Ringing in the St. Mary's School News Issue 326 Friday 30th January, 2026

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

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 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

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

Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary's,
Fruit of the Spirit for January: Love

Well, I can't believe it's the end of the month already! Where did January go?!

Huge congratulations to the children who attended the Year 1 & 2 football festival at the Herefordshire Football Association yesterday. The children were a credit to the school and worked brilliantly together as a team. Thanks also to all the adults who coached the teams, refereed and supported with transport.

A reminder that every Friday your child's class teacher issues a letter about what has been taught in school and how you can help to support your child at home. This can be found on Class Dojo.

Our fruit of the Spirit for February is 'Goodness'. We will be talking about goodness in our assemblies and teaching it in classes. Please have a chat with your children about what goodness is.

We have started making arrangements for World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. 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; this would be a nice activity for the half-term break. Other book-related activities will take place throughout the day. Don't forget to use your £1 book voucher which will be sent home before half-term. Please make a note of the date and have a look at the World Book Day page later in this letter to see all the activities we have planned.

Have a lovely weekend.

Regards

Mr. Milne

BREAKING NEWS

School Uniform

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We have been advised that Monkhouse School Uniform Shop in Hereford is closing on the 21st February, 2026.
They have informed us that they will be discounting any remaining school specific stock, available both in-store and online to help parents purchase required items.
The sale should start in the next few weeks.

We are currently investigating other local suppliers of uniform and we will let you know further details in due course.

We always have pre-loved uniform available – see all the details on the next page of the newsletter.

The Fruit of the Spirit for the month of January is Love: "Give thanks to the Lord for he is good: His love endures forever". 1 Chronicles 16:34

Spring Term 1st Half 2026

Football Fun!

Well done and congratulations to the children from Birch Class who took part in the football festival with other Herefordshire schools on Thursday.

Everyone had a lovely fun afternoon.

Thank you to Mrs. Wells and our parent volunteers who supported and transported the children to the football festival.

School Uniform

Details of our school uniform can be found on the school website: https://www.stmarys.hereford.sch.uk/uniform/

We also 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.

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!

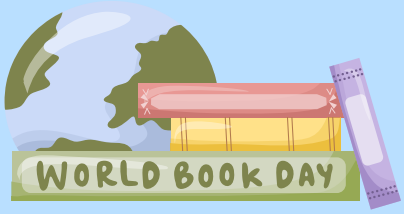
We are asking children to bring in a photo of themselves reading a book in an unusual place!

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.



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 JCB
& 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