



The School Bell



"Walking together in the fruit of the Spirit"

Dates for your diary...

March

Saturday 7 th	Swimming Gala
Tuesday 10 th 3.30-4.30pm.	Relational Behaviour Policy Drop in session for parents
Thursday 12 th	Parents Evening 5pm - 7pm
Tuesday 17 th	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6pm
Friday 20 th	Comic Relief - Red Nose Day
Thursday 26 th	Parents Evening for Willow and Oak Classes 3.30 - 6pm
Friday 27 th	Easter Service in Church

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

Spring Term 2026

Term ends: Friday 27th March

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 March: Joy

It was so lovely to see so many parents and carers at our book breakfast yesterday. We had a great day sharing and enjoying books and stories. Look out for more photos on Class Dojo and our Facebook page!

As part of our continued school improvement, we are inviting all parents and carers to complete a survey about what the school does well and how it can improve. We would really appreciate all parents and carers taking a few minutes to complete the survey so that we can use your feedback to further improve what we do. The link to the survey will be sent out on Monday via email from the school office so please look out for it and set aside some time to complete it. The survey will be open until Friday 27th March. Many thanks for your support with this.

Application forms have been sent out for our Red Nose Talent Show on Friday 20th March. If your child would like to perform an act, please help them to complete an application form and hand it into school by Friday 13th March. Please ensure that your child has time to practise their act at home, as there is very little time in the school day for this. You are very welcome to come and watch our Red Nose Talent Show at 1.30 in the school hall, where you will be treated to some spectacular performances from some of our children! There will also be a bake sale and raffle in aid of Comic Relief on the day. We are making up three prize hampers of red or funny items. If you are able to contribute something towards these, please bring them to the school office by 13th March. We are also inviting children to come to school wearing something 'funny'! Many thanks for your support with this event. We would like to raise as much money as possible for Comic Relief!

A reminder that parents' evenings will take place on 12th, 17th and 26th March. Details of how to book an appointment to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher have now been sent out.

Have a great weekend.

Regards,

Mr. Milne



Follow us on social media

The next School Bell will be issued on Friday 13th March,
2026

The Fruit of the Spirit for March is Joy. "These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. John 15:11"



What's happening this half-term...



Class Well-being Walks

Thursday 12th March - Birch Class

Thursday 19th March - Willow Class

We will be going to meet Jon Parr at the Recreation Ground to find out more information on the dark skies bench and star gazing.



Parents Evening

Thursday 12th March 5 - 7pm

Tuesday 17th March 3.30 - 6pm

Thursday 26th March 3.30 - 6pm

(Willow and Oak Class only -
extra session)



Link sent via email for parents to book



Dark Skies & Astrophotography with Keith Maslin

@ The Pavilion

11th April @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Free

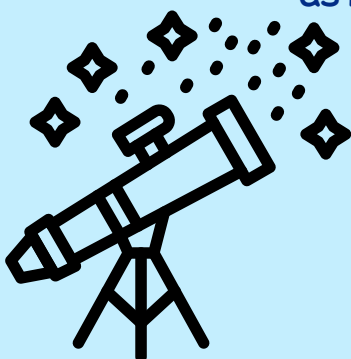
Fownhope's dark skies are one of our treasures — and on Saturday 11 April there will be a chance to explore them in depth.

Refreshments will be available.

All welcome

Further details of the event available at:

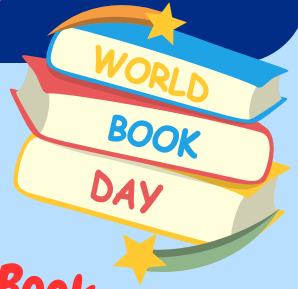
<https://fownhopeparishcouncil.gov.uk/event/dark-skies-astrophotography-with-keith-maslin/>



WORLD BOOK DAY



Book
Breakfast!



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Breakfast!



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Breakfast!





MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL

We have clear guidelines on the use of mobile phones for pupils, staff, parents, volunteers and visitors to our school.

For staff and others working in school, this means that the use of mobile phones is restricted to non-contact time and to areas of the school where pupils are not present (such as the staff room/school office).

Pupils may be given permission to bring a mobile phone to school i.e. if they are walking to and from school without an adult. The phone must be handed into the school office upon arrival at school and collected at the end of the day.

