



The School Bell



"Walking together in the fruit of the Spirit"

Dates for your diary...

January

- Thursday 15th Football Tournament - pupils from Willow Class
- Thursday 15th Class information meetings 3.20 and 3.45pm
- Thursday 29th Football Tournament - pupils from Birch Class

February

- Thursday 26th SATS information evening for Year 6 parents

March

- Thursday 5th World Book Day
- Thursday 12th Parents Evening 5pm - 7pm
- Friday 13th 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 information can be found on our school website.

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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!



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

Happy New Year and a warm welcome back to St. Mary's after the Christmas break. I hope you all enjoyed the festive season with your families. Once again, on behalf of everyone here at school, we would like to say a huge thank you for all the generous gifts we received at the end of last term; they were all very much appreciated.

I would like to say a massive thank you to all the children and families who came along to the carol service at St. Mary's Church on the evening of Sunday 21st December. The children really did the school proud with their fantastic singing, and they were very well received by all in the congregation.

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Miss Ayling, who will be teaching Birch Class on a Thursday and Friday. It is great to have her on the staff team and we hope she will be very happy here at St. Mary's.

Our fruit of the Spirit for January is 'Love'. We have started talking about love in our assemblies and teaching it in classes. Please have a chat with your children about what love is.

This term, we will again be holding our class information meetings where you can come and meet your child's teacher and learn how you can help to support their learning. These meetings will take place on Thursday 15th January at 3.20 and 3.45pm. This will be a good chance for parents and carers of children in Birch Class to meet Miss Ayling properly for the first time. There will be a member of staff in the library to look after your children while these meetings take place.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Mr. Milne

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

Starting school in September 2026

The online application process closes on

Thursday 15th January, 2026

If your child was born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022 you will need to apply for a reception class place for your child to start school in September 2026:

[Click here](#) to apply



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

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



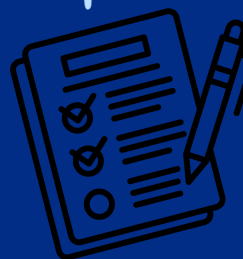
What's happening this term...



Swimming
Tuesdays
Willow Class



Year 6 SATS
Information Evening
Thursday 26th February
3.30pm - 4.15pm



Forest School
Mondays
Oak Class

Forest School runs in all weathers.
Please ensure your child has the following:

PE Kit including warm clothes

Waterproofs

Wellies

A change of clothes



Thank you



Thank you to
Kate French for
the lovely
cushions she
has made for the
sofa in our school
reception area.

Thank you from Seedling Class



Thanks to some funding from the Local
Authority, Seedling Class have lovely
new vinyl flooring and carpet fitted by
Home Choice Flooring Ltd.

To complete the refurbishment
Herefordshire Blinds and Fabrics have
donated (supplied and fitted) new blinds
in Seedling Class.



FUNDRAISING FOR MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Get your tubs to our pubs!

Once again, Sophie Knight will be collecting plastic sweet, chocolate and cracker tubs to help raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Please drop empty tubs at the PTA box in the school car park by Monday 2nd February, 2026 and Sophie will take them to the recycling point.

Greene King's 'Tub2Pub', a recycling campaign to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support and recycle plastics, will be back in 2026! Tub2Pub 2025 saw us collect over 240,000 tubs raising £10,916 for Macmillan Cancer Support. With your help, we can beat that record in 2026!

From 1 Jan - 15 Feb 2026, its pubs, restaurants, and hotels will accept your clean and empty:

Confectionery tubs

Biscuit tubs

Cracker tubs

We're all guilty of indulging in chocolate, sweets and crackers over the festive period, and in the UK we are buying tens of millions of these plastic tubs every year!

Make sure your tubs don't go to waste and bring your clean, empty plastic confectionery and cracker tubs to any Greene King managed site in 1 Jan - 15 Feb 2026 to be recycled.

Simply leave your tubs with a Greene King staff member at the bar or welcome station within one of their locations.

All tubs will be collected and taken to a plastic reprocessing centre where they're shredded, before being sold onto plastic manufacturers to use in place of virgin plastics. All money raised from the sale of Tub2Pub plastics will be given directly to Macmillan Cancer Support.