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The School Bell

"Walking together in the fruit of the Spirit"

Dates for your diary...

March

Monday 2nd 3.30-4pm	Phonics check information evening for parents - Birch Class
Thursday 5th	World Book Day
Saturday 7th	Swimming Gala
Tuesday 10th 3.30-4.30pm.	Relational Behaviour Policy Drop in session for parents
Thursday 12th	Parents Evening 5pm - 7pm
Tuesday 17th	Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6pm
Friday 20th	Comic Relief - Red Nose Day
Thursday 26th	Parents Evening for Willow and Oak Classes 3.30 - 6pm
Friday 27th	Easter Service in Church

All infomation 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

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The next School Bell will be issued on Friday 6th March, 2026

Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary's,
Fruit of the Spirit for February: Goodness

I hope you had a lovely half-term break.

Despite several reminders, some children are still wearing a variation on school uniform. If your child has a particular reason why they are not wearing for example a shirt and tie, such as sensory issues, please let us know of this via the school office. We can then be considerate to every child's needs.
There are lots of children wearing tops and joggers with logos on PE days. These should be plain with no logos. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform.

We are looking forward to World Book Day next Thursday. Come and join us for a 'book breakfast' from 8.30 until 10.00 in the school hall; croissants and drinks will be provided. All children are invited to come to school in their pyjamas for the day. We are also asking the children to bring in a photo of themselves reading a book in an unusual location. Other book-related activities will take place throughout the day.

Application forms have been sent out today 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.

Finally, a massive thank you to the PTA who have revamped the Birch Class outside area with new planters and plants.

Have a lovely weekend.

Regards,

Mr. Milne

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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

We are very fortunate at St. Mary's to have a wonderful PTA who fundraise to help support our school. The support from the PTA and all our families creates the strong sense of community we have here at St. Mary's and their fundraising helps make a difference for all our pupils.
Their most recent 'enrichment' work has been the area outside Birch Class.

Walking together in the fruit of the Spirit

February - Goodness

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Assembly led by Rev. Chris Moore this week was:
The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)
This week the children have been learning about the Ten Commandments - how God gives rules to help people live well and the benefit of rules. Also, what might happen if we do not follow the rules.

Memory Verse:

'Trust in the Lord, and do good". (Psalm 37:8)

Prayer:

Dear God,
Help me do right.
Help me obey.
Amen.

The Key Message is:

God's rules help us do good.

Ask your children how they do this i.e. choosing good behaviour.

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.

World Book Day!

Book Breakfast 8:30 - 10am

Thursday 5th March, 2026

Come and join us for a 'book breakfast' from 8.30am until 10.00am in the school hall.

Croissants and drinks will be provided. There will be no charge for breakfast but any donations will be used to buy new books for the 'reading corners' in each class.

All children are invited to come to school in their pyjamas for the day.

Bring a cushion and a teddy bear to share some books with a friend from another class in a cosy corner!

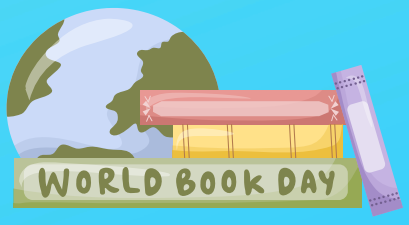
Competition Time!

We are asking children to bring in a photo of themselves reading a book in an unusual place! There will be a prize in each class for the most unusual location.

Please send your photo into school by Friday 27th February at the latest.

Book Swap

Children can bring in a book that they have finished reading (which is in good condition) by Friday 27th February. This will be exchanged for a token which can be exchanged on World Book Day for a different book.



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!

John Kyrle High School
& Sixth Form Centre

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The transition to Secondary School:
We are here for you every step of the way!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Moving to secondary school is a big step for children and families. At John Kyrle High School, we believe that outstanding transition matters. We are a warm, supportive school and we work closely with primary schools and families to help Year 6 pupils feel confident, settled and ready for the next stage of their education.

We are proud to be a Ready, Respectful and Resilient school. We are known for our strong pastoral care, clear routines and commitment to supporting every child. We want all families to feel welcome at John Kyrle and confident in the support available during transition.

An open invitation for all Year 6 families

We warmly invite all parents and carers of Year 6 pupils, whether or not your child is coming to John Kyrle, to a friendly, informal transition drop-in session.

Wednesday 4th March 2026
4pm - 5pm
John Kyrle High School

You can drop in at any time and stay as long as you like.
There are no presentations and no expectations. This is your chance to meet us, say hello and ask questions

What is the event for?
This session is designed to support families as they think about the move to secondary school. You might want to know more about:

- Transition and settling in
- Support for SEN
- Uniform and equipment
- Transport, attendance and routines
- Subjects such as English, Maths, Science and PE
- Pastoral care and wellbeing
- July Transition Event
- Free School Meals

If you have questions, concerns, or would simply like to meet us, this session is for you.

Who could you meet?

You will be able to meet members of our experienced and approachable staff team, including:

- Head of Year 7
- Pastoral Support Officer
- SENCO
- Attendance Officer
- Subject specialists and leaders
- Transport support
- Members of the Senior Team

Our local uniform supplier, Black Mountain, will also be available to offer advice and support.

- You can check out their uniform bundles
- You can get advice on uniform items
- You can order items in advance
- Book in a slot to visit their warehouse

Let us know if you plan to attend
If you are thinking about coming, please complete this short 30-second form or scan the QR code below:) https://forms.office.com/e/q3W17rmtFtbn

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!