All visitors to school are required to silence their mobile phones or switch them off and put them away before they enter the school building.

Please remember to do this before events in school i.e. Good News Assembly, School Performances, Family Breakfasts/Lunches.

When collecting your children at the end of the school day, please remember that the top playground (entrance to classrooms) is a
NO PHONE ZONE

Thank you for adhering to these guidelines and helping to keep our school site a safe place.



Friday 20th March, 2026
Non-uniform day – wear your craziest outfit!
Bring a donation for Comic Relief

Red Nose Talent Show 1.30pm in the School Hall

Fundraising on the Day



Cake sale

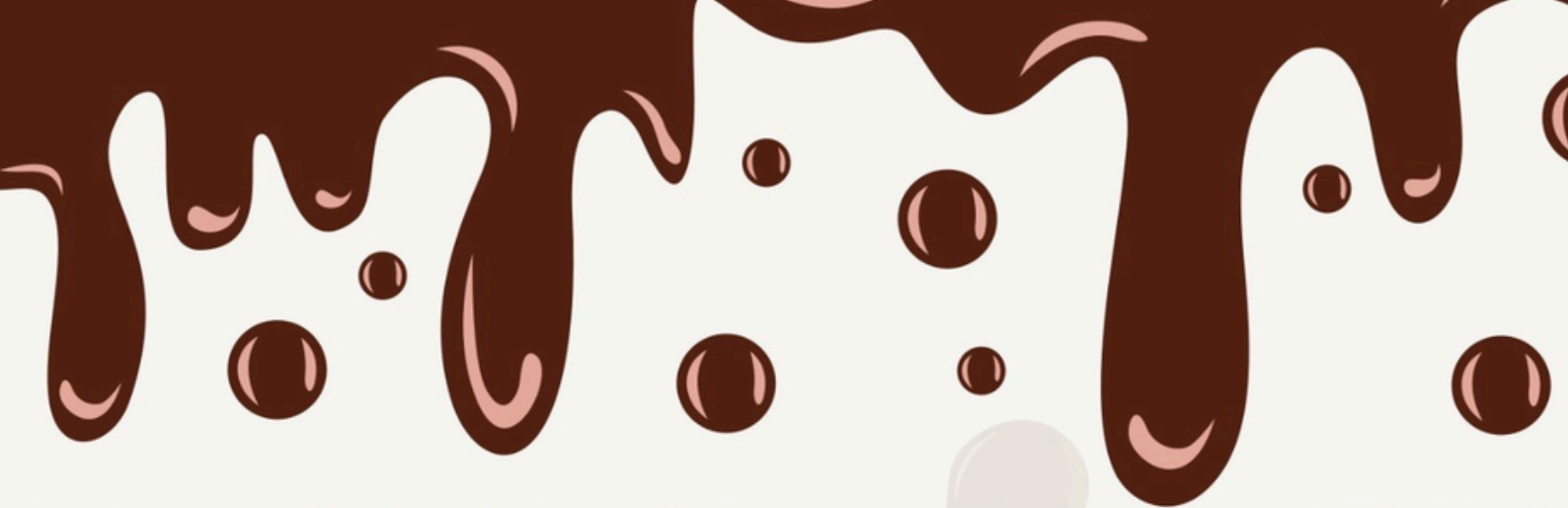
Make some cakes for Red Nose Day!

Buy some cakes for Red Nose Day!



Buy a raffle ticket – win a prize!





