpkin, have a
go at our scarecrow hunt, and then stop for a few refreshments with
your friends.

There's also a game where you can guess my name for a prize!
So get your wellies ready, wrap up warm, and I'll be lookin' forward to
seein' you all down here at the pumpkin patch!

See you on Friday the 16th of October straight after school on the
school field!
See you soon my lovelies!



What's happening this half-term...

SWIMMING OAK CLASS

Tuesday 8th September
to 8th December (final
session)

PE DAYS

Seedling - Monday Dance

Birch - Monday Dance

Thursday KICK

Willow - Monday Forest School

Oak - Thursday KICK

Thursday PE

Wednesday Activate

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Thursday 22nd October

We are very much looking forward to our
'Festival of Light' on Thursday 22nd October.

✦ The day will begin with an introduction session for the whole school and will finish with an act of worship at 2.30pm to which all parents and carers are warmly invited.

During the day, the four classes will each study a different religion, taking part in a range of activities including making a lantern for our final celebration and having a virtual reality tour of their chosen religion.

Seedling Class: Christianity - Christingle

Birch Class: Judaism - Hannukah

Willow Class: Hinduism - Diwali

Oak Class: Islam - Eid al-Fitr

If any of our families practise a religion other than Christianity, we would love to hear from you. It would be great if a follower of another religion could come in and talk to the appropriate class about their beliefs and experiences.

Also, if you would like to come in on the day and help your child's class teacher with their activities, this would be greatly appreciated.

Please let the school office know if you can help.

FOREST SCHOOL

Willow Class - starting Monday 7th September

Invite other families to discover our school!

Please share our post on social media.

Printed copies of the flyer are available from the school office.





News from the PTA...



St Mary's Fownhope School

UPCOMING DATES

From the PTA

Pumpkin Picking

Friday 16th October

Pick your own pumpkin!

Wear what you like day and Disco

Friday 20th November



Christmas Fair

Friday 4th December



Paint a Plate

After school
Date TBC

Everyone welcome!

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S PTA

KIDS PLATE PAINTING

Friday 27th November

Straight after school
Pick up at 5 o'clock

£5 PER CHILD

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!

Open to Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children

Snacks & refreshments provided





Thank you for helping us support
St Mary's school community