



The School Bell



"Walking together in the fruit of the Spirit"

Dates for your diary...

February

Thursday 26th SATS information evening for Year 6 parents

March

Monday 2nd Phonics check
information evening for parents - Birch Class

Thursday 5th World Book Day

Thursday 12th Parents Evening 5pm - 7pm

Friday 20th Comic Relief - Red Nose Day

Saturday 14th Swimming Gala

Tuesday 17th Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6pm

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

Friday 27th Easter Service in Church

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

A reminder that our fruit of the Spirit for February is 'Goodness'. We will be talking about goodness in our assemblies and teaching it in classes. Reverend Chris has been in school this week telling the children the story of 'Daniel in the Lions' Den' (Daniel 6:10-23), which teaches the value of goodness; have a chat with your child and see if they can retell you the story!

We hope you are enjoying meeting our staff through our new feature on Class Dojo. This will be continuing next week and after half-term.

A reminder that next Friday is a non-uniform day and PTA discos after school, before a week off for the half-term break!

Have a great weekend.

Regards

Mr. Milne

All information can be found on our school website.
Please click link below

[Home | St Mary's C of E Primary School, Fownhope](#)

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 2025/26

Spring Term 2026

Term begins: Tuesday 6th January

Half-Term: Monday 16th - Friday 20th February

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 2027

Term begins: Wednesday 2nd September

Term ends: Friday 18th December

Half term: Friday 23rd-30th October

Breakfast and Afterschool Club



We want to ensure that the provision we offer meets the needs of all our families so we are asking for you to help us by completing this questionnaire which is available from our website:

Wraparound Questionnaire

We have sent out paper copies with the children. We would be very grateful if you could complete and return this by **Friday 13th February**. Alternatively, you are welcome to download the form and complete it online and return to our Admin email address: admin@stmarys.hereford.sch.uk

Thankyou



Follow us on social media

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

The Fruit of the Spirit for February is Goodness "Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." Psalm 23:6



What's happening next half-term...



Class Well-being Walks

Tuesday 24th February - Oak Class

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.

Uniform Reminder

This is a reminder about school uniform. We have a few more weeks of wearing winter uniform - Please ensure that your child is in the appropriate attire by clicking the link to our uniform page below.

P.E. Kit

Clothing for P.E. kit should be Dark Navy or Black and should not be branded or patterned.

Thank you.

<https://st-marys-cofe.secure-primariesite.net/uniform/>



School Uniform



We have some items of uniform which are pre-loved and in good condition. The PTA provide opportunities for parents to buy good quality pre-loved uniform for a small donation. The PTA hold sales throughout the school year but you can always contact the school office if there is an item of uniform you require and they will send your request to the PTA.

Donating Pre-loved Uniform

Donating uniform which your child has outgrown helps other families as well as providing a sustainable solution to reduce the volume of old school uniforms ending up in landfill.

Please ensure items are in good clean condition.
All donations can be dropped off at the school office.



Walking together in the fruit of the Spirit

February - Goodness

The Fruit of the Spirit for February is Goodness

**"Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever." Psalm 23:6**

Assembly led by Rev. Chris Moore this week was:

Daniel in the Lions' Den (Daniel 6:10-23)

This week the children have been learning about this Bible story and how Daniel obeys God even when it is dangerous. It is a story about Daniel's commitment to goodness - both in his actions and his faith.

It encourages pupils to show goodness through actions, service to others, and compassion in daily school life.



Memory Verse:

*'Let us not grow weary of
doing good' (Galatians 6:9)*

Prayer:

*Dear God,
Help me choose right.
Help me be good.
Amen.*

The Key Message is:

*Goodness means choosing
what is right.*

**Ask your children how they do
this i.e. making the right
choices at school.**





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!

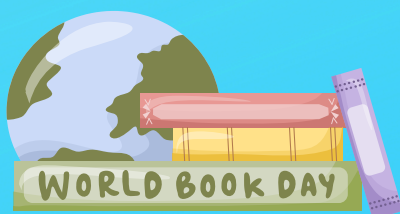
We are asking children to bring in a photo of themselves reading a book in an unusual place!

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.





Help Wanted



**Fownhope Village Hall needs two more volunteer Trustees :
Building Officer
Trustee Secretary**

We desperately need two more volunteer Trustees to help us run the Hall for the benefit of everyone in our village: A Building Officer and a Trustee Secretary.

Your Hall is normally run by a committee of eight Trustees, but currently there are just six of us looking after everything. Most importantly, we have an urgent need for a Building Officer to work with our Caretaker to manage the building and ensure that it is well maintained and safe for everyone. We have advertised this vacancy in The Fownhope Flag and on village noticeboards but, so far, no one has come forwards. Keeping the Hall available without a volunteer for this important role is simply not sustainable. Paying someone to do the job would hugely impact our hire fees and that isn't sustainable either.

The Building Officer is normally a Hall Trustee and would meet formally with the other Trustees four times a year. It is an ideal role for a retired or semi-retired person with practical skills and some knowledge of buildings.

So please, please put the word out for us and ask your other member to do so to. Surely, in a village with over 1000 residents and a Hall used by hundreds of people each month, we must be able to find one capable person who could spend an hour or two each week helping us to run your Hall.

For further information about either of these roles, please contact me at ian.quayle@banquo.co.uk or by phone on 01432 860 221.

With Best Wishes

Ian

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**Ian Quayle
Chairman**

**Fownhope New Memorial Hall
Charity Reg 520951**

**SAVE
THE DATE**

In memory of Neil Jones

NEIL'S DIGGER & TRACTOR RUN

9TH MAY 2026

**MORE DETAILS TO
FOLLOW SOON!**

RAISING FUNDS FOR :



**St Michael's
Hospice**

**We
are
Farming
Minds**

**ANYTHING 
& TRACTORS WELCOME**

Upcoming pta Events



FEBRUARY

13

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

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

MARCH

20

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.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR SCHOOL!

1



JOIN THE SCHOOL LOTTERY

Play for just £1 a week! Win prizes while supporting our school



SCAN HERE

2



REGISTER FOR EASYFUNDRAISING

Shop online and raise FREE donations! Download the app



SCAN HERE

3



DONATE OLD CLOTHES

Pop your pre-loved clothes in our school clothes bank

4



SAVE ITEMS FOR SCHOOL FAIRS

Donate unwanted items for our Summer & Christmas Fairs

5



VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

Help at events, fairs, and school activities

6



BAKE FOR CAKE SALES

Donate homemade treats for our bake sales

7



SPREAD THE WORD

Share our fundraising links with family & friends!

EVERY LITTLE HELPS!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT