Ringing in the St. Mary's School News Issue 316 Friday 7th November, 2025

The School Bell

"Walking together in the fruit of the Spirit"

Dates for your diary...

Wednesday 12th November - Open Morning
Friday 14th November - Children In Need
Monday 17th November - Parents' Evening 3:30pm - 6pm
Monday 24th & 25th - Year 6 Bikeability
Thursday 27th November - Parents' Evening for Willow & Oak Class. 3:30pm - 6pm
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
Friday 19th - KS2 Carol Service 2pm 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

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

Follow us on social media

The next School Bell will be issued on Friday 14th November

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

Firstly, I am sure you will have noticed the lovely poppy floral display in the flower beds around the outside of the school. A huge thank you to Mrs Lyn Harwood who worked hard to make and plant the poppies ready for Remembrance Day.

A reminder that next Friday is 'Children in Need' day and we are going 'spotty'. Please wear a spotty item or a spotty outfit, in exchange for a cash donation to the charity. We are also holding our 'Into Film' Festival on the same day. Children in Key Stage 1 will be watching 'Despicable Me 4' in the Fownhope Memorial hall in the morning, and children in Key Stage 2 will be watching 'The Wild Robot' in the afternoon. Also, don't forget that the PTA will be selling doughnuts after school; these need to be pre-ordered, and half the money raised will go to Children in Need.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

Mr. Milne

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

Bikeability

Oak - Year 6 Pupils

Monday 24th November
Tuesday 25th November
More details to follow nearer the date

CHILDREN IN NEED FRIDAY 14TH NOVEMBER

Wear a spotty item or a spotty outfit, in exchange for a cash donation to the charity.

The PTA will be selling doughnuts after school. They need to be **pre-ordered on Teachers2Parents.** Half the money collected will also be donated to Children in Need.

Class well-being walks

Tuesday 11th November - Willow
Thursday 13th November - Birch
Wednesday 19th November - Oak

If you hold a current DBS and can help with any of these walks, please email: admin@stmarys.hereford.sch.uk

Parents Evening

Monday 17th November 3.30pm - 6pm

Willow and Oak classes only (extra session)
Thursday 27th November 3.30pm - 6pm

Some appointments still available - please remember to book an appointment via the link which has been sent by email.

Parents Evening
for
Seedlings Pre-school children

Appointments available on **Monday 17th November.**
Please telephone to book an appointment or email admin@stmarys.hereford.sch.uk

Our Remembrance Day Garden

OPEN MORNING

We have an

open morning on

Wednesday 12th November between 9am and 12 noon

for families interested in joining St. Mary's.

We would love to welcome prospective parents and carers to look around our school. If you know anyone who might be interested please let them know.

The online Admissions portal at Herefordshire Council is now open for applications for Reception Class for the 2026/27 academic year.

Click here to access the portal

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.

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

Doughnut Day!

Friday, 14th November is doughnut day! Come and grab a glazed Krispy Kreme, £1 per doughnut. Preorder as many as you want on teacher2parent. (Final day to preorder is Wednesday, 12th November)There will be a limited number available to buy on the day, so if possible, please preorder to avoid disappointment!

TOY TOMBOLA

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

Reduce... reuse... recycle

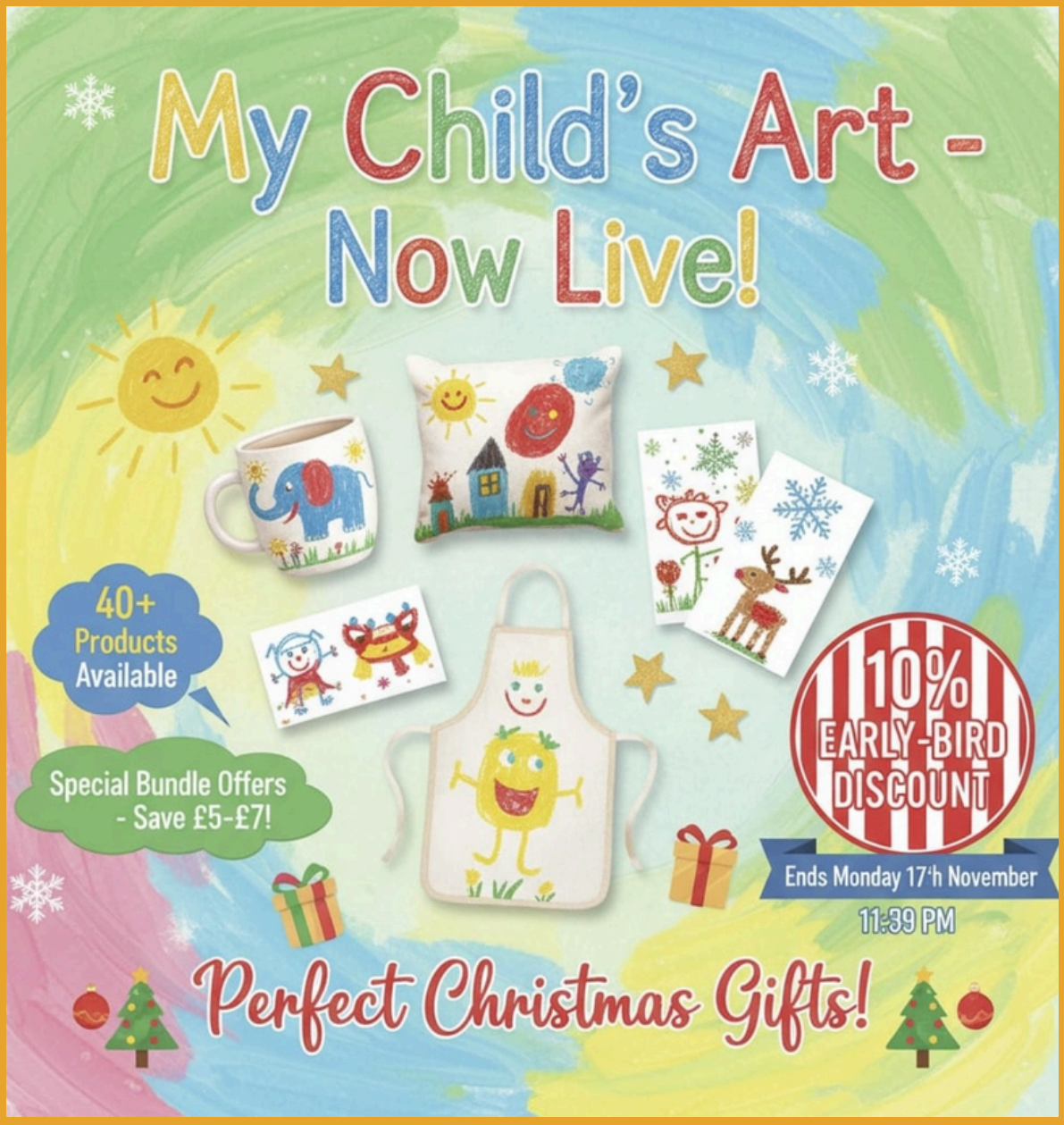
We'd be so grateful of any toys or play items that could be donated for a tombola at the Christmas Fayre

CHRISTMAS FAYRE 12th December 3-6PM

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

Parents log in portal is now live

Have you looked at all the exciting products you can purchase with your child's artwork on?

Orders must be placed by 17th November, 2025

Start your Christmas shopping