



The School Bell



"Walking together in the fruit of the Spirit"

Dates for your diary...

December 5th - Whole school - Mother Goose at the Courtyard
Wednesday 10th - KS1 Nativity 4pm in Church
Friday 12th - Christmas Fayre 3pm - 6pm
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



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

[Home | St Mary's C of E Primary School, Fownhope](https://www.stmaryscfeprimaryschool.co.uk/)

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 November: Peace

We are fast approaching December, and we are
 gearing up for our Christmas activities! We are looking
 forward to the whole school trip to the Courtyard next
 Friday afternoon, which will kick off our Christmas
 activities. The PTA Christmas Fair takes place on the
 following Friday afternoon and is one of our biggest
 fundraisers; please support the event if you can. If you
 are unable to attend, you can buy raffle tickets online
 by scanning the QR later in this letter.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr. Milne

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

Willow Class Parents Evening

Parents evening has been re-arranged for Monday 1st
 December. Appointment times remain the same as
 those booked previously. Please contact the school
 office if you need to change your appointment.

Starting school in September 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 5th December

The Fruit of the Spirit for the month of November 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

What's on in December

Reception, KS1 and KS2
Courtyard Theatre Trip
Mother Goose Panto
Friday 5th December

The children are having an earlier lunch and we will be leaving school around 12 noon with expected return back to school 4-4.30pm.

Seedling Class
Nativity

Thursday 18th December at 9.30am in Church



Birch Class
Nativity

Wednesday 10th December at 4pm 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 have 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.

Christmas Party Day

Thursday 18th December

Non-uniform day - wear what you like

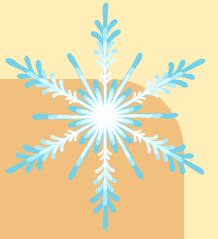
We are excited to begin planning our annual Christmas Party for the children! To make the celebrations even more special, we will be reaching out soon to ask for your generous donations of party food.



Christmas Lunches

Monday 15th December

Wednesday 17th December



Your child will be bringing an order form for the family Christmas Lunches that are taking place on December 15th and 17th. Please return your form no later than **December 10th** to the school office. 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



PTA News



TUCK SHOP
EVERY FRIDAY AFTER SCHOOL



**£1.00
3 SWEETS**

Rolla Bella - lactose free
Fruit Flavour Lollies - gluten free
Lolly Mix - vegan, gluten, lactose free
Swizzel Drumstick - vegan, gluten, lactose free
Haribo Starmix
Maoam Stripes

TOY TOMBOLA

Do you have any unwanted toys sitting waiting for a new home?

Reduce... reuse... recycle

We'd be so grateful of any toys or play items that could be donated for a tombola at the Christmas Fayre

PLEASE TAKE ANY ITEMS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY 9AM ON 12th December

CHRISTMAS FAYRE
12th December
3-6PM



Look out for details of funds raised on this page - we will publish them here soon...