WHIPPLE BARS ARE BACK

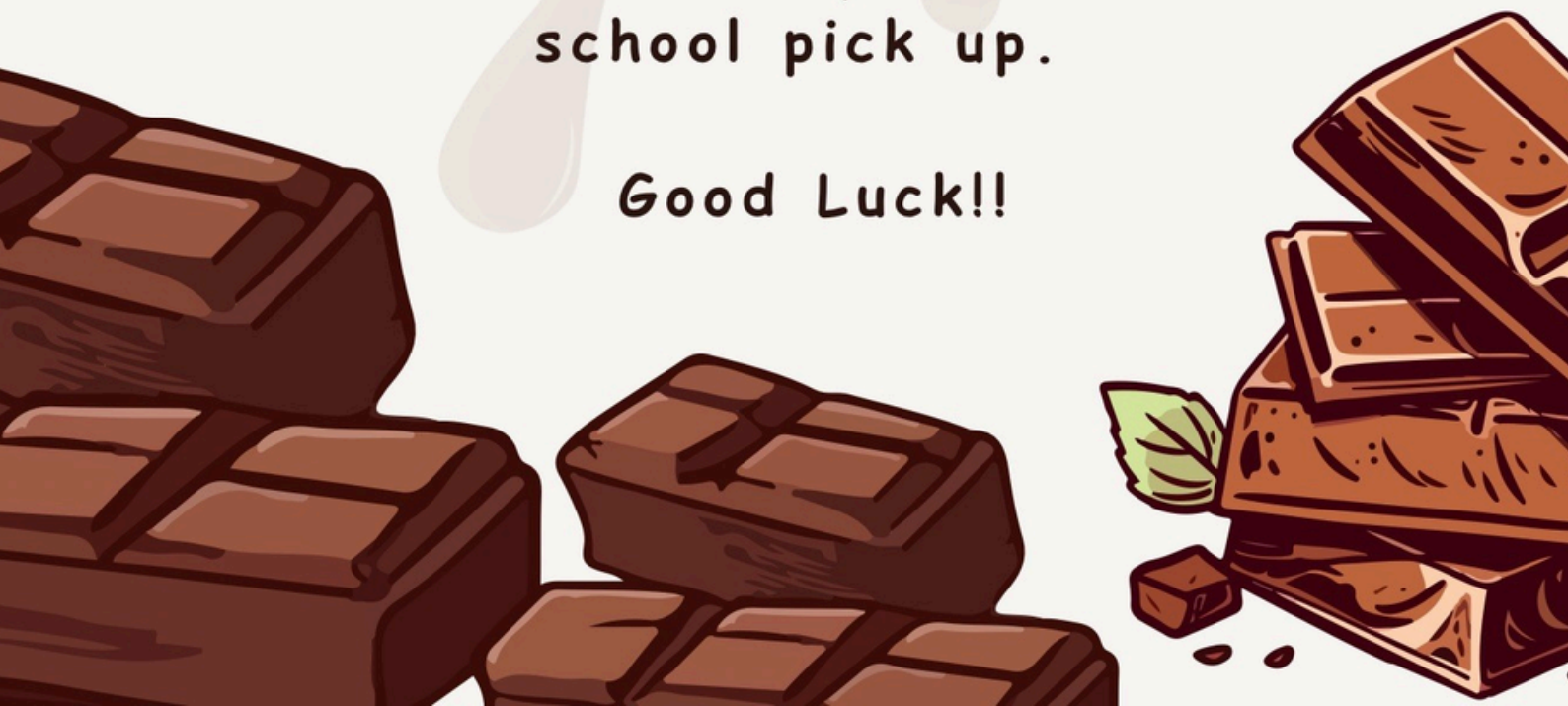
Whipple chocolate bars are now
live!!

Login to "TEACHERS2PARENTS" to
reserve your bar for £2.00
each.

Order as many as you like, for a
chance to win a golden ticket.

Collect on Friday 27th March at
school pick up.

Good Luck!!



Upcoming pta Events



FEBRUARY

13

3.15PM-4PM KS1
4.15PM-5PM KS2

*Valentine's Disco and
non school uniform day.*

MARCH

25

3.15PM-4.15PM

*After school Easter
crafts*

MARCH

27

3.15PM-3.30PM

Whipple bar collection

APRIL

DATE TO BE
CONFIRMED

10AM-12PM

Sunday car boot sale

MAY

20

*'Surprise' visit for the
whole school from
Reptomania*

WATCH THIS SPACE
MORE EVENTS TO
FOLLOW.

Thank you as
always for
your support.



JOIN US FOR PTA

EASTER CRAFTS

COME ALONG AND PAINT AN EASTER EGG
CUP/EXTRA PAPER CRAFTS
AVAILABLE/LIGHT SNACKS SUPPLIED

WEDNESDAY 25TH MARCH
3.15PM-4.15PM

LIMITED SPACES
AVAILABLE, SO PLEASE
BOOK VIA
TEACHERS2PARENTS TO
AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

