



The School Bell



"Walking together in the fruit of the Spirit"

Dates for your diary...

Wednesday 10th - KS1 Nativity 4pm in Church

Friday 12th - Christmas Fayre 3pm - 6pm

Children can wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform. Voluntary donations to Save the Children 'Christmas Jumper Day' are welcome.

Monday 15th & Wednesday 17th - Christmas Dinners

Thursday 18th - Christmas Parties

Thursday 18th - Seedling Class Nativity 9.30am in Church

Friday 19th - KS2 Carol Service 2pm in Church



Dear Parents and Friends of St Mary's,
Fruit of the Spirit for December: Peace

Well, the Christmas decorations have gone up in school and it is looking very festive! A huge thank you to Hollie and Ben Corbet in Guernsey who donated the Christmas tree in the hall. It looks fantastic and will really help to brighten up our Christmas celebrations!

We are very much looking forward to all the events planned for the next two weeks. As I write, we are about to set off for the Courtyard to see 'Mother Goose' which I am sure we will enjoy!

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr. Milne

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 2025/26

Autumn Term 2025

Term begins: Tuesday 2nd September
Half-Term: Friday 24th October - 31st October
(INSET Day Friday 24th October)
Term ends: Friday 19th December

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

The new 'Dark Skies' Bench in Fownhope



'Bench warming' before the Christmas Tractor run on Saturday 6th December!

All the details can be found here:

<https://fownhopeparishcouncil.gov.uk/event/dark-skies-bench-warming/>

<https://fownhopeparishcouncil.gov.uk/from-the-dark-skies-bench/>



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The next School Bell will be issued on Friday 12th December

The Fruit of the Spirit for the month of December is Peace:
'Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all' 2 Thessalonians 3:16



Countdown to Christmas



Birch Class Nativity

Wednesday 10th December at 4pm in
Church



Seedling Class Nativity

Thursday 18th December at 9.30am in
Church



Oak Class Y6 Pupils

Thursday 11th December

Y6 children in Oak Class will be visiting Brockhampton Court Nursing Home to sing Carols to the residents. As part of the visit, the care home has set the children the challenge of making a tree topper for the Christmas tree.



Christmas Fayre

Friday 12th December 3pm - 6pm

The PTA have some exciting news about pre-ordering tokens for the Christmas Fayre. See all the information on the PTA pages.

Children can wear a Christmas jumper with their school uniform on Friday 12th December. Voluntary donations for Save the Children 'Christmas Jumper day' are welcome.



Christmas Party Day

Thursday 18th December

Non-uniform day - wear what you like

We are excited to begin planning our annual Christmas Party for the children! To make the celebrations even more special, we will be reaching out soon to ask for your generous donations of party food.

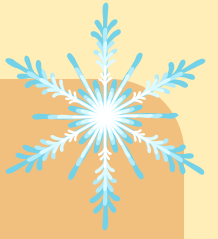




Christmas Lunches

Monday 15th December

Wednesday 17th December



Please return your form to order lunch no later than 10th December. Once we receive this, payment will be set up for you via School Money.





Christmas Raffle



🎄 Get Ready for Our Christmas Fayre! – Friday 12th December 🎄

Exciting news! To make your experience quicker and easier, our Christmas Fayre is going almost cashless this year!

Here's what you need to know:

Tokens are here! 💎 All stalls (except the bar & kitchen) will operate on a token system. Each token is worth 50p.

Bar, Kitchen, Grotto and Raffle Stall: 🍔🍷 Will accept both TOKENS and CASH.

Beat the queues! Pre-order your tokens via the Teacher-to-Parent app in convenient £5 and £10 bundles. Pre-orders are open now until the day of the fayre!

Buying on the Day: Tokens will also be available at the fayre using cash or card at our dedicated token stall.

We highly recommend pre-ordering your tokens to spend less time in line and more time enjoying the festive fun!

We can't wait to see you all there!

ST MARY'S (FOWNHOPE) PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE!

Here are the amazing prizes so far, with more still coming in:

PREMIUM EXPERIENCES

- One-night stay at Calf Cott
- Luxury car ride experience
- Family ticket to a league game at Hereford FC
- Left Bank - 2 x New Year's Eve tickets
- £200 Nature's Nest voucher
- £70 Flip out voucher donated by Governors

FOOD & DINING

- Afternoon tea for two in The Angel Abergavenny worth £100
- Cottage of Content Sunday lunch x4
- 2 coffees at Rose Rambles
- Hancock's Meadow Farm cheese and cider
- £50 Green Man voucher
- £50 Carriages voucher
- New Harp Inn – Sunday lunch x 2

VOUCHERS

- £100 voucher – Hereford Blinds and Fabrics
- £25 Yew Tree, Peterstow voucher
- Model Farm Butchery voucher
- Castle House voucher
- Red Lion, Peterstow voucher
- Wye Leisure voucher
- Dog Grooming voucher donated by Jess Prosser
- Ross Toy Shop Voucher

ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT

- Courtyard film tickets
- Dan-yr-Ogof Show Caves entry
- Clearwell Caves entry x 2
- Paddleboard lesson
- Willow Yoga Mat donated by Amz Powell
- Balance Massage donated by Jodie Criddle
- Private cider tasting for 6 people with Gabe Ciderologist
- Flip Out - 1½ hour experience

GIFTS & TREATS

- Cleaning hamper donated by Mel Harwood
- Strollers Cricket Club mug and bucket hat
- Pigs Ears craft beer selection pack
- Joyful Drinker non-alcoholic spirit bottle
- STO-AGG goodies
- Adidas prizes donated by Jules Beck
- Bag of wood from Fred and Jack Meredith
- 12 large bags of Tyrell's crisps donated by Tyrell's
- Sunday Brunch TV show mug donated by the Ciderologist
- Bag of wood from the Clelands
- Cook's Galley mini hamper
- Coo Corner pair of Santa ganks
- Handmade Quilt donated by Alison Baldwin
- Ballingham Court apple juice
- Signed CD by Clementine Lovell
- Billy Billingham signed book



*Thank you for your support! Whether you buy one ticket or ten, every contribution helps us make wonderful things happen. Please don't forget to share with friends family too



Scan the QR code to buy tickets



It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas...

